

WORKING CLASS, UNITE

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Our great leader Chairman Mao teaches: "There is no fundamental clash of interests within the working class. Under the dictatorship of the proletariat, there is no reason whatsoever for the working class to split into two big irreconcilable organizations."

Chairman Mao also teaches us: "The revolutionary Red Guards and revolutionary student organizations should realize the revolutionary great alliance. If both sides are revolutionary mass organizations, they should realize the revolutionary great alliance in accordance with revolutionary principles."

Chairman Mao's latest instructions have given extraordinary inspiration to the working class and proletarian revolutionaries. The trend toward the revolutionary great alliance is irresistible.

The advent of the upsurge in the movement for the revolutionary great alliance shows once again that when Mao Tse-tung's thought is grasped by the masses it turns into an inexhaustible material force.

The working class which has a glorious revolutionary tradition has been marching in the van in the drive for the revolutionary great alliance, setting an example for proletarian revolutionaries throughout the country.

Chairman Mao says that, led by the Chinese Communist Party, the Chinese working class has "become the most politically awakened section of the people and the leader of the Chinese revolution." It is farsighted and selfless, has the greatest sense of organization and discipline and a thoroughgoing revolutionary spirit, and is the leading force in the Chinese revolution as well as in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

When the working class is united, it is able more effectively to concentrate forces on selected targets, develop the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation in depth, carry out successfully the tasks of struggle-criticism-transformation in each unit, consolidate and develop the revolutionary "three-way alliance" and better implement Chairman Mao's great principle of "grasping revolution and stimulating production," thereby actively promoting the development of industry and agriculture.

The revolutionary great alliance of the working class is the force forming the backbone of the great alliance of proletarian revolutionaries throughout the country. United, the working class can withstand the tremendous impact of the petty bourgeoisie, unite all revolutionary forces around itself, and promote the great alliance of proletarian revolutionaries with its own exemplary action. Practice shows that where the working class is well united and takes the leading role, the proletarian revolutionaries there are well united and the great proletarian cultural revolution can be smoothly developed.

The revolutionary great alliance of the working class has been realized in the course of "combating self-interest and criticizing and repudiating revisionism" and it can be consolidated and developed only in this way. The working class shoulders a heavy responsibility. After forging the alliance, it must firmly implement Chairman Mao's great principle of "combating self-interest and criticizing and repudiating revisionism," and play the exemplary and leading role in the course of consolidating and developing the revolutionary great alliance.

The consolidation and development of the revolutionary great alliance will continue to unfold with greater success the struggle between the proletarian ideology and the bourgeois ideology, between the public spirit of socialism and the individualistic self-interest of the bourgeoisie. China has all along been a country with plenty of petty-bourgeois elements. Although our industry and agriculture have long been nationalized and collectivized respectively in a socialist way, yet bourgeois and petty-bourgeois ideas will still continuously corrode the working class physically through various channels. Among the ranks of the working class, the struggle between two kinds of thinking based upon public spirit and self-interest will necessarily exist.

Chairman Mao says: "The working class remolds the whole of society in class struggle and in the struggle against nature, and at the same time remolds itself."

After forging the alliance, the working class should carry forward the living study and application of Chairman Mao's works, gradually overcome its own shortcomings and work hard to remold its world outlook.

At the same time action should be undertaken to struggle against bourgeois and petty-bourgeois ideas in society, to overcome petty-bourgeois

vacillation, to guide those people with petty-bourgeois ideas into the orbit of proletarian revolution, and to remold our world according to the proletarian world outlook.

An ideological alliance is needed to insure the organizational alliance of the working class. Mao Tse-tung's thought is the soul of the great alliance of the working class. Having leveled and removed the mounds organizationally, if "self-interest" were still put above everything else ideologically and factionalism were still making mischief, then the physical alliance would be split in spirit. Only by establishing the absolute authority of Mao Tse-tung's thought can this alliance have a common ideological foundation.

We should unswervingly use the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung to unify the thinking and action of the whole class. The great alliance founded on the principled basis of Mao Tse-tung's thought is so strong that no force whatever can destroy it.

The alliance of the working class is for the purpose of opposing the enemy as one and criticizing and repudiating revisionism together. The working class is most resolute in revolution and most steadfast in stand. Flying clearcut colors, they stand on the forefront of the struggle against the enemy.

The handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road are agents of the bourgeoisie within the Party and sworn enemies of the working class. Unless they are thoroughly repudiated and discredited politically, ideologically and theoretically, and are completely overthrown, it is possible that capitalism will be restored and the working class be again plunged into suffering.

After forging the alliance, the working class must go all out, ferociously criticize and repudiate counter-revolutionary revisionism represented by China's Khrushchev, combine the great revolutionary criticism and repudiation with the struggle-criticism-transformation in its own unit, actively make a good job of the struggle-criticism-transformation in its own unit, and lead the proletarian revolutionaries to carry the struggle for criticizing and repudiating revisionism through to the end.

Only in the struggle for criticizing and repudiating revisionism can the working class eliminate the unprincipled differences within its own camp, more consciously and penetratingly know its great historical mission, make concerted effort with one mind and one object, unite even more closely, and further consolidate and develop the revolutionary great alliance.

The revolutionary great alliance of the working class is a telling blow to the class enemy in China and abroad. What they fear most is the unity of the working class and they attempt to use ever more covert and

vicious means to split the ranks of the working class and sabotage the great proletarian cultural revolution. But this is only a pipedream on their part.

In the triumph of the revolutionary great alliance, we must firmly bear in mind Chairman Mao's teaching "Never forget class struggle," sharpen our awareness of the enemy and see through and frustrate their scheme in good time.

With the working class setting the pace, the great alliance of proletarian revolutionaries is stimulating a new upsurge in the great proletarian cultural revolution and leading to leaps in socialist construction.

Long live the revolutionary great alliance of the working class!

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