

“No Ethnic Mass Organizations”

CCP Center and Shaanxi Ankang District Committee

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To Party Committees at all levels, military region and district Party Committees, and provincial and municipal Revolutionary Committees:

We are now transmitting to you the text of a telegram from the Shaanxi Ankang District Committee Cultural Revolution Office, hoping that you will pay attention to this matter and strengthen education concerning ethnic policy.

Chairman Mao teaches us: The ethnic struggle is, ultimately, a mat-

ter of class struggle. The Center is of the opinion that in order to promote a great alliance of proletarian revolutionaries and the unity of the various nationalities, and in order to prevent bad people from exploiting ethnic sentiment to create ethnic disputes, it is inadvisable in the course of this Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution to set up separate ethnic mass organizations in the various regions or to give mass organizations ethnic designations. Organizations of this nature that already have come into existence should be called upon to disband of their own accord. Their members may on a voluntary basis join other revolutionary mass organizations in their own work units or systems.

[Original] appendix: *Telegram from the Shaanxi Ankang District Committee Cultural Revolution Office*

To the Office of the Central Cultural Revolution Group:

Ours is not a region where there are many Muslims, and yet a top-to-bottom Muslim Revolutionary Rebel Command has been set up here. Furthermore, the District Committee United Front Department recently issued notifications to county-level United Front Departments asking Party organizations everywhere to work out and decide upon effective measures in support of rebelling revolutionary Muslims, and calling upon Party Committees in Muslim residential areas to resolutely implement and carry out [these measures]. We are of the opinion that this action is detrimental to the strengthening of ethnic unity, detrimental to the interests of the working class as a whole, and detrimental to the establishment of Great Alliances according to systems and sectors. Please issue instructions as quickly as possible on how to deal with organizations like these.

Shaanxi Ankang District Committee
Cultural Revolution Office
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