

ORDER OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY COMMISSION

THE EIGHT POINTS LAID DOWN ARE VERY GOOD. HAVE THEM ISSUED AS THEY ARE.

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In accordance with Chairman Mao's instructions, as the great proletarian cultural revolution has entered a new stage of all-round class struggle, the past decree that the armed forces should not intervene in the local great cultural revolution must be changed. In order to conform to the new form of development of the struggle between the two classes and two lines, the following provisions are laid down:

(1) It is necessary to give resolute support to the true proletarian revolutionaries, win over and rally the great majority, resolutely oppose the Rightists, and take resolute measures of dictatorship against conclusively proven counter-revolutionary organizations and counter-revolutionary elements.

(2) All commanders and fighters, political workers, orderlies, medical personnel, scientific and confidential and security personnel must resolutely remain at their posts and must not leave their duties without proper authorization. They must grasp revolution, and promote war preparedness, work, and production.

(3) In armed forces units where the great cultural revolution has been launched, there should be big contending, big blooming, big-character posters, big debates. The method of showing facts and reasoning should be fully utilized. The two classes of contradictions must be strictly distinguished. Handling of contradictions among the people in the same way as dealing with the enemy is not permitted. Arresting people at will without orders is not permitted, ransacking of homes and sealing of doors

at will is not permitted. It is not permitted to carry out corporeal punishment or disguised corporeal punishment such as making people wear tall caps and black placards, parading them in streets, forcing them to kneel, etc., etc. Earnestly promote civil struggle, resolutely oppose struggle by brute force.

(4) All college and school teachers and students, literary and art bodies, physical culture work teams, hospital workers, of armaments factories, etc., who have gone to outside areas to exchange revolutionary experience should return as quickly as possible to their home areas or units to engage in struggle, criticism, and reform and take back the power of their own units which has been usurped by a small handful of persons in authority who take the capitalist road. They must not stay in Peking or any other area.

(5) The question of assaults on military leadership organs should be dealt with differently according to different cases. Prosecution should be instituted in the case of assaults made in the past by counter-revolutionaries, but action need not be taken if the assaults were made by Leftists. Henceforth no assault shall be permitted.

(6) It is forbidden to assault, or exchange revolutionary experience with, war preparation systems and security systems in the armed forces. It is forbidden to ask for or take by force any document, file, and technical data which do not concern the cultural revolution. Materials concerning the cultural revolution will be kept under seal for the time being, to be dealt with later.

(7) Organs at the army and higher levels should carry out great cultural revolution by batches at different times in accordance with provisions. Armies, divisions, regiments, battalions, companies and special units designated by the Military Commission must resolutely adopt the policy of positive education, so as to facilitate the strengthening of war preparedness, take care of national defense, and protect the great proletarian cultural revolution.

(8) Cadres of all levels, in particular higher ranking cadres,

must strictly bring up their children with the thought of Mao Tse-tung. They must teach them to study hard Chairman Mao's works, earnestly unite as one with workers and peasants and regard them as their own teachers, take part in labor training, reform their world outlook, and strive to be proletarian revolutionaries. When children of cadres have acted contrary to law and discipline, they should be turned over to the masses for education. In serious cases, they should be handed over to public security or judicial organs for action.

The provisions above shall take effect immediately from the date of their promulgation. They must be strictly observed by all commanders and fighters, teachers and students of colleges and schools, literary and art bodies, physical culture work teams, hospital workers, and workers of armaments factories. Offenders are liable to disciplinary action.

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