The Constitution of the Revolutionary Communist Party states that the Party branches shall be set up as the basic units of the Party, along the lines of the organization of production and society, in order to be most root- ed in the various classes of the mass of the masses. "Why is it that the basic organization of the Party is structured in this way and how does this relate to the political function, ideological function, working class and masses of people in overthrowing capitalism, establishing socialism and advancing to communism?"

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Politicization and Organization

It is on the basis of this understanding, on the basis of recognizing not only what the fundamental contra- dictions of capitalism are but that they can only be resolved through socialist revolution, that the Revolutionary Communist Party builds its basic organization where the workers carry out the revolutionary work of the Party. And it is this understanding that must guide the work of the Party in all the Party units in all work they carry out, both in building the economic struggle and in the broader sense working to turn every "factory into a fortress" in the way summarized below.

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