

LIBERATION DAILY on Cadre Cooperation

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[LIBERATION DAILY 23 April Editorial: "Help the older generation temper itself-- seventh in the series on studying and applying well Chairman Mao's latest instructions on revolutionary committees"]

[Text] Working together in the revolutionary committees, older generation cadres and younger cadres should learn from and help each other and achieve the goal of "the older generation remaining fast with the masses, and the younger generation tempering themselves," the editorial says. This is a genuine placing of the great strategic concept of Chairman Mao on fostering successors to the proletarian revolutionary cause on a solid basis organizationally. This is also a hundred years, nay a thousand years, and, if need be, a ten thousand year plan profoundly affecting the destiny of the party and the nation.

Revolutionary veteran cadres have received prolonged party education and are comparatively richer in class struggle experience. They are more capable in work and in organizing, and have a higher level of political consciousness. These are the very things the younger cadres lack.

The younger generation cadres are vigorous and reaching their prime. They are most willing to study and are least tainted with conservative thinking. They are **representatives** of the revolutionary masses who emerged in the great proletarian cultural revolution. Representing the interests of the revolutionary masses, they are closely bound to the people and are revolutionary fighters who have good practical experience in struggle. These are also outstanding points missing in the older generation cadres.

The sincere teaching of Chairman Mao, our great leader, on helping the older generation to remain with the masses and the younger generation to temper themselves, most movingly depicts his boundless concern for the older generation cadres and his infinite hope for the younger generation. Old and new cadres participating in the revolutionary committees should never for a moment forget this teaching of Chairman Mao. They should respect each other and learn from each other, adopt each other's outstanding and discard the shortcomings, help the older generation cadres move closer to the masses and understand realities, and help the younger generation cadres enhance their revolutionary skill and talents and increase their efficiency in work.

The older and younger generation cadres must rid themselves of their respective mental burdens to help the older generation cadres remain in contact with the masses and the younger generation to temper themselves the editorial says. Some of the older generation cadres who have erred are resigned to this fact and refused to reform. They are afraid of going out on a limb. Such attitudes are basically wrong.

A revolutionary cadre should raise high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, give prominence to proletarian politics, and be full of revolutionary zeal. Past errors need only be remedied. Active steps should be taken to draw a lesson from past errors, and courage found to step forward boldly and continue on with the struggle. It is even more unpardonable to become afraid of the masses and refuse to go into the masses because one has been subjected to the criticism of the masses.

The younger generation cadres must also promote the idea of ridding themselves of mental burdens. Because one is young, clever, and able, and has not committed any errors does not mean that he has the right to snub the older comrades and be arrogant. Whoever assumes such a mental burden will inevitably take a painful tumble.

The policy of unity-criticism-self-criticism-unity must be adhered to closely among older and younger generation cadres. They should use the revolutionary principle of Mao Tse-tung's thought to unfold mutual criticism so that the older generation will always be alert to sweep away the stain of being separated from the revolutionary masses and so that the younger generation cadres will achieve healthy growth.

There should be mutual concern politically, and steps taken to reveal one's innermost thoughts to each other every so often. If there are any problems, drag them out for discussion and timely solution. In this respect, the older generation cadres are called on to set examples. They must promptly point out shortcomings and problems of the younger generation cadres and give them sincere help to overcome them.

In conclusion, the LIBERATION DAILY editorial says that the current great proletarian cultural revolution has given birth to a large number of efficient and intelligent younger generation cadres. This is an important hallmark of the excellent progress of our cause. Precisely as our great leader Chairman Mao pointed out, our cause would fail if there were no concerted cooperation between the older and younger generation cadres in our party. Every older generation cadre participating in revolutionary committees should sincerely and ardently support the younger generation cadres, shoulder the glorious task of developing them, work hard to give full play to the role of backbone, and make new contributions to the revolutionary cause.