

CIRCULAR OF THE CCP CENTRAL
COMMITTEE AND THE STATE COUNCIL
CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF
EXCHANGE OF REVOLUTIONARY
EXPERIENCE ON FOOT
BY REVOLUTIONARY TEACHERS AND
STUDENTS AND RED GUARDS

To all regional bureaus of the Central Committee and the Party committees and people's councils of all provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions:

Over the past few months, the broad masses of revolutionary teachers and students, through warmly responding to the calls of our great leader Chairman Mao and his close comrade-in-arms Comrade Lin Piao and carrying out exchange of revolutionary experience on foot, have steeled themselves in a big way, and have brought about the development of the great proletarian cultural revolution movement on a more penetrating and broader scale. At present, the great proletarian cultural revolution of our country has entered a new stage. The great alliance of the proletarian revolutionaries has launched the struggle to seize power from a handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road and a very small number of diehards who obstinately cling to the bourgeois reactionary line. The revolutionary teachers and students and the Red Guards who have gone to other places on foot to carry out exchange of revolutionary experience should return to their own schools to participate in the great battle of decision of historical significance.

At present, because too many revolutionary teachers and students have gone to Peking, Shaoshan, Ching Kang Mountains, Juichin, Tsunyi, Luting Bridge, Yen-an and other revolutionary shrines as well as Tachai, they have caused overcrowding in these places. As it is cold and it is very difficult to arrange board and lodging and means of communication for them, the production

and living conditions of the masses in those places have also been affected. In some places, due to the outbreak of infectious diseases, the health of the revolutionary teachers and students has been affected. These problems must be urgently solved.

Because of this, the CCP Central Committee and the State Council hereby decide:

(1) The making of long journeys on foot to carry out the exchange of revolutionary experience should be suspended throughout the country. In the case of those teams which have arrived at their places of destination on foot to exchange revolutionary experience, when their stay has exceeded three to five days, they are asked quickly to return to their own places. The exchange of revolutionary experience on foot within the confines of a county must also guard against overcrowding. No more trips should be made to Peking, Shaoshan, Ching Kang Mountains, Juichin, Tsunyi, Luting Bridge, Yen-an and other revolutionary shrines as well as Tachai for exchange of revolutionary experience or visit.

(2) The teams which have carried out the exchange of revolutionary experience on foot should in principle return to their own places on foot. At present, in order to enable the revolutionary teachers and students and the Red Guards who are more than 500 kilometers away from their own places quickly to return to their own places and schools to make revolution, participate in the struggle-criticism-transformation, realize the great alliance of revolutionary rebels and carry out the struggle to seize power, they are also entitled to travel free by train or boat within the next fifteen days. Those who are in places some distance from a railway line should make their way on foot to the nearest railway station to board a train.

(3) For the sake of responding to the great call of our respected and beloved leader Chairman Mao for making revolution on an economical basis, of bringing into play the excellent style of leading a hard and plain life through hard work and thrift, of opposing economism, and of guarding against extravagance and waste, the revolutionary teachers and students who have gone out to exchange revolutionary experience on foot should as a

rule pay for their own meals as well as their travelling expenses within the confines of a municipality. The ration grain may be increased appropriately. In case of need, some subsidies may be granted to cover propaganda and medical expenses.

(4) The revolutionary teachers and students and the Red Guards who have come to Peking and have not paid for their meals are as a rule required to pay for their meals as from February 8, and no more free meals will be provided from that date.

This circular may be posted in the various units and places concerned in all cities and rural areas throughout the country.

The CCP Central Committee
The State Council

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