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[LIBERATION DAILY 16 April editorial: "Expose and Overcome Counterrevolutionary Doubledealers" ]

[Text] The revolutionary people of Shanghai are closely following the great strategic plans of Chairman Mao and wresting all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution. The revolutionary situation is unprecedentedly good.

However, a right-deviationist evil wind of reversing correct decisions is blowing despite this excellent situation. This is an inevitable reflection of the class struggle.

Renegades, secret agents, and diehard capitalist-roaders are constantly dreaming of changing the regime and are conspiring to restore capitalism. Furthermore, they are engaged in a frantic search for people in our ranks to be their agents. What they want is to negate the January revolution, the revolutionary mass movement, and the great proletarian cultural revolution. They dream of shaking and splitting the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao, the glorious PLA, and the newborn revolutionary committees.

The enemy is, on the whole, using doubledealing tactics to stir up the right-deviationist evil wind of reversing correct decisions. These counterrevolutionary doubledealers are our most dangerous enemies, as they are liable to worm their way into the very heart of our ranks. It is imperative that we master the ability inherent in class struggle to recognize those elements who are disguised as supporters of the revolution but who in actuality oppose it.

These counterrevolutionary doubledealers are hoisting a "red flag" to attack the red flag. Openly, they strongly voice their determination to "defend the revolution with their lives," but secretly their intentions are of a completely different kind, or they attempt to deceive the masses by distorting facts. They give strident vocal support to resolutely implementing the call issued by the proletarian headquarters, but surreptitiously they inject doubt by advancing suspicious of various kinds, which they have concocted to create confusion. "Resolutely oppose right deviationism," they clamor, and they even rebuke others for ineffective opposition against right-deviationism. In fact, they are attempting to disintegrate the newly founded revolutionary committees by using this pretext. They also use revolutionary slogans to achieve their counterrevolutionary objectives. They even sing revolutionary songs to hoodwink others and bolster their courage to carry out counterrevolution.

After these counterrevolutionary doubledealers have sneaked into our ranks, and eve into important positions, they invariably promote mountain-stronghold mentality and vigorously engage in factional activities. They claim as their own the successes of the party and actively work for independence. They deceive higher levels and block those below from contacting higher levels. They incite the ranks and hide facts from public knowledge, thus transforming the units and departments they have usurped into an airtight, independent kingdom of their own.

They even have the brazen audacity and temerity to proclaim a plot of their own: "The decisions made by us must be carried out resolutely regardless of what may be." They go to extremes in using coercion and manipulation, combining persuasion with pressure, to pull our men into the morass. They also bring into the Communist Party their accomplices, the secret agents of the Kuomintang.

They fly the red flag of revolution to serve counterrevolution, and use the instrument of proletarian dictatorship to serve the bourgeoisie.

The large varieties of doubledealers are also engaged in analyzing the situation, but they always come up with wrong answers. They also make comparisons of actual strength. But they invariably overestimate their own strength while underestimating the strength of the masses. Smug with conceit, these doubledealers are, in actuality, a pack of stupid asses. They never fail to pick up a boulder only to have it drop on their own feet. They emerge to play their tricks, and their performance provides us with an excellent negative example and makes us realize what a doubledealer really is.

Some of the various types of doubledealers in existence have been exposed by us, and their true features have been unmasked. But others are still hidden in our ranks and are continuing to stir up trouble. It is imperative that a high level of vigilance be maintained in every aspect of our work. We must be good at sorting out those false supporters of revolution who are actually engaged in counterrevolution, expose and purge them from every front, and defend the victories we have already won and also those we will soon win.

The class enemy will definitely seek an opportunity to express himself. Currently, the right-deviationist evil wind of reversing correct decisions and the counter-revolutionary doubledealing methods they have stirred up and are resorting to are manifestations of the last-ditch struggles they are putting up to restore capitalism. No matter how rampant they may become momentarily, they are doomed. The small adverse current they have started and the ripples arising therefrom will soon be lost in the irresistible surging red tide.

We must firmly grasp the general orientation of struggle, never forget class struggle, and carry the great political revolution of the proletariat against the bourgeoisie and all exploiting classes through to the end. We must further vigorously conduct the revolutionary criticism and repudiation campaign and the struggle against the enemy, constantly maintain a high level of vigilance, and launch attacks against the enemy on our own initiative.

We must also resolutely oppose right-deviationist conservatism and right-deviationist splittism. We must battle the enemy while standing firmly on the side of the proletariat and the party, and learn to conduct struggles in the midst of struggles.

We must resolutely oppose right-deviationist capitulationism and beware of being lead by the nose by the class enemy. This applies especially to the comrades in our news, publications, educational, and literary circles, who are all intellectuals.

In most cases, intellectuals are rather unsophisticated. They must never forget the repeated warnings by Chairman Mao that some people who have managed to read a little of Marx's books think they are knowledgeable. But they have not grasped them fully and the concepts have not taken root in their minds; thus they are unable to apply them. Their class sentiments still belong to the old order.

Others are very conceited. Having some education, they think they are of importance. But, when buffeted by storms and waves, a vast difference becomes immediately apparent in their stand as compared with that of the workers and the majority of laboring peasants. The former vacillate while the latter are unwavering; the former are benighted while the latter are clear-minded.