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[TSINGHAI DAILY 1 April editorial: "Thoroughly Smash the New Counterattack of the February Adverse Current"]

[Text] Recently, an evil wind has been fanned up to reverse the past verdict on the February adverse current. The evil wind raved that the February adverse current was the main and the correct current.

A number of diehards among the conservative organizations which long ago went bankrupt have attempted to link all their men together and have prepared to issue a so-called "declaration" in an effort to establish mountain strongholds and raise the tattered flags of the "East Is Red Commune," "Red Guards," and "1 August Fighting Team." In this way, the sinister and underhanded politicians are attempting to save themselves and their masters Wang Chao and the like from bankruptcy. In this way, some chameleons and small crawling insects have become active again. [words indistinct] fabricating rumors and forming cliques. They think their day for a comeback has arrived. Those who served as vanguards and fighters during the February adverse current [words indistinct] shamelessly demand to have a position in the red political power. This is nonsense!

The proletarian revolutionaries remember very well the adverse current in February 1967 on the Tsinghai plateau. We have not forgotten even for a moment the mammoth parade of 3 February and the counterrevolutionary restoration of 23 February. The February adverse current was aimed at negating the great proletarian cultural revolution personally initiated and led by Chairman Mao, tearing down our wall of iron--the great PLA, overthrowing the dictatorship of the proletariat, bringing about a restoration of capitalism, overthrowing our most respected and beloved Chairman Mao and his close comrade in arms Vice Chairman Lin Piao, and overthrowing the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao with Comrade Lin Piao as deputy head.

Was it not for these criminal purposes that the agent of China's Khrushchev in Tsinghai, Wang Chao, and the like stirred up the February adverse current in Tsinghai? There is ironclad evidence against this adverse current, and any attempt to reverse the past verdict is impermissible. It is impermissible today, a year after the incident; it will be impermissible even 10 years, 100 years, 10,000 years after the incident. It is absolutely impermissible, absolutely impermissible!

Attempting to reverse the past verdict for the February adverse current means to revive the souls of China's Khrushchev and Wang Chao and the like, to restore capitalism, to bombard the proletarian headquarters, and to oppose Chairman Mao, the red sun in our hearts; it means an out-and-out counterrevolutionary action. We proletarian revolutionaries must wrathfully lift the massive cudgel of Mao Tse-tung's thought and smash to pieces such an attempt.

Listen, you "heroes" hidden in dark corners and carrying a tattered flag, You who are trying to reverse the past verdict for the February adverse current: Do you think that your buzzing and incantations can (? reverse) the bright prospect of the great proletarian cultural revolution? [words indistinct] This is a daydream. To tell you frankly, we know your state of mind very well; we know that you are empty, panic-stricken, and hopeless, like flies dashing against a wall, buzzing with melancholy despair. Although we proletarian revolutionaries have always despised the buzzing of a few flies and the venom of poisonous snakes, this does not mean that we will not do anything about it, or that we can stand by without doing anything.

Our great leader Chairman Mao teaches us: "For a number of years after all the exploiting classes on this globe have been completely eliminated, it is possible that there will still be representatives of the Chiang Kai-shek regime carrying out activities in various areas.

"The diehards among these men will never admit their failure. This is because they not only want to deceive other people but also want to deceive themselves. Otherwise, they cannot live."

The evil wind fanned by the handful of class enemies and counterrevolutionary double-dealers hidden in dark corners has awakened every fighter among the proletarian revolutionaries and has increased our comprehension of the truth which we will always bear in mind: "Never forget class struggle." Class struggle is the general root of all social phenomena and it exists at all times and in all fields before the extinction of classes. We must always maintain high revolutionary vigilance; continue to resist and overcome the right-deviation tendencies in our minds and in our ranks; prevent the class enemies from sneaking into our ranks; learn to use Mao Tse-tung's thought, the telescope and microscope for viewing political matters; observe the new trends, new situations, and new contents of class struggle; see through the class enemies' activities under all circumstances; expose and drag out the class enemies, attack and wipe them out; consolidate and develop in the course of struggle our red political, revolutionary committees; and defend the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao and with Vice Chairman Lin as the deputy head. We must never forget class struggle, never forget the dictatorship of the proletariat, thoroughly smash the new counterattack of the February adverse current, and attack and attack and attack the class enemies endlessly.