

REVOLUTIONARIES MUST DESTROY FACTIONALISM

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[NEW ANHWEI DAILY editorial: "Factionalism is an accomplice of the enemy in sabotaging the revolutionary three-way alliance--fourth comment on establishing revolutionary committees at all levels in our province both quickly and well"]

[Text] The establishment of revolutionary committees is an acute and complicated class struggle. At the time when an unprecedentedly fine situation of the great proletarian cultural revolution prevails in our province with the arrival of an upsurge in the revolutionary three-way alliance, the class enemies have sensed their imminent crisis and, therefore, are filled with deep fear and hatred. More frantically than ever they are resorting to every means to hamper and sabotage the revolutionary

three-way alliance. All revolutionary comrades are urged to heighten their revolutionary vigilance, watch clearly the new direction taken by the class enemies, and never forget the class struggle.

Enemies utilize factionalism and factionalism covers up the enemies. This is a new feature of the current class struggle. The struggle between the party spirit and factionalism is a prominent reflection of the current struggle between the two classes, two roads, and two lines. In forming the revolutionary three-way alliance, we must consider the objective principles governing the class struggle. Bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism is not only a stumbling block in realizing the revolutionary three-way alliance, but are also an accomplice of the class enemies in sabotaging the revolutionary three-way alliance.

Unfortunately, within our ranks there are still at present a few who are enthralled by factionalism. In handling the revolutionary three-way alliance, they act on the basis of self-interest, ignoring the revolutionary interests of the proletariat as well as the instructions issued by Chairman Mao on the revolutionary three-way alliance. They fight for positions, for leadership, and for the emancipation and alliance of only such cadres as are supported by their faction with the intention of setting up a revolutionary committee under their own control. These people fight day in and day out with all their might, making a great deal of trouble. However, they only unwittingly suit the convenience of the class enemies who are utilizing factionalism to sabotage the revolutionary three-way alliance and usurp the proletarian political power.

Chairman Mao has taught us that the enemies are always looking for tactics to use against us and are seeking opportunities to make their move. When you fight hard for positions in your own interest or that of your faction, the class enemies in the dark corner secretly nod their approval. The black hands in your faction will also say that you are full of struggle and dare to adhere to principles, thus encouraging your fighting all the more. Consequently, civil wars will again be waged, mountain strongholds will reappear, and the revolutionary three-way alliance cannot be realized. When you are enthralled by factionalism, if you fail to look at the general performance of a cadre and refuse to make class analysis but strive only to unite with the cadres supported by your faction, the class enemies will take the opportunity to sneak into the leading group for the revolutionary three-way alliance the bad elements who seemingly support you and who disguise themselves as revolutionary cadres. On the other hand, the real revolutionary cadres will be expelled from the revolutionary three-way alliance. The attempt of the class enemies is to turn the proletarian power organ into a tool for their capitalist restoration. How dangerous this is!

When you, enthralled by factionalism, feel **dissatisfied** with distribution of positions and assignment of representative personnel in a newly founded revolutionary committee, the class enemies will provoke you from another angle by saying: "The revolutionary committee has been set up and controlled by certain people. Why have you, as an old rebel, not been selected to fill an important position in the committee?" This makes you feel ill-treated and not readily satisfied.

As a result, selfishness and factionalism will become vigorously active, and you will adopt a resistant and opposite attitude toward the new newly founded revolutionary committee. You will establish your own connections in order to wreck the committee and will refuse to recognize it.

It is in this manner that the class enemies utilize factionalism to sabotage the revolutionary three-way alliance. Those who fight for positions based on self-interest or their faction's interest objectively assist the class enemies in hampering or sabotaging the revolutionary three-way alliance. A study of struggles reveals the above point. Is it not worth our attention?

The great leader Chairman Mao teaches us: "The aim of every revolutionary struggle in the world is the seizure and consolidation of political power." The basic problem of revolution is one of political power. Our political power can only and must be held in the hands of those who are loyal to Chairman Mao. This is a matter of first importance which concerns the fate of our nation as well as all mankind and should not be ignored. Capable as they may appear and strongly as they may support you, those who [words indistinct] are not loyal to Chairman Mao will never be chosen to serve the revolutionary three-way alliance.

All revolutionary comrades should clearly understand that the revolutionary committee is a political power organ of the proletariat. It can only and should serve proletarian politics. It can only and must hold power by means of the proletarian party spirit. Under no circumstances should factionalism be introduced into a revolutionary committee. **It is absolutely prohibited to make the revolutionary committee a joint association of various faction or the headquarters of a particular faction. It is contradictory to the interest of the proletarian revolution to use factionalism in dealing with the revolutionary three-way alliance and to wreck the revolutionary committee on the basis of self-interest.**

All revolutionary comrades should clearly understand that the establishment of a revolutionary committee is an important part in the great strategic plan of Chairman Mao. It is needed by class struggles under the current developments, and is also an urgent demand of the broad revolutionary masses.

All revolutionary comrades should closely follow Chairman Mao's great strategic plan, use the proletarian party spirit in dealing with the revolutionary three-way alliance, devote their time and efforts to the establishment of the revolutionary committee in a timely and satisfactory manner, self-conscientiously maintain its authoritative-ness, and wholeheartedly assist it in carrying out the various tasks involved and in making improvements. This is the class feeling and correct attitude that a proletarian revolutionary should possess toward the revolutionary committee.

We sincerely hope that those imbued with self-interest and factionalism in handling the three-way alliance will quickly repent and, with the invincible Mao Tse-tung's thought as a weapon, will destroy self-interest, overthrow factionalism, strengthen the party spirit, and make contributions and win new merits in setting up the revolutionary committee quickly and well and in the establishment and maintenance of the committee's authority.

Strike down factionalism. Strengthen the party spirit. No factionalism is allowed to exist in dealing with the revolutionary three-way alliance. Strike down factionalism and cut off black hands so as to smash the plot of the class enemies for undermining the revolutionary three-way alliance.