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[8 February WEN HUI PAO editorial: "Guard Against Relaxation and Arrogance, Grasp Firmly and Quickly"]

[Text] Amid the song of triumph hailing the full implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instruction and the endeavor to win an all-around victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution, the Shanghai municipal revolutionary committee promulgated its 5 February resolution entitled "Carry On the Spirit of January Revolution and Fully Implement Chairman Mao's Latest Instruction."

This resolution is a comprehensive summation of the experiences gained in the struggle over the past year since the "January revolution" and an analysis of the current situation of the great proletarian cultural revolution in Shanghai. It puts forward the task of further implementing Chairman Mao's latest instructions on a practical basis. The promulgation of this resolution is an event of great importance in the political life of the revolutionary people in Shanghai.

With respect to this important document which is a guideto the next phase of Shangahi's great cultural revolution movement, the revolutionary committes at all levels and all revolutionary mass organizations must organize the broad masses of proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary people to earnestly study and discuss this document and strive to fully implement it with all efforts.

The great proletarian icultural revolution in Shanghai is in, unprecedently fine shape, just like that in other parts of China. The brilliant Mao Tse-tung's [words indistinct] enemy is not reconciled to its doom; therefore, we must never forget class struggle.

Liu Tsung-yuan, a man of letters in the Tang dynasty, once said: "While the enemy exists, calamities are being fomented. After the enemy is gone, that is the time to invite mistakes." These words are correct.

As long as we cling to the viewpoint of keeping the enemy under surveillance we are able to imporve our work. If we ignore this viewpoint and deem that the world is at peace, then mistakes will occur. The class struggle is still going on vigorously, but it takes another form under the new situation. We should never act like gentle scholars. On the contrary, we must observe and study in earnest the new form of class struggle.

However, some of our comrades have become arrogant in the face of victory and achievements. Their narrow insight is limited to their own areas and units and they are unable to open their minds so as to acknowledge the new achievements of others. Arrogance has prevented them from making further progress. This is an extremely dangerous situation.

At present, the East wind prevails throughout the country and red banners are fluttering everywhere. News of victory have been reported one after another in the fraternal provinces and municipalities. The revolutionary comrades in other areas have gained many new experiences. We must humbly learn from the revolutionaries throughout the country. Faced with overwhelming victory, some people will become reluctant to push further ahead. If this should be the case, we must go forward so as to catch up with the advanced. We must guard aganist arrogance and impetuosity, and take necessary precautions while advancing.

Owing to arrogance and self-complacency, some comrades think that they can relax for a while. Is it right to relax for just a little while? No, it is not right.

Chairman Mao has instructed us: "To win countrywide victory is only the first step in a long march of 10,000 li. The Chinese revolution is great, but the road after the revolution will be longer, the work greater and more arduous."

We are lagging far behind the expectations placed on us by Chairman Mao and are equally far from winning the all-around victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution. At present, some chu, counties, and units have not yet formed revolutionary great alliances and revolutionary three-way alliances. Some important departments are still engaged in "civil war" and creating splits. Even in those units where revolutionary committees have been established the fierce struggle is still going on. What reason have we to relax for a little while? Though you might wish to relax a little, the class enemy will never relax. Once you relax, the enemy will attack. Despite all the victories we have won, we should never relax our revolutionary fighting morale.

Some comrades still take the "expectant attitude," holding that "as the higher levels will make the arrangement anyway, I may as well wait for instructions." This is also wrong.

The great CCP, facing the great struggle, holds that only when the leadership organizations of the party and all the party members and cadres bring their enthusiasm into full play can victory be achieved. We should carry on the revolutionary spirit of the "January Revolution," namely, the spirt of waging uninterrupted offensive war against the bourgeoisie. We should always launch offensive war, but not defensive war, in dealing with the bourgeoisie.

Chairman Mao's latest instructions have long been known to the hundreds of millions of revolutionary people throughout the country. What are we waiting for? If we keep waiting and put ourselves in a passive position, we will be unable to keep abreast of the excellent situation.

In the new revolutionary situation, to do our work better and properly handle various kinds of contradictions, it is necessary to strengthen our study. No matter how busy one may be, he should set aside a certain period of time daily for the study of Chairman Mao's works to "consult with Chairman Mao." It is all the more necessary for new and old leading cadres to take the lead in the study so as to constantly improve themselves. They should by no means consider themselves smart enough to know everything and think that it is not necessary for them to study any more. They are bound to make mistakes if they think this way.

Fellow proletarian revolutionaries, let us hold still higher the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, guard against relaxation and arrogance, grasp firmly and quickly, "strike while the iron is hot," make uninterrupted revolution, promptly carry out the resolution on "carrying forward the spirit of the January revolution and implement Chairman Mao's latest instructions in an all-round manner," and strive to achieve the all-round victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution.