

ANHWEI PAPER URGES REVOLUTIONARY STUDY STYLE

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[NEW ANHWEI DAILY editorial: "Develop the Revolutionary Style of Study"]

[Text] The joint 1968 New Year editorial issued by PEOPLE'S DAILY, RED FLAG, and LIBERATION ARMY DAILY calls on us to continue the development of the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary style of study personally advocated by Chairman Mao for the new year. This is a vitally important, militant order issued to us by the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao. We must enthusiastically respond to this order, resolutely carry it out, and take immediate action.

The Marxist-Leninist revolutionary style of study personally advocated by Chairman Mao is, primarily, a style wherein theoretical principles are combined with practice, close connection is established with the masses, and self-criticism is carried out. Style of study is a problem related to one's attitude toward Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tse-tung's thought. It is a problem of vital importance. At the present, we are confronted with a great, glorious, and difficult militant task--the winning of the all-round victory in our great proletarian cultural revolution, ideologically, politically, economically, and organizationally. To this end, the most fundamental requirement is that of unfolding more broadly and deeply the mass movement of studying and applying Mao Tse-tung's thought in a creative way.

We should do a good job in the study and application of Chairman Mao's latest series of instructions with regard to the great proletarian cultural revolution. We must clearly understand and immediately apply what we have studied so as to achieve quick results.

We must implement without fail each and every item therein. The development of the revolutionary style of study has become an important problem; it should be resolved immediately. Only if we develop the revolutionary style of study can we better carry out the policy of combating self-interest and repudiating revisionism, can we establish and operate successfully various study classes on Mao Tse-tung's thought, can we raise to a new height the mass movement of creative study and application of Chairman Mao's works, and can we put each and every one of Chairman Mao's latest instructions into practice and win the all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

To quickly develop the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary style of study personally advocated by Chairman Mao, it is necessary to overthrow a variety of evil winds which are opposed to Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tse-tung's thought. Although not dominantly prevailing, these evil winds do in reality exist; they often raise havoc and disseminate a poison so harmful to our comrades and our revolutionary cause that we should never take them lightly. The evil winds presently existing in our ranks in regard to our style of study consist of the following:

Theory is divorced from practice. Some comrades study Chairman Mao's works and his latest instructions not for the sake of application but merely for putting them in their speech only. They make eloquent speeches and talk resourcefully as if they are vanguard revolutionaries. However, in practice, they behave in a quite different manner. Not only do they refuse to use the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung to hit the target of class enemies, but they do not examine their own souls or destroy the self-interest in their minds. Such people our great leader Chairman Mao has seriously criticized in his brilliant work "On Practice." Good as a theory is, it will be of no use at all if we only talk about it and fail to put it into practice. Is it that our comrades intend to be revolutionaries only in speech? Of course not. Then let us obey Chairman Mao's words and be genuine revolutionaries!

Other comrades lack a spirit of self-criticism and self-revolution. It seems that they study Chairman Mao's works and latest instructions only for the purpose of teaching others, not for reforming themselves.

They are extremely strict on others but very lenient on themselves; they criticize others from A to Z, but hide all their own ugliness. They think that other people are no good at all, and regard themselves as the best in every respect. They are precisely like those characters described by Chairman Mao in his article "Combat Liberalism." They have both Marxism and liberalism in them. They talk about Marxism but behave with liberalism. They are Marxist to others but pursue liberalism in dealing with themselves. They have two categories of goods in stock, each with a specific use. What a sharp and acute matter this is! Is this not acute enough for such comrades to alert themselves and correct their misconduct?

Finally, there are still some comrades who embrace the idea of bourgeois pragmatism. In studying Chairman Mao's works and latest instructions, they wear colored glasses tinged with factionalism and thus distort what they see from a factional standpoint, always speaking for the benefit of their own faction. When something is to their advantage, they talk seriously and vigorously, put up wall posters in a manner surpassing all others and even adopt the method of extracting only incomplete portions of the instructions and omitting the context so as to distort facts.

On the other hand, when something does not conform to their thinking, they put it aside, pretending to be blind and deaf. They think this is a clever workable trick, but, in fact, it results in the growth of factionalism, deepening the slit, and assisting the enemies in sabotaging the revolution.

Our great leader Chairman Mao in his latest instructions has taught us that we should not consider ourselves to be always correct, or omnipotent. We should not consider others to be without qualifications, as if lacking our existence the earth would stop rotating. To be genuine proletarian revolutionary fighters, our comrades should take immediate action to strike down bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism and enhance the proletarian party spirit.

The evil winds mentioned above are the great enemies that obstruct the establishment and development of our revolutionary style of study. When facing these great enemies, we find it absolutely necessary to overthrow them. Any and all evil winds opposed to Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tse-tung's thought, result from self-interest, which is the source of all evils and which protects their existence.

The fundamental method for developing the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary style of study is to imbue ourselves with loyalty, put application in the fore, destroy self-interest, and foster devotion of public interest. Only by being boundlessly loyal to Chairman Mao, his thought, and his proletarian revolutionary line can we love what Chairman Mao loves, support what Chairman Mao supports, act according to Chairman Mao's instructions, and advance as Chairman Mao waves his hand. Completely and thoroughly we work for the people; determinedly and wholeheartedly we make revolution! Let us hold ever higher the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, take his latest instructions as guiding principles, vigorously destroy self-interest and establish public-interest, and always be boundlessly loyal to Chairman Mao, his thought, and his proletarian revolutionary line. Let us self-conscientiously become exemplary models in studying, implementing, propagating, and defending Chairman Mao's latest instructions and pledge to win the all-round victory in our great proletarian cultural revolution.