

EDITORIAL ATTACKS REACTIONARY ANARCHISM

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[Text] Anarchism is reactionary bourgeois solipsism and egoism. It is erroneous to say that anarchists do not want a government at all.

They do not want a proletarian government, but they do want an out-and-out small government. In other words, they want a small government based on self-interest. In order to be completely rid of reactionary anarchism, we must thoroughly smash the small government based on anarchism with the massive cudgel of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

Self-interest is the origin of all evils. Anarchism and bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism are the two poisonous snakes from the den of "self-interest."

The great revolutionary teacher Lenin correctly pointed out that "Anarchism is camouflaged bourgeois individualism, and individualism is the basis of the anarchists' world outlook." Wanton anarchists are extreme bourgeois individualists. The advocates of anarchism in our ranks rague about one problem today and another problem tomorrow, for only one reason: the interest of the small government. The following examples are given to (?serve as a warning):

Those who put self-interest and the "mountain-stronghold" mentality first: They let the individual or small-group interest be the supreme guide in handling all problems. They make all efforts to seek the individual or small-group interest, and ignore the interests of the revolution and the interests of the whole.

Those who consider that they are the most important persons in the world, ignoring the views and suggestions of others: Even the instructions of the proletarian headquarters are observed in pretense, resisted, or distorted for only one motive--self-interest.

Those who seek only self-interest and fame, defy the law, and deny the proletarian authorities and the proletarian revolutionary discipline under the cloak of developing an extensive democracy: They make unreasonable demands for self-interest, and ask the leading organization to accept them immediately; otherwise, they will rebel. They even scold others, or make assaults, smashing and looting under the cloak of acting like rebels.

Those who act only according to their own wills and reject the advice and supervision of others: Their minds are dominated by self-interest and they go astray, under the excuse that they are conducting self-education.

Those who vacillate and prefer to run to an extreme: In a time of a fight against factionalism and a civil war, they vigorously ask for leadership, interest, fame, and position. While factionalism and self-interest are criticized and repudiated, they run to another extreme--from activity to passivity. They take no part or little part in revolution, production, and work. However, they become vigorous again when listening to the radio, making plastic (?threads), knitting woolen clothes, or playing cards and chess. Obviously this resists Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and upsets his great strategic plan, but they shamelessly claim that this builds up energy to facilitate future work.

Those who not only advocate anarchism and do no work every day, but also satirize comrades who grasp revolution and promote production, saying that they intend to seek interest, fame and position in the revolutionary three-way alliance. This is to reverse right and wrong.

To sum up, the bourgeois individualism is the small government of anarchism. Egosim and solipism are the administrative program and the foreign policy of this small government. All advocates of anarchism are commanded and dominated by this small government. It is exactly through this small government that the class enemy is whipping up and utilizing anarchism, opposing the proletarian dictatorship and sabotaging the great proletarian cultural revolution.

At present, comrades advocating anarchism become confused under the influence of this small government, confound right and wrong, are unable to distinguish between friend or foe, and do many things which grieve those near and dear to us, making the enemy glad and thus objectively helping him. However, they still claim they are heroes. We want to warn them that they must wake up immediately and that they will go astray if they continue to follow their present course.

Anarchism is always the enemy of Marxism. While a fierce struggle exists between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, anarchism will emerge to meet bourgeois needs and launch an attack on the proletariat. Anarchists cannot conceal their reactionary nature, no matter what brilliant banner they are brandishing or what beautiful cloak they are wearing.

At present, this poisonous snake--anarchism--is the big obstacle to the thorough implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instructions, to the struggle for winning all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution, and to the strengthening and consolidation of proletarian dictatorship. We must not ignore this sinister enemy.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "The present situation demands that our party exert the utmost efforts to overcome the undisciplined and anarchist phenomena." He also teaches us: "Such phenomena are seriously detrimental to the revolutionary interest." We must act according to Chairman Mao's instructions, and resolutely sweep away reactionary anarchism.

The significant harm of anarchism is its opposition, through its small government, to the proletarian headquarters and the proletarian dictatorship. In order to be thoroughly rid of the reactionary anarchism, we must expose and eliminate its significant harm with the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung as the weapon, eliminate the bourgeois world outlook, resolutely get rid of bourgeois individualism, and thoroughly smash anarchism's small government, thus eradicating anarchism forever.