

To Be Loyal to Chairman Mao, One Must Combine Study With Application

MANY units in our People's Liberation Army, one after another, have held congresses of activists in the study of Chairman Mao's works. These congresses reflect in a concentrated way the new achievements and experience of the broad masses of our commanders and fighters in the creative study and application of Mao Tse-tung's thought during the struggle between the two lines in the past year and more. A large number of people and collectives with outstanding records in carrying on revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat have come forward in the army. Through "fighting self, repudiating revisionism," the masses of commanders and fighters have raised their consciousness on the question of the struggle between the two lines, revolutionized their thinking even more thoroughly and greatly deepened their profound proletarian feelings of warm love for Chairman Mao. In following Vice-Chairman Lin Piao's directive, our army's mass movement of creative study and application of Mao Tse-tung's thought has been raised to a new stage to correspond with the new situation in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

To be loyal to our Chairman Mao, the great teacher of the proletariat, and to Mao Tse-tung's thought and to take firm hold of the application of the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung—this is the most fundamental experience of thousands and tens of thousands of activists in the study of Chairman Mao's works. It is also the key issue for our army in unfolding the great mass movement for the creative study and application of Mao Tse-tung's thought in a wider and more penetrating way and in implementing Chairman Mao's latest instructions in an all-round way.

Vice-Chairman Lin Piao pointed out: "The attitude to Mao Tse-tung's thought is a question of great importance. We should take firm hold of the question of one's attitude to Chairman Mao and Mao Tse-tung's thought." Loyalty to our Chairman Mao, the great teacher of the proletariat, is loyalty to the proletarian revolutionary cause. This is the prerequisite for studying Mao Tse-tung's thought well. Since the unfolding of the great proletarian cultural revolution movement, we have made great efforts through different forms of activities to cultivate and strengthen the proletarian feelings of boundless loyalty to Chairman Mao and effectively pushed forward the tide of enthusiasm for the creative study and application of Mao Tse-tung's

thought. We must continue vigorously to take hold of this and not slacken our grasp.

It should be pointed out that studying and applying Chairman Mao's works in a creative way and carrying out his instructions earnestly is a question of one's fundamental attitude towards Chairman Mao and towards Mao Tse-tung's thought. In taking a firm hold of one's attitude it is necessary to firmly grasp application, to translate one's class feelings of loyalty to Chairman Mao, to Mao Tse-tung's thought and to his proletarian revolutionary line into one's creative study and application of Chairman Mao's works and to strive hard to apply what one studies.

One must express this loyalty to Chairman Mao and to Mao Tse-tung's thought through application. **"It is necessary to master Marxist theory and apply it, master it for the sole purpose of applying it."** Loyalty to Chairman Mao means putting Mao Tse-tung's thought in command of everything, carrying out effectively Chairman Mao's revolutionary theory, line, general and specific policies and implementing his great strategic plan. This means we must apply it in a down-to-earth way in struggle.

Loyalty to Chairman Mao and to Mao Tse-tung's thought should be judged on application. **"The criterion for judging subjective intention or motive is social practice and its effect."** A revolutionary fighter truly loyal to Chairman Mao should be good at studying, carrying out, disseminating and defending Mao Tse-tung's thought and should follow his teachings and act according to his instructions. When he has shortcomings and errors, he should make great efforts to overcome and correct them by applying Mao Tse-tung's thought. If one's words and actions are at variance with each other, or if one applies Marxism-Leninism to others but liberalism to himself, one cannot be said to be truly loyal to Chairman Mao.

One's loyalty to Chairman Mao and to Mao Tse-tung's thought should be constantly raised through application. **"Practice, knowledge, again practice, and again knowledge. This form repeats itself in endless cycles, and with each cycle the content of practice and knowledge rises to a higher level."** Our understanding of the wisdom and greatness of Chairman Mao and the

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tremendous power of Mao Tse-tung's thought becomes increasingly deeper only if we repeatedly study and apply Mao Tse-tung's thought in the practice of revolutionary struggle. We can firmly nurture the proletarian feelings of boundless loyalty to Chairman Mao only by developing a real understanding and mastery of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, raising our proletarian consciousness and remoulding our world outlook in revolutionary practice. Otherwise, when storms arise, we are liable consciously or unconsciously to depart from the proletarian revolutionary course indicated by Chairman Mao.

In the great struggle to win all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution, our army shoulders still more and heavier tasks than before, and the Party and the people have put still higher demands on us. We must stand firmly on the side of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and implement in our actions his latest instructions, which guide the present class struggle. We should not only carry out those instructions whose significance we understand, but also those whose significance we do not, at the moment, wholly understand. We should strive to understand the latter in the process of carrying them out, so that each and every one of Chairman Mao's instructions is implemented at every level and in an all-round way.

In firmly grasping application, the most fundamental point is to apply Mao Tse-tung's thought to **"fighting self, repudiating revisionism."** The self-interest of the bourgeoisie is the mortal enemy of proletarian loyalty to Chairman Mao. The more the self-interest in one's mind, the less loyal he will be to Chairman Mao. Loyalty to Chairman Mao demands fighting self-interest, and boundless loyalty to Chairman Mao demands elimination of self-interest. In the present struggle between the two classes, two roads and

two lines, we can follow closely Chairman Mao's great strategic plan and be truly loyal to our great leader Chairman Mao only if we make a thorough break with virulent self-interest, eliminate the influences of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism and anarchism, and overcome all impediments blocking our implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instructions.

Chairman Mao teaches us: **"If the masses alone are active without a strong leading group to organize their activity properly, such activity cannot be sustained for long, or carried forward in the right direction, or raised to a high level."**

Leadership must be strengthened so that our army's mass movement of the creative study and application of Mao Tse-tung's thought can be raised to a still higher level in line with the new situation of seizing all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution. Leading cadres at all levels should become models in being loyal to Chairman Mao and Mao Tse-tung's thought and in firmly grasping application so as to lead the masses of commanders and fighters to constantly enhance their proletarian feelings of boundless love and admiration for, infinite faith in and utter loyalty to our great leader Chairman Mao and Mao Tse-tung's thought. They should resolutely carry out, constantly propagate and implement all the following principles advocated by Vice-Chairman Lin Biao: "In studying the works of Chairman Mao, one should have specific problems in mind, study and apply his works in a creative way, combine study with application, first study what must be urgently applied so as to get quick results, and strive hard to apply what one is studying." They should make still more efforts to develop the fine revolutionary style of study, that of combining theory with practice, which Chairman Mao teaches, so that the great mass movement for the creative study and application of Mao Tse-tung's thought grows vigorously and solidly.

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