EDITORIAL: END THE TREND OF VERDICT-REVERSAL

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[10 April HEILUNGKIANG DAILY Editorial: "Resolutely Subdue the Counterrevolutionary Trend of Reversing Correct Verdicts"]

[Text] The nearer the great proletarian cultural revolution goes to its all-round victory, the sharper and more acute and complicated will be the class struggle and the struggle between the two lines. Recently, an adverse counterrevolutionary trend of reversing correct verdicts swept some localities and some units. This is an unbridled attack on the great proletarian cultural revolution by the handful of incorrigible party capitalist-roaders, renegades, and special agents lurking in the revolutionary ranks, and freaks and demons in society.

Some incorrigible diehards have disguised themselves, termed themselves "correct," put on an innocent look, pretended to be victims of the bourgeois reactionary line, tried to shun responsibility for the crimes they have committed, adopted all conceivable means to worm their way into revolutionary committees, and gone so far as to ask for posts as bhairman or advisers. In an attempt to attain their sinister goal of counterrevolutionary capitalist restoration, these elements have gathered sworn confederates, knocked together a clique for the reversal of correct verdicts, and done all they could to create counterrevolutionary public opinion in order to hoodwink the masses. They have also set up "liaison stations" under all kinds of names to launch frenzied counterattacks on the revolutionary rebels for revenge.

Some condemned rightists and the bad elements who stepped down from their posts during the "four cleanups" movement have also come forward and told the masses that "speaking of rebellion, I started it a long time ago" to incite the people who are not aware of the true facts and to plot counterseizure of power. Some diehards of notorious, long-disbanded reactionary organizations and of other conservative organizations have worked out their so-called "revolutionary mass organizations" in an attempt to come back and serve the **capitalist** restoration. Some counterrevolutionary revisionist slime who have already been discredited by the revolutionary masses have been picked up by the class enemy for sinister purposes such as inciting counterrevolutionary economism, material incentive, and the "four olds" which actually ran rampant in some localities recently.

Reversing correct verdicts is nothing short of restoring capitalism. It means the denial of the great exploits of the proletarian revolutionaries, the denial of the great struggle of seizing power waged by the proletarian revolutionaries, and the denial of the abundant fruits of the great proletarian cultural revolution. To reverse correct verdicts is to undermine Chairman Mao's great strategic plan, the implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instructions, and the all-round victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution.

Chairman Mao recently pointed out: "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." The struggle between the force reversing correct verdicts and the force opposing the reversal in an outstanding expression of the struggle between the bourgeois capitalist restoration and the proletarian countercapitalist restoration under the present new situation. The handful of capitalist-roaders in the party, renegades, special agents, and ogres of all kinds in society all belong to the Kuomintang.

Chairman Mao has said: "The class enemy invariably seek an opportune time to show themselves off; they are not reconciled to the overthrow of their paradise and do not tolerate communism. Despite the party's efforts to fore warn the enemy and openly tell the enemy about our strategic plans beforhand, the enemy will invariably attack us." When we repudiated the anarchist fallacy "Doubt everything, strike down everything," the enemy [words indistinct] intentionally advocated to liberate all cadres indiscriminately without analysis. When we repudiated the ideological trend from the extreme left, the enemy appeared as rightists. However, all their tricks did not change the enemy's central goal of directing the spearhead of struggle at the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao and Vice Chairman Lin, the great PLA, and the newborn provincial revolutionary committee. The enemy's ultimate goal is to overthrow the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism.

Chairman Mao has taught us: "Just because we have won victory, we must never relax our vigilance against the frenzied plots for revenge by the imperialists and their running dogs. Whoever relaxes vigilance will disarm himself politically and land himself in a passive position. Class struggle will not change its course in accordance with men's will. The fact that the class enemy sabotages us and makes trouble is no surprise to us. As to the dictatorship of the proletariat, any cunning, vicious enemy is not so formidable. What is formidable is that we relax our class vigilance."

We would like to make it clear that the rightist trend is the main danger at present. Under the excellent situation of the great proletarian cultural revolution, we must never become lethargic in the wake of victory. We must redouble our revolutionary vigilance, strengthen our consciousness toward clsss struggle and the struggle between the two lines, unite still more closely, take the initiative, and launch unremitting attacks on the class enemy and resolutely repel the black counterrevolutionary trend of reversing correct verdicts. We are advancing! We are winning victories! The victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution is irresistible! Let those class enemies who are plotting the reversal of correct verdicts go to hell! They will soon be destroyed in the face of the all-conquering thought if Mao Tse-tung and the iron bastion formed by the revolutionary people!