

ARTICLE URGES 'STREAMLINING CLASS RANKS'

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[Text] WEN HUI PAO on 15 February carries an article by its Commentator entitled "Drag out the bad elements, let the good elements step forward, and thoroughly implement Chairman Mao's cadre policy." The article says: Chairman Mao has taught us that "correct treatment of cadres is the key to the revolutionary three-way alliance and to the consolidation of the great revolutionary alliance.

"It is the way to make the struggle, criticism, and transformation in each unit a success." At present, we must exert utmost efforts to implement this latest instruction of Chairman Mao in an all-round manner and carry out Chairman Mao's cadre policy without reservation.

With some streamlining of the class ranks, we will be able to remove the renegades, special agents, and diehard capitalist-roaders in the party who have wormed their way into our ranks of cadres. This aims at consolidating and improving the newborn revolutionary committees.

Should a handful of bad elements be allowed to sneak into the newborn organs of power and were we not to take action to remove them, then this would be tantamount to shielding these bad elements; furthermore, the great achievements of our great proletarian cultural revolution may be usurped by these bad elements. Therefore, when we discover that there are bad elements who have sneaked into the revolutionary committees, they must be brought to light immediately and relentlessly.

However, the majority of our cadres are good or relatively good. This is an undeniable truth at all times. Moreover, we must also unswervingly trust and rely on the majority of cadres. We must drag out the handful of bad elements who have wormed their way into the cadre ranks and, at the same time, be bold in emancipating and using the cadres. While streamlining the class ranks, we must not be afraid of boldly emancipating and using the cadres. We must understand that boldly emancipating and using the cadres will undoubtedly play an effective role in establishing and consolidating the revolutionary committees. We must strive to achieve our goal--drag out the bad elements and let the good elements step forward.

We must also realize that the renegades, special agents, and diehard capitalist-roaders account for only a tiny handful in our cadre ranks. We must greatly endeavor to expand the scope of education and reduce the scope of struggle, and we must always aim the spearhead of struggle at the handful of class enemies. Should we continue to suspect all, exclude all, and expand the scope of struggle, we will--instead of streamlining the class ranks with better results--only provide these bad elements with an opportunity to avoid being dragged out.

We must conduct class analysis so as not to regard all cadres as the objects of examination. However, under no circumstances should we fail to conduct investigation and other work under the pretext of being cautious, or delay again and again the emancipation of cadres and establishment of the revolutionary three-way alliance groups of leadership. It is also wrong to postpone the task of emancipating cadres because of the discovery of certain [word indistinct] from only one cadre.

We must exercise high vigilance against renegades, special agents, and the handful of party capitalist-roaders sneaking into our revolutionary committees. However, if these bad elements have indeed wormed their way into our revolutionary committees, there is nothing to be afraid of. The fact is that, since they want to oppose the revolution, it is rather difficult for them to disguise themselves perfectly, and sooner or later they will expose their own reactionary nature. So long as we constantly maintain revolutionary vigilance and rely on the masses, all bad elements can be brought to light through sufficient investigation as soon as the bad elements who have sneaked into our ranks are discovered.

"Without emancipating all mankind, the proletariat cannot finally emancipate itself." Similarly, only by means of boldly emancipating the cadres and recruiting large numbers of revolutionary cadres to the leadership groups on the basis of revolutionary three-way alliance can the proletarian revolutionaries further consolidate the proletarian political power and strive for all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution.