

## ANHWEI EDITORIAL DISCUSSES FACTIONALISM

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[NEW ANHWEI DAILY 23 April editorial: " There is no such thing as factionalism above classes "]

[Text] PEOPLE'S DAILY and LIBERATION ARMY DAILY published an extremely important editorial, "A Victory of Proletarian Revolutionaries," hailing the new Anhwei provincial revolutionary committee. This editorial conveyed Chairman Mao's great instructions on applying class analysis to factionalism and expressed the greatest concern and support for proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary masses in Anhwei Province shown by the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao and with Vice Chairman Lin as deputy. It is the greatest encouragement and spur for proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary masses. We heartily support this great instruction of Chairman Mao and pledge to study it earnestly and implement it resolutely.

Factionalism in a class society invariably has a class nature. The proletariat and the bourgeoisie are two big factions basically opposed. Therefore it is either the factionalism of the proletariat or bourgeois factionalism, and there can be no abstract factionalism or factionalism above class lines.

We must adhere resolutely to the factionalism of the proletariat; that is, adhere resolutely to the party spirit of the proletarian vanguards, the revolutionary spirit of the left armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought. It is imperative that we oppose the conservative factionalism of right opportunism, the factionalism of the extreme "left" which is left in form but right in essence, and all counterrevolutionary doubledealing factionalism--the manifestations of bourgeois factionalism in the revolutionary ranks.

To oppose all forms of factionalism without putting them through class analysis is wrong and extremely harmful. The class nature of factionalism exists objectively. The struggle between proletarian factionalism and the factionalism of the bourgeoisie is also the struggle between the two classes, two roads, and two lines.

Invariably the class enemies will attempt in a thousand and one ways to stifle the class nature of factionalism, to oppose and avoid the struggle conducted by proletarian revolutionaries against bourgeois factionalism and achieve their criminal objective of protecting bourgeois factionalism. They hollowly discuss an "abstract factionalism" above class, and attempt to pass an imitation off as the genuine article so as to throw the fighting line into confusion. They will make bourgeois factionalism out as the party spirit of proletarian vanguards and enthusiastically shout such slogans as "Long live factionalism!" or they will indiscriminately lump proletarian factionalism together with bourgeois factionalism and strike them down without distinction. Or again they will villify the struggle, in which proletarian revolutionary factionalism counter-attacks bourgeois factionalism, as "using factionalism to oppose factionalism," and make similar calumnies. Although the tone they use ranged far and wide, its objective is to seek bourgeois factionalism and oppose proletarian revolutionary factionalism.

It is extremely important and significant to apply class analysis to factionalism in accordance with Chairman Mao's instructions. The new method used by the class enemy in its current attack against us is to stifle the class context of factionalism and attack proletarian revolutionary factionalism under the pretext of opposing factionalism. In the current acute and complicated struggle it will be extremely dangerous if some of our comrades do not apply class analysis to factionalism, do not diligently study the new trends of the class struggle, do not investigate and study the ever-changing plans of the class enemy, be hidebound with obsolescent regulations, and have a right-deviationist conservative attitude.

Is it not so that those persons with covert motives jumped out of their dark corners to frenziedly charge that "you are engaged in factionalism" as we were launching a vigorous and resolute attack against the enemy and when we were about to drag out the class enemies secreted in our ranks? Further, did not those addlepaters in our ranks become confused and weak when they heard this clamor, which even caused them to give up? This is swallowing the bait set out by the class enemy hook, line, and sinker.

Today, when we are resolutely opposing right splittism, capitulationism, and conservatism, and the reactionary ideological trends left in form but right in essence, it is inevitable that we will become catspaws for the class enemy, take off on the wrong road, and commit a serious error if we neglect the class context of factionalism, forget the struggle of the classes and the lines, talk emptily of factionalism above class, oppose all factional struggles without making distinctions, and even cover up and stifle the struggle of the lines.

Chairman Mao teaches that the great proletarian cultural revolution is essentially a major political revolution conducted under socialism by the proletariat against the bourgeoisie and all exploiting classes. It is a continuation of the prolonged struggle waged by the CCP and the revolutionary people under its leadership against the KMT reactionaries, and a continuation of the class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie.

Proletarian revolutionaries must keep firmly in mind this teaching of Chairman Mao and at all times and under all circumstances apply the viewpoint of class struggle and the method of class analysis to investigate and recognize everything and see through all the schemings and evil designs of the class enemy. They must maintain a high level of awareness of the class struggle and forever keep advancing in the teeth of the raging storms and waves stirred up by the great political revolution of the proletariat against the bourgeoisie and all exploiting classes.