

WEN HUI PAO ON '10 BIG CRIMES' OF FACTIONALISM

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[Text] Bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism is a huge, poisonous snake. It is extremely dangerous to let it get a hold on you. Some comrades have already become encoiled by it, and it is drawing tighter and tighter around them. Moreover, they have been deeply poisoned. It is therefore necessary to set forth the 10 big crimes of factionalism so as to alert all comrades to be on guard:

1--The highest directives and the voice of the proletarian headquarters are not faithfully carried out or implicitly obeyed. Only those directives meeting a need are carried out or obeyed, and thus the general orientation of struggle is impeded and the strategic plans of Chairman Mao are undermined. This is the first crime.

2--The interests of the people, the party, the country, and the general situation are all discarded in favor of the private interests of a faction.

3--The attitude is taken that "he who agrees with me is a comrade, regardless of whether he is an agent or renegade," and "he who disagrees with me is an enemy, even though he is in actuality a comrade." Because of this attitude, the line of demarcation setting off the enemy is blurred and the class enemy is protected.

4--In purifying the class ranks the attitude is taken that others are to be kept under close scrutiny. When bad elements are exposed they are written off as all bad, and thus the opportunity is lost to allow other groups to become fraternal organizations. This leads to struggles by violence and sharp civil wars.

5--There is contention for title and position and for core position. When this happens, factionalism and other evil tendencies begin to spread. "You and I should be the core" is the slogan of those who think this way. They can do without the revolutionary great alliance, but they absolutely must contend for title and position.

6--The criterion, "Are they on our side?" is used by some in emancipating cadres. Thus, those "on our side" are fostered, whereas those "who oppose us" are suppressed. This leads to capriciousness, vacillation, and uncertainty. One moment all would be emancipated with a great fanfare, and the next moment the situation would be reversed.

7--Making a great fuss to commend oneself and to claim for oneself credit which rightfully belongs to the party is the seventh crime.

8--The eighth crime is to attack factionalism with factionalism: Under the pretext of opposing factionalism in others, some comrades expand their own factionalism. At the same time that they shout "Down with factionalism," they are showing their own factionalism by claiming that "so-and-so, the big name in our organizations, is sure to win."

9--In severe cases of factionalism, the two-faced work style of bourgeois politicians is resorted to. Some comrades are all affability and cordial agreement in public but take to vicious back-stabbing in private.

10--The 10th crime is that those severely afflicted with factionalism work for the sole purpose of their faction. They implement counterrevolutionary pragmatism and even resort to attacking the other party with distorted portions of Chairman Mao's quotations. The viciousness of their study style has reached a stage where it can no longer be tolerated.

From the above we can see that bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism is an extremely dangerous enemy lurking in the revolutionary ranks. It creates dissension and adversely affects unity; it disintegrates the fighting will and threatens the revolution with failure; it sabotages production and protects evil elements. There is nothing too evil for it to stoop to. Confronted with such an important question we must, of necessity, overthrow factionalism.

From the unfolding of the deepgoing great proletarian cultural revolution to this day, bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism has been an important weapon used by the bourgeoisie in its fanatic attack on the proletariat. This is definitely not a spontaneous thing.

Currently, the labeling of the revolutionary masses as counterrevolutionaries, organizationally speaking, by the handful of party capitalist-roaders has become bankrupt. Using counterrevolutionary economism for an attack on the economic front has also been smashed. Therefore, factionalism is their only recourse. They summoned forth this specter to infiltrate our ranks.

Lenin pointed out that the defense of the bourgeoisie can be done immeasurably better by opportunists in the worker movement who are actively engaged in factionalism than by capitalists.

Bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism plays the role of shock troops for the handful of party capitalist-roaders. Self-interest lurks in the minds of some comrades, and the slightest stimulus from outside brings it out. Although they have become the prisoners of the bourgeoisie and the petty bourgeoisie and the class enemy is leading them by the nose, these comrades still think that their general orientation is correct.

Bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism is reactionary. It is reactionary because it runs counter to revolution. The revolutionary tide of the cultural revolution advances in a turbulent torrent, and the reactionary ideological tide of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism attempts to stem this onrush of the revolutionary tide. Isn't this reactionary? All reactionary things are destined to be swept away by the revolutionary tide. Like dying flowers falling into a flowing stream, the days of arrogance for bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism are numbered.

At a given time this bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism can deceive some people. Comrades who have been deceived by factionalism can no longer continue to be hoodwinked and should quickly wake up, sharpen their eyesight, and hit back so as to thoroughly repudiate and discredit bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism.

The proletarian cultural revolution army commanded by our great leader Chairman Mao has only one faction, the proletarian revolutionary faction. It has only one nature, the party nature of the proletariat. We will be able to follow always Chairman Mao and advance in the face of storms and waves only by using the proletarian party spirit as a guideline for all our actions. We can discredit bourgeois factionalism by strengthening proletarian party spirit.

Proletarian revolutionaries, unite! Overthrow factionalism and chop off the black tentacles!