

Repulse the bourgeoisie's rampant attack and consolidate the leadership of the working class - commemorating the 29th anniversary of the February 7th Incident

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Editorial

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Strike The 29th anniversary of the February 7th Strike of the Beijing-Hankou Railway Workers, the first bloody revolutionary struggle in Chinese history, has now come to an end. In the nearly 30 years since the February 7th Strike, the Chinese working class, represented by the Communist Party of China, has fully demonstrated that it is the most advanced and revolutionary class of the Chinese people. The Communist Party of China led the people of the whole country to achieve the great victory of the people's democratic revolution and established the People's Republic of China. The broad masses of the working class played a pioneering and exemplary role in various practical struggles for the victory of the revolutionary war and the construction of a new democratic society. All of these fully prove that only the working class is the only leading class in our country.

Under the leadership of the Chinese working class and the Communist Party of China, the Chinese people have carried out the great movement of resisting the US and aiding Korea, land reform and suppressing counter-revolution since the founding of the People's Republic of China, won great victories, and made great achievements on the national defense front, the economic and financial front, and the cultural and educational front. The leadership and victory achieved by the Chinese working class have not only provided the most reliable guarantee for the interests of our country and the broad masses of the people, but also greatly developed the interests of all classes participating in our people's democratic united front. One obvious fact is that, under the leadership of the working class, the Chinese national bourgeoisie has freed itself from the heavy fetters of imperialism, feudalism and bureaucratic capitalism over the past three years and has gained unprecedented benefits that it has never achieved in the twenty-plus years of the Kuomintang's reactionary rule. During the period of the New Democratic Revolution, as long as the Chinese national bourgeoisie recognizes and accepts the leadership of the working class, abides by the common program, abides by the laws of the people's government, and recognizes and accepts the leadership of the state-owned economy, they will have a full legal status in both politics and economy, can play a certain role, and will inevitably make certain profits in their legally operated enterprises. This is beyond doubt. It is also a fact that since the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese bourgeoisie has made considerable efforts in the production of necessities, donations to the War to Resist U.S. Aggression and Aid Korea, and taxes. However, we must never ignore the frenzied attacks launched by the bourgeoisie against us over the past three years. This attack, by its nature, is a direct attack on the leadership of our working class. The corrupt and degenerate ideas and behaviors of the bourgeoisie, such as exploiting the masses, eating without working, harming others for their own benefit, seeking profit, using public power for personal gain, taking advantage of opportunities, extravagance and waste, and putting pleasure above all else, are everywhere corroding the ranks of our working class, corroding state organs and their staff, and causing immeasurable and serious losses to the interests of our country and people. This is why we must vigorously, vigorously, and thoroughly carry out anti-corruption, anti-waste and anti-bureaucracy campaigns.

We must never tolerate the bourgeoisie's attack on the leadership of the working class. We fully recognize that the bourgeoisie's management of industry and commerce in the interests of the country and the people's livelihood is what our people need at the current stage; however, the characteristics of the bourgeoisie's management methods, which harm others for their own benefit,

harm the public for their own benefit, and seek profit, often drive them to adopt means that are harmful to the country and the people's livelihood, and often drive them to use the anarchy and free competition of capitalist production to resist, destroy and replace the leadership and planning of the working class and the state-owned economy. We cannot but see the reactionary side of the ideological essence of the bourgeoisie. This kind of thinking is based on the capitalist private property system on which the bourgeoisie depends for its survival. In order to achieve the selfish goal of expanding private property, the bourgeoisie often does not hesitate to embezzle, bribe, steal, rob, and recklessly damage the interests of the people and the country to satisfy their decadent and extravagant life. Facts have proved that some industrialists and businessmen in our country are not satisfied with the high profits of 15% or even 30% that they have already obtained; they actually resort to illegal means to gain profits of 70%, 80% or even higher. This is a complete criminal act that violates the Common Program. The Common Program stipulates that "speculative business that disrupts the market must be strictly banned", and the illegal industrialists and businessmen in the bourgeoisie pursue huge profits, which makes them engage in speculative behavior that disrupts the market. Similarly, the Common Program stipulates that all citizens have the obligation to pay taxes, but many industrialists and businessmen do everything they can to evade taxes, and in some areas, tax evasion and tax evasion reaches 20% to 30%. The Common Program stipulates that "both public and private interests should be taken into account" and "both labor and capital benefit", but many industrialists and businessmen harm the public interest everywhere, ignore the interests of the working class, and cruelly exploit workers. The Common Program stipulates that the national economy is the leading force of the entire social economy, but many industrialists and businessmen are unwilling to obey this leadership. They either attempt to refuse or cut corners on state processing orders. The Common Program stipulates that "loving public property" is one of the public virtues of all citizens, but many industrialists and businessmen continue to steal state property and damage or destroy state construction projects. What is more serious is that they have adopted the despicable methods of "sending in" and "pulling over" to launch a large-scale attack on state organs and staff. All these illegal activities carried out by the bourgeoisie in the past three years have directly endangered the interests of the state led by the working class. If this is not a direct attack on the leadership of the working class, what is it?

We call on the working class of the whole country to stand up firmly, defend and consolidate the leadership of the working class, repel the rampant attack of the bourgeoisie, and fight for the great goal of thoroughly transforming the old society and building a new society. This is a fierce class struggle, and we must bravely carry out this great battle with the revolutionary firmness of the working class. All workers and shop assistants in all state-owned, public, joint state-private and private enterprises must firmly stand on the position of the great and glorious working class, unwaveringly participate in the struggle against corruption, waste and bureaucracy, and ruthlessly oppose the illegal acts of the bourgeoisie such as bribery, tax evasion, theft of state funds, shoddy work and stealing of state economic intelligence. We must break all relationships and concerns, not succumb to any threats or inducements, and boldly and unreservedly expose and report the crimes of all lawless elements. Each of us is a fighter of the glorious working class and must not be a captive of the bourgeoisie; we must resolutely eliminate all corrupt and degenerate elements and traitors within our ranks and consolidate and purify our revolutionary ranks.

The serious corruption, waste and bureaucracy caused by the erosion of bourgeois ideology in the ranks of our working class must arouse our high vigilance and be resolutely and thoroughly eradicated. In this fierce class struggle, the consciousness of the working class must be raised a hundredfold and a clear demarcation must be made between the ideology and behavior of the bourgeoisie. We must never think that the victory of the revolution on a national scale will ease the class struggle; on the contrary, we must see that the class struggle is more complicated under the

new conditions. Every loyal revolutionary worker should be particularly vigilant against the vicious plots of the bourgeoisie to corrupt and divide the workers, destroy the trade unions, and erode the Communist Party and the people's government. If some trade union cadres are bought by the bourgeoisie and become traitors who sell out the interests of the working class, we must clear them out of the leading bodies of the trade unions; if some grassroots trade union organizations are usurped by the bourgeoisie and become tools for safeguarding the interests of the bourgeoisie, we must thoroughly reorganize them. Within the working class organizations, we must resolutely overcome the danger of right deviations, especially the right deviations of trade union cadres at all levels in implementing policies. Some trade union cadres, in handling the relationship between the public and private sectors, have failed to emphasize and adhere to the main aspects of the state's economic leadership and the principle of putting the public first and the private second, and have unprincipledly taken care of and accommodated the interests of private capitalists; in handling the relationship between labor and capital, they have failed to emphasize supporting the legitimate demands of the working class, and have one-sidedly emphasized the significance of developing production, which has only benefited private capitalists and not the masses of workers. These mistakes must be corrected. In state-owned enterprises, we must firmly rely on the workers, implement democratic management, and thoroughly eliminate the capitalist method of compulsory management; implement the principle of technology being subordinate to politics and combining technology with the masses, and oppose the separation of technology from the masses and the purely technical viewpoints of the bourgeoisie; mobilize the masses extensively and deeply, and strengthen the leadership of the working class over the country's basic construction. All projects related to basic construction must be carefully designed before construction can begin. This is a principle that must be observed, and a strict system of supervision and acceptance must be implemented. We must eliminate all corruption, waste and bureaucracy in state-owned enterprises, examine the thinking and style of state-owned enterprise leaders, and give full play to the initiative and creativity of the working masses, so as to further carry out a large-scale campaign to increase production and save money throughout the country.

The people's democratic state led by the Chinese working class is determined by specific historical conditions and is composed of the union of four democratic classes. At the present stage, the Chinese working class unites with and leads the national bourgeoisie to build a new democratic society and strive for the realization of socialism in the future. This is completely in line with the interests of our country and the entire people. However, we must resolutely fight back against the bourgeoisie's rampant attacks that violate the common program, attempt to undermine the leadership of the working class, and endanger the interests of the country and the people. We must inherit the glorious tradition of the Chinese working class's nearly thirty years of revolutionary struggle since the "February 7 Incident" and, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, together with the people of the whole country, effectively defeat the bourgeoisie's attacks and achieve a thorough victory in the struggle against corruption, waste, and bureaucracy; and make the ranks of the Chinese working class and the organizations of the Communist Party of China tempered into a strong force like steel in this great struggle to ensure the realization of the long-term and highest interests of the Chinese people's revolution.