

EXCLUSIVENESS IN GREAT ALLIANCE SCORED
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Our determination to forge the most extensive revolutionary great alliance with the left serving as its core is a basic assurance for winning victories in the struggle to seize power from the handful of party persons in authority taking the capitalist road; and it is also the necessary requirement for conducting our mass criticism and repudiation in the fields of politics, ideology, and theory against China's Khrushchev. The experiences gained in the course of the great proletarian cultural revolution by various localities have fully proved this point.

The extensive revolutionary great alliance must have a core. This core is formed by the staunch red revolutionaries of the proletariat who have withstood the tests of the revolutionary struggle and have followed the general orientation of the revolutionary struggle from the beginning to the end.

At present, the responsible members of a few revolutionary mass organizations have adopted an attitude of exclusion and antagonism -- either in the course of the power seizure or after power was seized -- toward the other revolutionary organizations that once fought at their side. These members have advanced the so-called slogan "I am the core" in the realization of the revolutionary great alliance. Such a slogan is completely wrong.

The core of the revolutionary great alliance is not a role to be claimed by anybody. It is formed spontaneously in the course of the class struggle. Whether it is one revolutionary mass organization or another, whether they belong to this revolutionary mass organization or that one, those who raise highest the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, most resolutely implement Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, correctly out the various policies formulated by Chairman Mao's proletarian headquarters, and skillfully unite with all revolutionary mass organizations and the extensive broad masses will be recognized by the masses and become the core of the revolutionary great alliance.

The responsible members of a few revolutionary mass organizations regard themselves or their own small organizations as the natural "core" and "assume such a role without modesty." In the process of forming the great alliance, they claim "I am the core and look upon the other revolutionary mass organizations that have been tested in the struggle as "targets of alliance" or even try to suppress and overthrow their fraternal organizations.

This is a sign of individualism, mountain-stronghold mentality, and small-group mentality. It runs counter to the revolutionary great alliance and is not in the interest of the proletariat. The harder they try to do this, the greater their failure will be in striving to be the core; and they will become even more estranged from the masses and from the masses belonging to their own organizations. It is our hope that these comrades will correct their mistakes, give up their erroneous slogan "I am the core," and raise aloft the banner of revolutionary great alliance in accordance with our great leader Chairman Mao's teachings.

We must maintain high vigilance against the handful of party persons in authority taking the capitalist road who are taking advantage of the contradictions among our revolutionary mass organizations to carry out sabotage. Before advancing a slogan, whatever it may be, we must give it our serious consideration so it will be compatible with and not violate the interests of the proletariat. All proletarian revolutionaries must first pay attention to the overall situation, correctly handle the contradictions among the people, and constantly aim the spearhead of the struggle at the enemies of the proletariat.

We must raise high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought; eliminate the ideas of self-interest and foster devotion to the public; promote, realize, and consolidate the revolutionary great alliance; set up a new order for the great proletarian cultural revolution; and bring about a new upsurge in the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation.