

## A Good Form of the Great Alliance of Proletarian Revolutionaries

In the present situation of the struggle, what form of organization should proletarian revolutionaries adopt in rallying the revolutionary ranks? The Kweiyang Cotton Mill has created a good form of the great alliance by bringing proletarian revolutionaries together into single organizations based on the working unit—first, working units at the lower level, and then those at the higher level. This form of organization has played a very positive role in promoting both revolution and production.

The experience of the Kweiyang Cotton Mill is excellent. It is worthwhile for proletarian revolutionaries in all parts of the country to seriously study and learn from the experience.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "Everything must serve victory at the front, and the organizational task must be subordinated to the political task."

During the early stage of the cultural revolution, the proletarian revolutionaries resolutely broke through the many obstacles set up by the bourgeois reactionary line. They broke down the barriers that existed between various units, departments, faculties and school grades. Revolutionary teachers and students conducted a nationwide exchange of revolutionary experience. The worker and peasant masses in a city or in different people's communes and production brigades also exchanged their revolutionary experience after their day's work. This touched off the blazing fire of the great

cultural revolution everywhere. One proletarian revolutionary contingent came into being after another and they grew in strength in the course of their unswerving struggle against the handful of persons in the Party who were in authority and took the capitalist road. They made immortal contributions to the upsurge in the cultural revolution.

The movement has now reached the decisive stage of seizing power from the handful of persons in the Party who are in authority and taking the capitalist road, and the organizational form in which the ranks of the proletarian revolutionaries are rallied must conform to the requirements of the new fighting task. The proletarian revolutionaries in any one unit have a common goal in their struggle. They have in common the tasks of struggling [against and overthrowing those persons in authority taking the capitalist road], of criticizing and repudiating [the reactionary bourgeois academic "authorities" and the ideology of the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes] and of transforming [education, literature and art and all other parts of the superstructure that do not correspond to the socialist economic base], and also the common task of "taking firm hold of the revolution and promoting production."

However, if, organizationally, they fail to unite into a single unit in which they can co-ordinate their efforts, but, instead, belong to many separate fighting organizations, each having its own system, this will hamper the fulfilment of the common tasks and tend to foster the "small group" mentality and sectarianism, and hold back the ideological revolutionization of the proletarian revolutionaries. That proletarian revolutionaries in one working unit should unite in a unified revolutionary organization is therefore very necessary and advantageous for the seizing and maintaining of power by the proletarian revolutionaries.

The proletarian revolutionaries in the Kweiyang Cotton Mill have carried out conscientious political and ideological work in the course of forming the great alliance. They have put forward and implemented the principle of "early or late, all who make revolution merit equal treatment, and big or small, all organizations merit equal treatment." And they have united all the revolutionary masses and revolutionary mass

organizations in accordance with this principle. This is a very important experience.

The proletarian revolutionaries of the Kweiyang Cotton Mill put it aptly: Mao Tse-tung's thought is the soul of our great alliance. The proletarian revolutionary fighters all over the country must do as the proletarian revolutionaries of the Kweiyang Cotton Mill have done. They must hold high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, creatively study and apply Chairman Mao's works, launch an "open-door rectification movement," take energetic measures to rid themselves of self-interest, rectify non-proletarian ideological tendencies of sectarianism, "small group" mentality, the mountain stronghold mentality and anarchism and enter into an alliance on the basis of Mao Tse-tung's thought in order to win a decisive victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

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