

Commentator's Article

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[PEOPLE'S DAILY Commentator's article: "Good Experiences in Implementing Chairman Mao's Latest Instructions"]

[Text] Peking--Our great leader Chairman Mao teaches us: "To be good at translating the party's policy into action of the masses, to be good at getting not only the leading cadres but also the broad masses to understand and master every struggle we launch--this is the art of Marxist-Leninist leadership."

In accordance with Chairman Mao's teaching, a Peking-based air force unit presently stationed in Hungwei district, Tientsin, engaged in supporting the left, has broadly motivated the masses, relied upon them, and put Chairman Mao's latest instructions into practice. In general, their experiences in carrying out this movement contain the following 10 points:

1--The latest instructions issued by Chairman Mao should be vigorously studied, scrupulously implemented, enthusiastically disseminated, and resolutely defended so that these instructions will become the soul of the masses and the guideline for their activities. It is imperative that these instructions be carried out without hesitation, followed closely, and put into practice thoroughly and completely as intended.

2--Since the task of supporting the left contains many intricacies and the struggle is acute and complicated, it is deemed necessary to take Chairman Mao's latest instructions as a guiding principle and to follow our supreme commander Chairman Mao's strategic plan by all means. To implement Chairman Mao's latest instructions is not a question of method of work but a question of political direction in supporting the left. It is a question of our basic standing--our attitude toward Chairman Mao and Mao Tse-tung's thought.

3--In carrying out Chairman Mao's latest instructions, we should take immediate action, follow them closely, and fulfill them resolutely. These instructions should be disseminated among the masses with the greatest enthusiasm and maximum rapidity so that each and every one may become aware.

4--It is to support the left, not the faction. Whoever closely adheres to Chairman Mao's latest instructions will receive our resolute support; whoever diverges from these instructions will be subject to criticism and education, and will be given assistance in correcting his errors. We must educate the hoodwinked masses with Mao Tse-tung's thought and wholeheartedly help them return to Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line.

5--Implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instructions is not an easy, smooth-running job. It requires our action to smash all kinds of resistance, sweep away all interference, and guard against the conspiracy and undermining activities of the class enemies. At the same time, we should overcome any bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism as well as any anarchist ideology. Implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instructions is to be carried out through struggles.

6--It is necessary to set up various models for implementing Chairman Mao's latest instructions. The broad masses are just like a ship which should be piloted by Chairman Mao's latest instructions and navigated by the model pioneers in its voyage, closely following Chairman Mao's great strategic plan.

7--We must gravely struggle against "self-interest," overthrow factionalism, and give impetus to the masses to make revolution in the depth of their souls, so that implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instructions may in reality become an automatic action.

8--We must have faith in the masses, rely upon them, and launch an upsurge in the mass movement of putting Chairman Mao's latest instructions into practice. Red colors should not be limited to a certain spot but must be spread over the whole area. A campaign of "one helps one, to become a red pair" should be unfolded.

9--The broad masses are teachers; that is, we have to learn from the masses. We have to bare our hearts before them and ask for their opinions time and again. The masses should always be consulted in our undertakings, and our mistakes should be openly examined and criticized by the masses. In short, we should conscientiously subject ourselves to the supervision of the masses.

10--A prerequisite to arming the masses with Chairman Mao's latest instructions is to arm ourselves with these instructions. Supporters of the left should combat self-interest, repudiate revisionism, and remold the world outlook. We should periodically make rectification on the firing line and, guided by Chairman Mao's latest instructions and through criticism and self-criticism, make frequent self-examinations, sum up the experiences and lessons on a timely basis, persist in truth, and correct any mistakes we may have committed. By continued implementation and constant summations, our understanding of these new instructions will be strengthened and our class feeling in relation thereto will become more intensified--from a rough understanding to a clear understanding, and from fulfilling less conscientiously to most conscientiously.

The above experiences have a far-reaching meaning and are worth following.