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[Text] WEN HUI PAO on 2 February carries on its first page an editorial entitled "Energetically Strengthen the Unity of the Leading Core of Revolutionary Committees." The editorial states:

Following the formation of all-level revolutionary committees, it is of extreme importance to strengthen the leading cores and unity among themselves on the basis of Mao Tse-tung's thought. A fist cannot be made by five isolated fingers; however, a fist made by five joined fingers can hit the enemy with tremendous power. Chairman Mao has taught us: "The unification of our country, the unity of our people, and the unity of our various nationalities--these are the basic guarantees of the sure triumph of our cause." Chairman Mao has also taught us: "It is only through the unity of the Communist Party that the unity of the whole class and the whole nation can be achieved, and it is only through the unity of the whole class and the whole nation that the enemy can be defeated and the national and democratic revolution be accomplished."

This is a situation which will be definitely faced by any unit after forming its own revolutionary committee. Unity and solidarity must be firmly adhered to by any revolution committee whose leadership is not usurped by the bad elements; efforts must also be made to raise still higher the banner of unity and solidarity. Only by means of further strengthening the unity of its leading core will it be possible for a revolution committee to unite the broad masses of revolution people and wage a resolute struggle against the class enemy. Without unity on the basis of Mao Tse-tung's thought, a revolutionary committee is weak and powerless.

Owing to the shortage of experience, it is inevitable for the revolution committees to commit mistakes and shortcomings in their work. This is quite normal. Therefore, we must accept the mistakes of new and old revolutionary cadres with understanding; furthermore, we must also allow them to correct their mistakes. Under no circumstances should we overthrow the cadres as soon as their errors are discovered, or let them stand aside immediately. What is more important is that we must vigilantly stand on guard against a tiny handful of class enemies who create turmoils by elevating the mistakes and shortcoming of the revolutionary committees and their leading member to the level of principle.

The editorial states: A pressing task at this very moment is to prevent the promotion and dismissal of new revolutionary cadres in large numbers. The emergence of large numbers of new revolutionary cadres marks an important achievements of the great proletarian cultural revolution. Old revolutionary cadres must cherish and support the new cadres wholeheartedly, while the revolutionary masses should also sincerely assist the new revolutionary cadres. The sudden promotion and dismissal of new revolutionary cadres in large numbers is extremely detrimental to our revolutionary cause. It goes without saying that any bad element who has wormed his way into the revolutionary committees must be relentlessly removed.

With regard to the revolutionary committees which are born in the course of struggle and trusted by the masses, even though some of the committees' comrades have made certain mistakes, we must still adopt all possible means to help them correct their mistakes so as to gradually strengthen and improve these revolutionary committees. With this view in mind, all revolutionary committees must further strengthen the unity, assume full responsibility and undergo self-examination, so as to become more skillful in uniting with the comrades who have made mistakes in the past and are now correcting them.

It must be pointed out that "splittism" is an extremely dangerous enemy of all units which have already established their own revolutionary committees. To undermine our revolutionary committees, the enemies always utilize "splittism" to disintegrate our revolutionary committees. We have also learned from previous experiences that behind "splittism" there also exists the ideas of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois "factionalism." Therefore, following the formation of revolutionary committees, it is imperative to vigorously guard against the penetration of factionalism into the revolutionary committees. Efforts must be made continuously to conquer the bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalist tendencies and "splittism" as well. What should be done about the differences on a certain question? We must, first of all, understand that it is impossible to achieve absolute unity" in the course of struggle, and that it is a good thing and not a bad thing to have contradictions and arguments. However, in handling contradictions, we must clearly distinguish contradictions between ourselves and the enemy from contradictions among the people.

The editorial concludes by saying: We must constantly bear in mind that our enemies are not asleep. In other words, we must always keep the enemy in our mind. There will be more battles to be fought this year; the class enemies are bound to launch several trials of strength against us on a still wider scale and adopt all possible means to disturb us, especially to destroy our revolutionary committees. On this question, we must prepare ourselves mentally. Therefore, we must be ready to face the new battles, be very much on the alert, and never lose vigilance. We must always aim the spearhead of struggle at the handful of class enemies, continuously open fire on them, and pursue them to the end, so as to carry the revolution through to the end. Only by so doing will it be possible for our revolutionary committees to gradually consolidate and develop themselves in the course of struggle.