

EDITORIAL DESCRIBES FACTIONALISM IN KWANGTUNG

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[Text of PEOPLE'S DAILY editorial: "Factionalism Is the Archenemy of the Formation of the Revolutionary Three-Way Alliance"]

[Text] Under the brilliant leadership and cordial solicitude of Chairman Mao, and the guidance of Chairman Mao's latest instructions, the situation of the great proletarian cultural revolution in Kwangtung on the whole is better than at any other time in the past. Revolutionary committees or preparatory groups have been set up in the special districts, counties, municipalities, and factories, communes, schools, and offices. The provincial revolutionary committee will soon be born successfully. This is an important landmark of the excellent situation. The birth or growth of any newborn thing has to go through serious struggles. There is no exception for the growth of revolutionary committees or preparatory groups at all levels. Bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism is the archenemy of the formation of the revolutionary three-way alliance, and the establishment of revolutionary committees or preparatory groups at all level.

On the cadre question, [factionalism expresses itself thus]: "Anyone who supports me is a revolutionary leadership cadre and must be helped up on the horse; anyone who does not support me is a sworn confederate of Tao Chu, a black hand that incites struggles among the masses and must be overthrown." On the question of allocation of seats, [factionalism expresses itself in] trying to get more and being displeased at having too few. Some said: "We are (?crack) leftists, having achieved many merits and made great contributions; we must have an overwhelming number of seats." Others said: "We are strong in revolutionary spirit, and our numbers are great, our strength is enormous; we must have absolute supremacy in the number of seats." On the question of nominating candidates, [factionalism expresses itself in] wrangling and seizing. One said: "Our head so-and-so in the beginning was too shy to say himself that he had been the first to wage struggles against the bourgeois reactionary line, that he had suffered the severest persecution, and hence had achieved the greatest merits. He put it into the mouths of others to say so. We (?have to make a virtue of our burden)." Another said: "Our head so-and-so has all along been correct, absolutely correct. As to you people, you are either rightist opportunists or leftist adventurists. We can hardly set our minds at ease if power is put into your hands. No, a hundred times, a thousand times, ten thousand times no!"

After the political line has been decided on, the decisive factor is the cadres. We must be adept at judging the cadres. If we enable the genuine revolutionary leadership cadres to come out, after heated discussions, on the basis of Chairman Mao's teachings, this is certainly a good thing.

Now, the problem lies in that some people are not following this course. Instead, proceeding from factionalism, they select as cadres those they regard as being able to represent their interests, to support and speak for them. Proceeding from factionalism, large numbers of revolutionary leadership cadres will be unable to come out. Bad people may even drive a wedge here.

We hope that all revolutionary mass organizations will take into consideration the whole situation, and attach importance to the interests of the party, the revolution and the people. On the cadre question, we must (?abandon) the circle of the narrow interests of small cliques and resolutely implement the cadre line Chairman Mao had consistently promoted, that is, virtue is the sole yardstick for employment.

We must resolutely oppose and resist the cadre policy of China's Khrushchev, which is that kinship is the sole yardstick for employment.

On the question of cadre policy, it is necessary to support the honest and fair work-style and oppose the reverse, so as to consolidate the party's unity and solidarity. We must particularly remind these comrades: Those wolves in sheep's clothing, those poisonous snakes disguised as beauties are not rarities; they are right at your side. If you still don't know about them and are enchanted by their fine words, regarding bad people as good ones, taking those black hands as your bosom friends, you must wake up immediately. We hope that these comrades will not be the captives of factionalism any more! Otherwise, you will not only ruin yourselves, but will also greatly endanger the revolution.

Incessant disputes on the question of allocation of seats, the nomination of candidates, and the method of nomination of necessity have objective causes. We must understand that the revolutionary masses naturally have the strong wish that their representatives are all staunch proletarian revolutionaries. This wish is good. But some people are blinded by bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism. With the magnifying glass of factionalism, they look at the shortcomings and mistakes of others and their own good points and achievements. As a result, they come to the conclusions: "Only I am leftist," "Only I am revolutionary," and "Only I am correct."

Facts are not like this. The great proletarian cultural revolution, unprecedented in history, is a big complex tussle between the classes. In this fierce struggle it is impossible for a mass organization not to make some mistakes or have some shortcomings. In the case of a genuine proletarian revolutionary, he must be tempered and matured in revolutionary struggles. Our revolutionary mass organizations have had only a short period of less than two years to experience revolutionary struggles. In the revolutionary expedition, they have only made the first stride of a long march of 10,000 li. Even if they have scored some achievements, it is not necessary to boast of them in a big way.

The future is a long way off. Still more serious tests are awaiting us. We hope that those who call themselves "crack" comrades will seriously study Chairman Mao's teachings. Don't think that you are always right as if truth is only in your hands. Don't think that only you are capable, while the others are good-for-nothings, as if the earth will not revolve if you do not exist.

At present, revolutionary great alliance in Kwangtung is rushing along like the torrents of the Yangtze River. Revolutionary three-way alliance is in a ripe stage. Our revolutionary mass organizations and revolutionary masses must resolutely strike down factionalism as applied to the setting up of revolutionary three-way alliance provisional power apparatuses. They must do everything resolutely in accordance with the principles of the party spirit. They must support revolutionary leadership cadres to take part in the revolutionary three-way alliance no matter whether they formerly supported this organization or not.

As to cadres who supported us in the past, but do not conform to conditions and come out, we must resolutely let them stand aside, without fearing loss of face or listening to gossip.

Responsible persons of revolutionary mass organizations, no matter of which group, or on whatever mountaintop, so long as they are infinitely loyal to Chairman Mao, Mao Tse-tung's thought, and Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and are following closely Chairman Mao's great strategic plan and serving the people honestly, must be elected to the revolutionary three-way alliance provisional power apparatus. This is responsibility to the party, to the state, and to the people.

We earnestly hope that our proletarian revolutionary comrades in arms and comrades will be firm "pushers" instead of "promoters of retreat" on the question of establishing revolutionary committee or preparatory groups at all levels. We certainly hope they will not be obstacles to revolutionary three-way alliance.