BUILDING revolutionary great alliance on the basis of fields of work, trades and professions, and school classes is the correct principle which was approved and advocated last February by our great leader Chairman Mao in the light of the experience of the Kweiyang Cotton Mill [see Peking Review, No. 12, 1967].

Chairman Mao teaches us: "Revolutionary organizational forms should serve the needs of revolutionary struggle. When an organizational form no longer conforms to the needs of the struggle, it should be abolished."

We are now confronted with new fighting tasks. We must act according to Chairman Mao’s great strategic plan. Taking his directive “combat self-interest and criticize and repudiate revisionism” as the key, we must consolidate and develop revolutionary great alliance and revolutionary “three-in-one” combination in the course of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation; we must strive hard to do a good job of struggle-criticism-transformation in each unit, pool their wisdom and strength, really link mass criticism and repudiation with the campaign of struggle-criticism-transformation in each unit, and deal still heavier blows to the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road so that the poisonous influence of the counter-revolutionary revisionist line of China’s Khrushchov in all fields can be thoroughly eliminated.

Only by forming this kind of revolutionary great alliance will it be possible to uphold still better the principle of the primacy of the proletarian Party spirit, correctly implement Chairman Mao’s cadre policy, increase the number of cadres to be educated, unite the majority and bring into being, consolidate and develop the revolutionary “three-in-one” combination.

Only by achieving this kind of revolutionary great alliance will it be possible to enhance among the masses the proletarian sense of organization and discipline, so that all our activities are co-ordinated and put under unified command and the tasks of revolution, production, teaching, study and work in every unit are fulfilled still better.

Only by having this kind of revolutionary great alliance will it be possible to remove the few bad elements who have wormed their way into the revolutionary mass organizations and consolidate and strengthen the new proletarian revolutionary order.

The process of creating the revolutionary great alliance is at the same time the process of destroying self-interest and fostering complete devotion to the public interest, the process of struggle between the two different ideologies and two different world outlooks.

All this requires that we take Mao Tse-tung’s thought and the fundamental interests of the proletariat as the principle in all our activities, and combat self-interest and eliminate petty-bourgeois factionalism.

The working class, politically the most far-sighted class, is in the foremost ranks in forming revolutionary great alliance. All revolutionary intellectuals, revolutionary Red Guards and revolutionary cadres should learn from it.

Building revolutionary great alliance on the basis of fields of work, trades and professions, or school classes and on the principled basis of Mao Tse-tung’s thought is demanded by the revolutionary struggle and generates a great and vital force.

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