

PEKING DAILY: RIGHT CONSERVATISM POSES DANGER

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[PEKING DAILY 13 April editorial: "Resolutely Oppose Right-Deviationist Conservatism"]

[Text] Right-deviationist conservatism is a reactionary ideological trend of the bourgeoisie. In the present prevailing situation, right-deviationist conservatism, right-deviationist splittism, and right-deviationist capitulationism form an adverse current that is the main danger in the current movement.

Chairman Mao recently pointed out profoundly: "The great proletarian cultural revolution is in essence a great political revolution under the conditions of socialism made by the proletariat against the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes; it is a continuation of the prolonged struggle between the CCP and the masses of revolutionary people under its leadership on the one hand and the Kuomintang reactionaries on the other, a continuation of the class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie." This wise instruction of Chairman Mao's explains in depth the great significance of the great proletarian cultural revolution and most explicitly points out its class content. It is a militant call issued by Chairman Mao for us to fearlessly sweep away all class enemies. It is the sharpest weapon with which we can oppose the right-deviationist conservatism, right-deviationist splittism, and right-deviationist capitulationism.

The top party capitalist-roaders are in fact the general agents for the Kuomintang reactionaries, bourgeoisie, renegades, special agents, landlords, rich peasants, reactionaries, bad elements, and rightists. Colluding with class enemies of all descriptions, they have never ceased attacking the proletariat.

Recently, the remnant adherents and tentacles of China's Khrushchev, careerists, and counterrevolutionary doubledealers stirred up an adverse counterrevolutionary trend of reversing correct verdicts. Responding to this, the handful of renegades, special agents, incorrigible capitalist-roaders and freaks and demons in society immediately launched counterattacks on the proletariat from the right by directing the spearhead at the proletarian headquarters, headed by Chairman Mao and Vice Chairman Lin, the great PLA, and the newborn revolutionary committee. Right-deviationist conservatism is precisely a handy helper for this handful of class enemies who are struggling desperately.

Right-deviationist conservatism expresses itself in many ways. For example, some people fail to recognize the unprecedentedly excellent situation of the great proletarian cultural revolution, mix the main current with minor ones and, in some cases regard the minor current as the main one, thus becoming hateful toward everyone and everything and clinging stubbornly to the old bourgeois order; pay no attention to, and even become lethargic to, the existing sharp, acute class struggle; fail to repudiate or struggle against the handful of party capitalist-roaders, saying that the capitalist-roaders are only "paper tigers who have already been totally discredited"; become careless about activities to reverse correct verdicts by the handful of class enemies and assume the attitude of "letting nature take its course"; make no efforts to insure that class struggle has full vent and go so far as to prevent others from doing so; dislike all revolutionary actions taken by the revolutionary people and the young revolutionary fighters, trail behind them, gesticulate and criticize them, pick on their minor mistakes and pin on them wrong labels in an attempt to deny their immortal exploits in the course of the great proletarian cultural revolution; concentrate efforts on factional clashes but pay no attention to the struggle between the two lines and go in a roundabout way to prettify the reactionary line of the bourgeoisie; and, despite Chairman Mao's latest instruction "Have faith in and rely on the majority of cadres," go bail for errant cadres but fail to criticize them and term the action taken by the revolutionary masses to expose and repudiate cadres' mistakes as "striking hard at the majority."

In short, right-deviationist conservatism confuses the distinction between the enemy and ourselves, benumbs the masses, disintegrates our fighting will, and adds fuel to the fire of the rightist adverse trend of reversing correct verdicts.

Whenever the right-deviationist ideological trend of conservatism is rampant, there is a strong counterrevolutionary adverse trend of reversing correct verdicts. Therefore, there is no way to carry out the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, the handful of bad elements lurking in the revolutionary ranks cannot be ferreted out, and the proletarian revolutionaries and the masses of revolutionary people are oppressed.

If we let right-deviationist conservatism run riot, the handful of class enemies will soon come back, the great proletarian cultural revolution will soon be nipped in the bud, and capitalism will be restored.

With regard to those who suffer from the malady of right-deviationist conservatism, Chairman Mao has pointed out: "They are [words indistinct]. What is presented to their view is darkness. They have gone so far as to turn the facts on their head and transpose black and white. Their thinking is completely divorced from the reality of society."

"Unable to guide the wheel of society, they simply trail behind it, grieving that the wheel of society is running too fast for them to catch up with and attempting to pull it back."

The great proletarian cultural revolution initiated and led by Chairman Mao himself is a great, political revolution. In the course of this great struggle, we must always maintain high fighting spirit, the thoroughgoing proletarian revolutionary spirit of advancing courageously until our goal is attained. Only in this way can we suppress the enemy and win victory.

Our struggle against right-deviationist conservatism is a struggle between the two lines in the present new situation. It is also a struggle to defend Chairman Mao's proletariat revolutionary line and out great achievements in the great proletarian cultural revolution. All proletarian revolutionaries who are determined to carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end should guard against right-deviationist conservatism thinking and resolutely oppose the right-deviationist conservatism, right-deviationist splittism, and right-deviationist capitulationism; unremittingly take the initiative to attack the enemy and direct the spearhead of struggle at the handful of renegades, special agents, incorrigible capitalist-roaders, and the landlords, rich peasants, reactionaries, bad elements, and rightists who have not yet been properly reformed; penetratingly and persistently carry out the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, do a good job in "struggle-criticism-transformation" in each unit; go further in surmounting bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism and strengthen the proletarian party spirit; consolidate and develop the revolutionary great alliance and the revolutionary "three-in-one" combination; be good at distinguishing contradictions between ourselves and the enemy and contradictions among the masses; hit hard and accurately at the enemy; and help carry out rectification among our own men and all errant revolutionary comrades, no matter whether they are revolutionary masses or revolutionary leading cadres, so as to "learn from past mistakes to avoid future ones and cure the sickness to save the patient."

Stalin once said: "Left deviation is the shadow of right deviation." While opposing right-deviationist conservatism, right-deviationist splittism and right-deviationist capitulationism, we should take strict precaution against class enemy's sabotage from the extreme left, and be alert against the comeback of extremely left ideological trends.

Although everywhere there are opportunists who wish to block the advance of the prevailing current, the prevailing current is in fact irresistible. The raging current of the great proletarian cultural revolution will certainly overcome the obstacle of right-deviationist conservatism and leave all tumbling stones behind. Under the leadership of the genius Chairman Mao, we will win!