

'OPPOSE NEW SLAVE MENTALITY' LINE ATTACKED

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[Summary] "Oppose new slave mentality!" --this is a fashionable slogan put out by those who indulge in anarchism.

When we are defending the revolutionary authority of the newborn revolutionary political power, when we are supporting the correct leadership of the revolutionary committee, when we are adhering to the revolutionary discipline of the proletariat, they loudly rebuke us: "It is new slave mentality!" And when we criticize and remonstrate with them for disregarding revolutionary authority and undermining revolutionary discipline, they ridicule us as being victims of new slave mentality.

The truth, of course, is that we are not victims of new slave mentality but they are victims of anarchism.

Resolutely supporting the correct leadership, conforming with Mao Tse-tung's thought, and faithfully adhering to revolutionary discipline of the proletariat will never make one guilty of new slave mentality, for these are the attributes of a proletarian revolutionary. On the other hand, submitting oneself to the bourgeois reactionary theory of "docile tools" and unconditionally following the erroneous leadership repugnant to Mao Tse-tung's thought stigmatize one as a true victim of new slave mentality.

In the eyes of those who indulge in anarchism, nothing is worthy of their obedience. If they are advised to submit to socialist discipline, they regard it as an insult and rave: "My rebellious spirit is strong; it will not be controlled by anyone." This attitude of "not being controlled by anyone" was criticized and refuted by Engels long ago. He pointed out that there must be authority on the one side and obedience on the other side, and that this is true under any kind of social system. In a society of class system and class struggle, if one does not obey the proletariat then one must obey the bourgeoisie. Can one honestly say that he is under the control of neither the proletariat nor the bourgeoisie?

The revolutionary authority and revolutionary discipline of the proletariat is a prerequisite for victory in revolution. The invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung and Chairman Mao's revolutionary line are the highest authority of the proletarian revolution. The revolutionary committees at all levels which hold high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought and resolutely carry out Chairman Mao's revolutionary line must, of course, have authority; and they certainly do have authority. Without such revolutionary authority there can be no organized revolutionary activities nor can there be victory in revolution.

What do the slogans "New slave mentality" and "I have strong rebellious spirit" really mean? The so-called "strong rebellious spirit" is nothing but a euphemistic way of saying that the people who put out this slogan want to do what they please. They neglect to apply class analysis to rebellion, therefore they find themselves in the quagmire of objectivism, a bourgeois ideology. Now a handful of class enemies are using this objectivism to deny the class nature of "Rebellion is justified," to instigate anarchism, to bombard the proletarian headquarters, and to disrupt the socialist economy. All true revolutionary comrades must beware and not be hoodwinked.

Both slave mentality and anarchism are archenemies of the proletarian dictatorship. Slave mentality advocates blind obedience at the expense of truth; anarchism opposes everything and excludes everything, also at the expense of truth. Their common ideological base is bourgeois individualism, and they both serve the cause of restoration of capitalism.

Those people in our ranks who are indulging in anarchism like to think of themselves as outstanding heroes, when actually they are slaves of China's Khrushchev and his henchmen. Anarchism, like liberalism, is fundamentally contradictory to Marxism. We sincerely hope those comrades who are guilty of anarchism realize their own mistakes and strive to overcome the evil influence of anarchism in their minds and make haste to return to the revolutionary line of Chairman Mao. Otherwise they will perforce find themselves on the opposite side. Then it will be too late.