

**"COMBAT SELF-INTEREST, CRITICIZE AND REPUDIATE REVISIONISM,"  
CARRY OUT WELL THE STRUGGLE-CRITICISM-TRANSFORMATION  
IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS AND UNITS**

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Our great leader Chairman Mao has recently issued us a programmatic directive: "It is imperative to combat self-interest and criticize and repudiate revisionism." This is the basic guiding principle of the great proletarian cultural revolution and is also the basic guiding principle for carrying out well the struggle-criticism-transformation in various schools and units.

Struggle-criticism-transformation is an important exercise for the great proletarian cultural revolution. With "combat self-interest, criticize and repudiate revisionism" as the program, in the new upsurge of revolutionary great criticism and repudiation, revolutionary great alliance and revolutionary "three-way combination," to carry out well the struggle-criticism-transformation in various schools and units is a very important matter.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "One important task on the ideological front at the present is for us to unfold the criticism and repudiation of revisionism." To criticize and repudiate revisionism means the use of Marxism-Leninism and the thought of Mao Tse-tung to oppose revisionism and fight against a handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road. At present, it is imperative to carry out well the revolutionary great criticism and repudiation and the struggle-criticism-transformation in various schools and units, snatch back all positions occupied by revisionism, and plant the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought over them.

The revolutionary great criticism and repudiation surely must be combined with the struggle-criticism-transformation in various schools and units. The great proletarian cultural revolution can only win a thoroughgoing victory in this way.

To carry out well the struggle-criticism-transformation in various schools and units, it is necessary to expose thoroughly the crimes of revisionism, topple by struggle and discredit by criticism China's Khrushchev and his agents, and eliminate the poisonous stuff spread by the counter-revolutionary revisionist line in various schools and units. This means to say that it is necessary to make concerted effort, carry out painstaking and careful investigation and analysis, study and exploration, and take the thought of Mao Tse-tung as the pointer to eliminate and reform all old ideas and systems serving the exploiting classes.

Only by successfully carrying out the struggle-criticism-transformation can we thoroughly knock down the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road; enable the broad masses to make better use of Mao Tse-tung's thought to distinguish what capitalism or revisionism is, strengthen the power of resistance against revisionism, and offer a broad mass base for opposing and guarding against revisionism; lead the work of various schools and units onto the orbit of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, further establish and strengthen new ideas and systems for serving proletarian politics and the economic base of socialism, and run the whole country as a great school of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

The two things of criticizing and repudiating revisionism and combating self-interest are interconnected. To criticize and repudiate revisionism, it is imperative to combat self-interest. In order to carry the struggle against revisionism through to the end and carry out well the struggle-criticism-transformation in various schools and units, it is necessary to remove by struggle "self-interest" from one's own mind with Marxism-Leninism and the thought of Mao Tse-tung.

"Self-interest" in people's minds is the soil in which the poisonous germs of revisionism are propagated. The handful of top Party person in authority taking the capitalist road are making use of "self-interest" in people's minds to peddle the idea of fame and gain, the principle of money in command, material incentive and other bourgeois goods, and carry out the counter-revolutionary revisionist line in various domains. They devise all ways and means to give "self-interest" a legitimate mantle. They vociferously advocate bourgeois egoism to corrode the masses for the purpose of attaining the objective of capitalist restoration. Especially in the school, the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road work in collusion with the bourgeois reactionary academic "authorities," and have brought harm to many people by educating the youths with the bourgeois world outlook.

To carry out well the struggle-criticism-transformation in various schools and units is a struggle between the two classes, the two roads, the two lines, and is at the same time a battle fought at close quarters between the proletarian world outlook and the bourgeois world outlook. In order to get rid of the refuse of capitalism or revisionism, it is necessary to come into conflict with bourgeois individualism and the old forces of habit.

This struggle directly touches everybody to the soul. Whether you put the "public spirit" of the proletariat or the "self-interest" of bourgeois individualism above everything else will necessarily become manifest in the course of struggle-criticism-transformation. Only one without "self-interest" can be fearless. When one puts "public spirit" above everything else, one dares to make struggle, criticism and transformation, and is able to criticize and repudiate revisionism penetratingly, make a clean break with the old ideas and systems, and transform the world according to the thought of Mao Tse-tung. When one puts "self-interest" above everything else, one will be sometimes active and sometimes down-hearted. Such a person will be full of misgivings in struggle and will not sally forth out of fear. Ideologically, he will not draw a clear dividing line with revisionism, and he will transform the world according to the bourgeois world outlook.

Comrade Lin Piao says: "One ought to revolutionize oneself also in revolution. Without revolutionizing oneself, one cannot make a success of revolution." Only by fiercely combating "self-interest" and earnestly transforming one's own world outlook can one really carry out well the struggle-criticism-transformation in various schools and units.

The invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung is the sharpest weapon for "combating self-interest and criticizing and repudiating revisionism." The broad masses of revolutionary teachers and students, the proletarian revolutionaries and all of the revolutionary masses must creatively study and apply Chairman Mao's works with redoubled effort. They must especially study the "three old articles" as though they are adages. They must use Mao Tse-tung's thought to remold themselves, resolutely break with "self-interest" in their own minds, establish the spirit of utter devotion to others without any thought of self and the proletarian world outlook, and make new contribution toward the struggle-criticism-transformation in various schools and units.

To carry out well the struggle-criticism-transformation is a great undertaking for the creation of a new world following our destruction of the old world. Many difficulties and obstacles will necessarily be encountered. In order to fight a good battle in the attack against a strong citadel, we must have the revolutionary courage to blaze the trail and break away from all old traditions, display a tenacious determination and adopt the scientific attitude of finding the truth from facts. In this connection, those who are fond of the limelight, are showy but without substance and do not use their brains will be unable to achieve anything. Only those who plant their feet on solid ground, hammer away at work, seriously think over problems, and repeatedly conduct explorations and experiments can create new fruits of success. The practice of Comrade Chiang Ch'ing in leading the revolution of Peking opera to create a series of revolutionary specimens in opera, music, dancing and other fields is the illustrious example for us to carry out the struggle-criticism-transformation.

The great Chinese people armed with the thought of Mao Tse-tung are making new history with a fearless, heroic spirit. Under the guidance of Chairman Mao's great guiding principle of "combating self-interest and criticizing and repudiating revisionism," our socialist fatherland, in its down-to-earth practice of struggle-criticism-transformation, will create brand new socialist education, socialist literature and art, etc., in the history of mankind, establish a new ideology and culture and new customs and habits in a big way, and become the lighthouse of wisdom inspiring mankind forward.