
A Directive From Chairman Mao Concerning the Great Strategic Plan for The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution

Our great teacher Chairman Mao issued the famous "March 7" directive concerning the great strategic plan for the great proletarian cultural revolution on March 7, 1967. It was issued in regard to the report "The Experience in Bringing About a Great Alliance of the Whole School Based on the School Class and in Rectifying, Consolidating and Developing the Red Guard Organization in the Yen-an Middle School in Tientsin." To mark the first anniversary of this great directive, its text was republished by Hsinhua News Agency in full. It reads as follows. — Ed.

Comrades Lin Piao, En-lai and the Comrades of the
Cultural Revolution Group:

This document could be distributed to the whole country to be acted upon accordingly. The army should give military and political training in the universities, middle schools and the higher classes of primary schools, stage by stage and group by group. It should help in re-opening school classes, strengthening organization, setting up the leading bodies on the principle of the "three-in-one" combination and carrying out the task of "struggle-criticism-transformation." It should first make experiments at selected points and acquire experience and then popularize it step by step. And the students should be persuaded to implement the teaching of Marx that only by emancipating all mankind can the proletariat achieve its own final emancipation, and in military and political training, they should not exclude those teachers and cadres who have made mistakes. Apart from the aged and the sick, these people should be allowed to take part so as to facilitate their remoulding. Provided all this is done conscientiously, it is not difficult to solve the problems.

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