

Hold Fast to the General Orientation of Struggle; Strengthen the Dictatorship Of the Proletariat

THE Shanghai Municipal Revolutionary Committee's resolution "Strive to Strengthen the Dictatorship of the Proletariat" is a well-written document which firmly grasps the principal contradiction and holds fast to the general orientation of the struggle.

The resolution correctly points out: "After winning basic victory in their struggle to seize power, the proletarian revolutionaries' central problem remains that of political power, of consolidating and strengthening the dictatorship of the proletariat." Following the for-

mation of the Revolutionary Committee, "the principal contradiction continues to be the struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between the socialist and capitalist roads and between the masses of revolutionary people and the handful of Party people in authority taking the capitalist road. The struggle for and against capitalist restoration continues."

In order to consolidate and strengthen the dictatorship of the proletariat and crush the class enemy's scheme for a counter-revolutionary comeback, the pro-

letarian revolutionaries must firmly grasp the principal contradiction, hold fast to the general orientation of the struggle and direct the spearhead of the struggle at the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road.

This handful who have been overthrown will never step down from the stage of history of their own will. As the Shanghai Municipal Revolutionary Committee points out in its resolution, after the proletarian revolutionaries have won a fundamental victory in the struggle to seize power, the class enemy resorts to particularly cunning measures in an attempt to retrieve its lost power; they "are trying by every means to discover weaknesses within our revolutionary ranks, incite splits and struggle by violence, wreck state property and sabotage the new revolutionary order. They are doing their utmost to divert the general orientation of the struggle and are vainly trying to undermine the foundation of the dictatorship of the proletariat by crushing the revolutionaries one by one." On the other hand, the influence of all sorts of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois ideas in the revolutionary ranks and the forces of habit from the old society provide conditions for the counter-revolutionary restoration of capitalism by the class enemy. If the proletarian revolutionaries now in power do not soberly see this, lose sight of the enemy, and fail to recognize the class struggle and its new manifestations, they will certainly make big blunders, get led astray and lose firm hold of the general orientation of the struggle.

The status of the proletarian revolutionary comrades has changed — from that of the suppressed to that of the holders of power. If with this change they do not pay attention to remoulding the bourgeois world

outlook still in their minds, if they do not place greater stress on the task of clearing out the concept of self-interest from their own minds, then they will not be able to correctly carry out Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and hold fast to the general orientation of the struggle. They are liable to repeat mistakes of orientation and line, and to be used by the class enemy to weaken and even undermine the dictatorship of the proletariat from the Right or from the "ultra-Left."

The proletarian revolutionaries are faced with sterner tests after they hold power. If they want to stand up to these tests, they should, in the first place, conscientiously study the May 16, 1966 Circular of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and the recently published series of important instructions by Chairman Mao, deeply grasp their meaning and resolutely carry them out. They should persevere in Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and take firm hold of the general orientation of the struggle. They should correctly deal with the proletarian headquarters, with themselves, with the masses and with their comrades-in-arms and allies. They should strive to achieve political maturity step by step in the great storms of the class struggle, and, with the aid of the weapon of criticism and self-criticism, constantly overcome their own shortcomings and mistakes and forge themselves into staunch, reliable successors to the revolutionary cause of the proletariat. We firmly believe that the overwhelming majority of the proletarian revolutionaries who have fought their way through in the great proletarian cultural revolution will be able to stand up to these stern tests.

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