

EDITORIAL: REMEMBER PERIL IN TIME OF SECURITY

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[Text] Storms and thunder are raging along both banks of the Huangpu [Whangpoo] River. The first shot has been fired on all fronts in the battle against new attacks by the bourgeoisie with sugar-coated bullets. In this life-and-death class struggle, some comrades have relaxed their vigilance, saying, "Everything is quiet here!" Is it true that everything is all right? If not, this is a self-deceiving remark; if so, we must regard it as one aimed at deceiving others.

Following the seizure of power, certain feelings of security and lethargy have sprung up among these comrades. They no longer make efforts to watch the new moves of the class enemy and analyze the new situation in class struggle. On the contrary, they have become less skillful in distinguishing certain kinds of persons engaged in certain activities under certain conditions. As a result, they are unaware of the "bloodless struggle" launched by the "enemies without arms." Even though they are actually in the midst of the class struggle, they have failed to hear the roaring storms and thunder of the class struggle. Moreover, even those comrades who have become aware of the sugar-coated shells fired at us by the class enemy and the evil activities of bad elements, are afraid to organize the broad masses of the people to mount a counter-attack, for fear that such action may disturb the revolutionary position and order or destroy the "all-red appearance" and the seemingly secure situation. Sitting on the lid of class struggle, they are not only afraid to lift the lid, but also refuse to let others put the class struggle into high gear. They are satisfied with the temporary secure situation.

In point of fact, these comrades do not keep in mind danger in times of security; what they really did was to go after safety and feared disturbing the seemingly secure situation. This is very dangerous!

The law of class struggle reminds us that if you go after security, you will never get it; if you are afraid of trouble, there will certainly be trouble. As we all know, the roaring wind will never allow a tree to remain motionless. For the same reason, the class enemies will never allow us to stand still and will definitely create trouble for us. Taking advantage of our efforts to look for security, the class enemies would fire one sugar-coated shell after another to recapture the position already seized by the proletariat. Taking advantage of our fear of trouble, the class enemies would go all out to create political-ideological rumors or attack us with "left" or "right" ideas in an effort to confuse us ideologically, fan the flames of disorder and finally recapture the power from us.

In dealing with class struggle, we must wipe out once and for all the idea of seeking security and being afraid of trouble, so that we will be able to stir up a hurricane of class struggle to blow away the enemies, the enemies, and the enemies!

In fact, there is no such thing as "a calm and unruffled sea," for we are not living in a vacuum. Since we are now living in the great storms and waves of class struggle, the only way for us to establish a truly secure situation is to carry on an unceasing struggle. It is impossible for anyone to maintain a temporarily secure situation by sitting on the lid of class struggle. Only by means of mobilizing the broad masses of the people to criticize and repudiate the "left" or "right" reactionary trends and to strike at class enemies of all descriptions, and exercising proletarian dictatorship over the enemies, will it be possible for us to establish and consolidate the new revolutionary order.

The revolutionary committees must consolidate themselves in actual struggle. Furthermore, one can be easily confused when one first grasps class struggle, but we must understand that without undergoing this process under proper guidance it is impossible for the revolutionary committees to further consolidate themselves.

What are the functions of the revolutionary committees? Their main function is to make revolution. Forgetting class struggle means forgetting the political power and the central task as well; by divorcing itself from the class struggle, the revolutionary committee would lose mass support and fail to carry out its function.

We must constantly keep class struggle in mind, while efforts must be made at all times to lift the lid of class struggle. Class struggle will never end in a class society; before class struggle is ended, we must continue to lift the lid of class struggle at all times.

However, we should not cover up class struggle by saying that "everything is red," because such a wrong view may easily make us fall into the bog of the theory on the dying out of class struggle. Imbued with this idea, we may shield the enemy under the pretext of [words indistinct] and be badly deceived by the enemy. We must keep in mind danger in times of security: in other words, security is relative but struggle is absolute. Moreover, it also means that in the face of the seemingly secure situation, we must perceive clearly the fact that class struggle is still being carried out violently. In other words, having achieved one victory after another in our advance, we must also take into consideration the possibility of manifold and devious struggles in the future. With such a mental outlook, our revolutionary committees on various levels would become braver and more vigorous in leading us to fight against the enemy in a big way and win victory in a dauntless manner.