

MAO DIRECTIVE BASIC FOR COMMITTEE-BUILDING

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[Text] Chairman recently instructed us: "The basic experience of revolutionary committees is this--they are three-fold: they have representatives of the revolutionary cadres, representatives of the armed forces, and representatives of the revolutionary masses. This forms a revolutionary three-in-one combination. The revolutionary committees should exercise unified leadership, eliminate redundant or overlapping administrative structures, follow the policy of better troops and simpler administration, and organize a revolutionized leading group which keeps in contact with the masses." This brilliant directive from Chairman Mao sums up the experience of the revolutionary committees at all levels and points out the basic way

Revolutionary committees at all levels and every proletarian revolutionary comrade should study this brilliant directive earnestly, understand it profoundly, and carry it out resolutely, and build their revolutionary committees into powerful fighting headquarters of the proletariat in accordance with the way pointed out by Chairman Mao.

The emergence of the three-way revolutionary committee itself is a great revolution of the superstructure. It is a great undertaking unprecedented in the history of the dictatorship of the proletariat. The founding of such revolutionary committees are designed more effectively to meet the needs of the socialist economic base and the needs for consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat and preventing the restoration of capitalism. These three-way organs of power have brand new methods of work and a new work system. Therefore, they are more effective in rendering services to the people and in promoting the socialist revolution and construction.

In advancing along the basic way pointed by Chairman Mao, revolutionary committees at all levels now must take another step toward bringing all the representatives of the revolutionary cadres, armed forces, and revolutionary masses into full play. The tight-knit combination of the three will give a still greater role to the political power of the proletariat. In thoroughly implementing Chairman Mao's basic orientation, all revolutionary committees should further increase their contacts with the masses, pay attention to wiping out the "dust" that encourages the departure from the masses, follow the policy of better troops and simpler administration by eliminating redundant or overlapping administrative structures, and bring about profound reformation in their ways of administration and office routines.

All members of the revolutionary committees should place greater demands on themselves, develop a correct attitude in treating themselves and in dealing with the masses, and set good examples in implementing Chairman Mao's latest directives. At the same time, the broad masses should cherish and support the revolutionary committees, and continuously help them develop and consolidate.

While adhering to Chairman Mao's basic orientation, all revolutionary committees must first plunge themselves in the current stormy class struggles. They should lead the masses to carry on the campaign of mass repudiation more penetratingly and persistently than ever before. They should always direct the spearhead of struggle at the handful of top capitalist-roaders in the party and their agents so as to repudiate, discredit, and overthrow them completely until they are no longer able to stand. Only by so doing can our revolutionary committees fully play the role as a fighting headquarters, and only then can they achieve further consolidation and development.

We must build our revolutionary committees according to Chairman Mao's basic orientation. This task is of great strategic significance with regard to the consolidation and development of the revolutionary great alliances and the three-way combination, to our great historic task of struggle-criticism-transformation, and to our efforts to win all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

We have advanced whenever Chairman Mao waved his hand. Now, Chairman Mao has issued a new order of mobilization for combat action. Comrades, let us advance!