

EDITORIAL: CLASS STRUGGLE IS FAR FROM ENDING

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[Text] LIBERATION DAILY on 21 December frontpages an editorial entitled "We Must Have Our Enemies in Mind." It says: "Workers and peasants by the millions awakened, acting with one mind. Red flags rioted around the foot of Mount Puchou."

Along all the streets and lanes on both sides of the Huangpu River, red flags are fluttering. In accordance with Chairman Mao's great strategic plans, Shanghai's proletarian cultural revolution is keeping up its onward march and gaining brilliant victories. The situation at present is excellent. The main issue is already decided.

Victories in struggle very often tend to benumb some comrades with a weak fighting will, while the pernicious influence of the theory of "dying out of class struggle" spread by China's Khrushchev would at this time corrupt the minds of these comrades. Therefore, the time is now appropriate for us to remind the comrades in arms of proletarian revolutionaries about Chairman Mao's instruction "Never forget class struggle."

The editorial points out: It is true that we have gained victories--very big victories. However, class struggle is far from ending. In some quarters, the struggle is still very sharp, complex, and brutal. People like China's Khrushchev and Shanghai's Chen Pei-hsien and Tsao Ti-chiu, as well as their sinister henchmen in various places still exist and are not reconciled to defeat. They are putting up a deathbed struggle.

After listing a number of vivid incidents to show the seriousness, complexity, and protracted nature of class struggle, the editorial continues: Our great leader Chairman Mao has taught us: "The representatives of the exploiting classes, when finding themselves at a disadvantage, usually resort to the tactics of attack as a means of defense, to insure their survival today and facilitate their growth tomorrow. They can make up something out of nothing and lie right in your face, or pick on a few superficialities as a means of countering the essence of a matter, or sing the praises of one group of people to attack another, or seize on an incident to 'effect a breakthrough at some point' and to put us in a fix. In short, they are always considering what tactics to use against us and 'spying out the land' in order to achieve their end. Sometimes they 'play possum,' waiting for the chance to 'counterattack.'"

Such is exactly the case with the class struggle in Shanghai and with class enemies on the point of putting up a deathbed struggle with us. In some units, the class enemies have even wormed their way into the revolutionary ranks, and are trying to storm our fortress from inside.

The editorial strongly points out: When the enemy sharpens his knife, we must sharpen ours. When the enemy is studying our strategy, we must also study his so that we can carry out a tit for tat struggle and defeat him.

The editorial stresses: The class enemies have time and again whipped up sinister blasts from the right and the "left"; their objective, boiled down to its final essence, is to shift the general orientation of our struggle. We proletarian revolutionaries must have in mind the image of the enemy as well as the concept of enemy activities. We must firmly grasp the general orientation of struggle, and direct the spearhead of struggle against China's Khrushchev, his henchmen, big or small, and all monsters and demons. If we have grasped this point, then it means we have grasped the crux of the matter. If the enemy "plays possum," waiting for the chance to "counterattack," we must do a good job of mass criticism and repudiation and "struggle-criticism-transformation" in our own units to foil his attempt and to thoroughly overthrow and completely discredit him. We must throw the enemy flat on the ground, step on him, and never let him rise.

The class enemies are launching insidious and vicious attacks on us by taking advantage of the four main democracies. Their intention is to "spy out the land" to achieve their end.

We must strengthen proletarian dictatorship and deal them telling blows without relaxing our efforts in the slightest degree. For them, there can be only dictatorship, without any consideration of democracy, be it extensive democracy or democracy of any kind. Their basic strategy is to exploit our mistakes or shortcomings in every possible way in the hope of "effecting a breakthrough at some point," and putting us in a fix, while carrying out their vicious activities. Therefore, we must further study and apply Chairman Mao's works creatively, closely follow his great strategic plan, firmly grasp the principle of "combat self-interest and repudiate revisionism," vigorously combat self-interest, repudiate revisionism, and do a good job in realizing a revolutionary great alliance and revolutionary three-way alliance, so as not to leave anything for the enemy to take advantage of.

We must deal telling blows on the enemy--steady, accurate, and severe blows. We must carry out investigation in a practical way. A correct deployment for struggle results from a correct determination, which in turn comes from [words indistinct] investigation, namely fact-finding and study.

We must seriously study and master party policies and correctly differentiate between and handle the two types of contradictions. We must deal hard blows at the enemy and educate and patiently help those people who have been hoodwinked and committed mistakes and those cadres who have committed mistakes of a general nature. As for those who have committed serious mistakes, we must permit them to join the revolution and to make up for their mistakes with merits. Then we shall be able to unite with the broadest number of allies and to isolate and attack the chief enemy to the maximum extent.

The editorial in conclusion says: Today, when we have won a decisive victory in the proletarian cultural revolution, the deathbed struggle of class enemies is only like "a few flies [who] dash themselves against the wall, humming without cease, sometimes moaning."

As long as we firmly remember Chairman Mao's teaching "Never forget class struggle," closely follow his great strategic plan, examine and judge all things with the class viewpoint so that we will "have figures in our heads," and be prepared to return telling blows to any enemies trying to cause a disturbance, we can certainly smash their conspiracy and the situation of the proletarian cultural revolution will keep on improving.