CHANGING WORLD OUTLOOK IN THE COURSE OF REVOLUTIONARY MASS CRITICISM

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The questions discussed by Chairman Mao at the Second Plenary Session of the Seventh Central Committee were of great significance to the socialist revolution. This was a major development of Marxism.

However, we did not understand why, in doing new things, we still cherished the same old ideas in our minds. Our Party is a political party of the proletariat. In the past, however, only the leading nucleus of our leadership group was genuinely Marxist-Leninist. Apart from the backbone elements, many had bourgeois ideas and some were bourgeois elements. Therefore, when we make mistakes, we must correct them; failing this, we would embark on the capitalist road, the State would change colour and individual persons would become power-holders taking the capitalist road.

The present great cultural revolution is actually a transitional movement leading to a great political revolution. Without a great political revolution, capitalism would come about. The great cultural revolution is a great socialist revolution in the political and ideological fields. Without such a revolution in the political and ideological fields, there can be no socialist society. Theoretically and ideologically, we still do not know whether it will be capitalism or socialism. We are still confused as to what is right and what is wrong, but we will see the light if we study Chairman Mao's theories well. Only when we have mastered the thought of Mao Tse-tung can we attain socialism.

SELECTED WORKS OF LIN PIAO

Today, under the leadership of Chairman Mao, we must study well and properly transform our world outlook. Otherwise, we would make mistakes. Once we have learned and mastered Mao Tse-tung's thought, we will also have understood Marxism-Leninism. Only thus can we avoid making mistakes.

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