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[WEN HUI PAO 15 February editorial: "Struggle Between Party Spirit and Factionalism Is Precisely a Struggle Between Lines"]

[Text] Persons filled with factionalism dislike the word "factionalism" as they insist that they are carrying out the struggle between two lines and not a factional struggle. Yes, it is true that the struggle now in progress is a struggle between two lines, between the party spirit of the proletariat and bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism, and between "public interest" and "self-interest." It is precisely the major form of the current struggle between the two classes, two lines, and two roads.

Those who play factionalism are siding with the bourgeois reactionary line and the capitalist road which runs counter to the proletarian revolutionary line and the socialist road.

Bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism has always been a means of deceiving the masses, reversing "right" and "wrong," and blending "white" with "black" with which to hoodwink the masses so as to serve the interest of a particular faction. Is this not a new form of expression of the bourgeois reactionary line? Bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism splits the masses, creates incidents among the workers and revolutionary students, creates a split between the two major factions, and incites the masses to struggle against themselves. Is this not a new form of expression of the bourgeois reactionary line?

Bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism tolerates no diversified views. It retains only those in favors and eliminates those it opposes. It seeks gratification by doing away with any opposing faction. Is this not a new form of expression of the bourgeois reactionary line? Once bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism goes bankrupt it reverts to anarchism. It will certainly ignore the revolutionary authority, despise organizational discipline, dissolve revolutionary organizations, undermine production and revolution, and weaken the proletarian dictatorship. Is this not a new form of expression of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism?

The struggle between the bourgeois reactionary line and the proletarian revolutionary line has always remained acute, although the form of expression varies at different times. At the beginning of the great proletarian cultural revolution, the frenzied suppression of the mass movements and the white terror carried out by China's Khrushchev was a form of its expression. The evil trend of counterrevolutionary economism in full swing by a handful of capitalist-roaders within the party in launching the bourgeois reactionary line's new counteroffensives prior to the January Revolution was its other form of expression. Later, the handful of capitalist-roaders within the party took advantage of factionalism to stir up factional strife, to undermine Chairman Mao's great strategic plan and the great proletarian cultural revolution, and to protect themselves--which is also another form of expression of the new counteroffensives launched by the bourgeois reactionary line.

Every revolutionary comrade must understand this. He who embraces factionalism, drops the party spirit, plays bourgeois politics, and deserts proletarian politics will doubtlessly end up taking the capitalist road instead of the socialist road.

Comrades, please think it over. Those who are entangled in the web of factionalism are devoting their entire day to striving for good positions in government offices and struggling for self-interest in the markets. For the sake of "self" they strive for power. On the handling of cadres, they employ only those who are their relatives or close friends, but not those who are good and competent. For the sake of "self" they forget the masses and the working people. Should such persons be allowed to grasp power, it would be strange if they did not take the capitalist road. Therefore, the struggle between the proletarian party spirit and bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism is precisely a struggle between two roads.

In the struggle between the two lines the two roads, all proletarian revolutionaries must carry distinctive banners, go through tests determinedly, and make their decisions as soon as possible. Either the East Wind will prevail over the West Wind or the West Wind will prevail over the East Wind. There is no room for reconciliation. We must carry through to the very end the struggle between the revolutionary party spirit and bourgeois and petty bourgeois factionalism.

Are you an out-and-out revolutionary? Out-and-out revolutionaries must first relentlessly temper themselves in the struggle between the two lines. We must not look upon ourselves as out-and-out revolutionaries forever, simply because we won merits in opposing the capitalist line one year ago. Genuine revolutionaries must not be satisfied with only winning one merit but always endeavor to win many more new merits.

As for some of the veteran revolutionaries, the question of making uninterrupted revolution and of maintaining revolutionary integrity in later life still confronts them.

For us new soldiers just joining in the revolution, how many laurels are there for us to rest on? We must not think only about the glorious history of our struggle in those few months, but rather look back to see what we have accomplished in recent months and think along that line. If "civil war" and factionalism are allowed to continue unchecked, on what side do we stand then? It will do us some good to think about these questions, as in so doing we will be able to remain level-headed, strike down factionalism, sever the "black hands," closely follow Chairman Mao's great strategic plan, and win new merit for the people. Proletarian revolutionaries, unite!