

CRITICISM OF ANARCHY IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS

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The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in the middle schools has already entered the crucial period of the struggle between the two classes, the two paths, and the two lines. At this critical point, anarchy is seriously obstructing the developing of this movement. We revolutionary rebels certainly cannot sit idly by and watch this; we must take positive action and specifically oppose this anarchy.

Opportunism is anarchism;

Slavery is anarchism;

Reconciliation and compromise are anarchism;

Lack of organization and lack of discipline are anarchism.

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In short, the harm in anarchism lies in not wanting to have class struggle, in not wanting the dictatorship of the proletariat, in not wanting proletarian politics, in not wanting the great thought of Mao Tse-tung.

At the present time there has arisen in the middle schools the black wind of specific opposition to the "43 group", of opposition to the thought of "April 3rd." They take the criminal labels of "opposition to the PLA," of "opposition to military training," of "opposition to the Red Guard Congress" and pin them on the heads of the little generals of April 3rd. They force them into the channel of the adverse current, make them into anarchists. Do they mean to say that providing the PLA and military training with sharp, well-meaning criticism is anarchy? Do they mean to say that rebelling against the "three gatherings" and "three mergings" is anarchy? Do they mean to say that rebelling against the Red Guard Congress when it is not in accord with the thought of Mao Tse-tung is anarchy? Do they mean to say that criticizing the joint-action (lien-tung -- 5114/0520) thought and suppressing a handful of persons in this group is anarchy? No it is not, it definitely is not!

In that case, what is anarchism?

In the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in the middle schools the top party officials following the capitalist path and their henchmen have formulated a reactionary bourgeois line. They exert themselves in spreading the superficially "left", but actually rightist reactionary black goods of "doubting everything, rejecting everything, destroying everything." They label the revolutionary cadres and masses as a "black gang," "the talons of the black gang," as "counter-revolutionaries," as "rightists", and the like. They cruelly suppress the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. Similarly, the joint-action group, which is the loyal henchman and servile tool of the reactionary bourgeois line of Liu and Teng, has accepted the charge from Liu and Teng. They have attacked and destroyed the public security bureaux of the organs of the dictatorship of the proletariat; they have in particular opposed the Cultural Revolution of the Central Committee. They have pointed the spearhead directly against our red sun, Chairman Mao. They have smashed resolute revolutionary leftist organizations such as the third headquarters; they have beaten the revolutionary masses, and have even killed revolutionary rebels, seriously undermining the dictatorship of the proletariat and the democracy of the proletariat. These are the greatest anarchists.

The revolutionary rebels of the middle schools and the reactionary anarchists, who disregard proletarian authority and the thought of Mao Tse-tung, are engaged in a vigorous struggle. However, those persons who shout that "the April 3rd group consists of reactionary anarchists" do not detest the top party officials following the capitalist path, do not criticize the "cultivation" of the black Mr. Liu, do not make a resolute struggle against the counter-revolutionary joint-action organization. They do not rebel against the greatest anarchists; they rather apply and level charges against the "April 3rd group." They attack the small points and ignore the rest. In large meetings they attack; in small meetings they revile. They demonstrate and paste up slogans and are even not loathe to sacrifice revolutionary principles and ideas. They pull together conservatives organizations and publicly reject directives of the heads of the Central Committee. They equate their own slogans and those of the enemy. In actuality, it is just as the Jen-min Jih-pao (People's Daily) said: "At certain times people who are seriously infected with anarchist thought may rise up and criticize anarchism. However, they only criticize the anarchism of others, not their own. Today they criticize the anarchism of others while tomorrow they will engage in their own anarchy." In their minds the authority of the Cultural Revolution of the Central Committee and of the revolutionary line of Chairman Mao does not exist. It is precisely these anarchists who take their own small groups to be the government; they set themselves up as authorities. Taking the individual as the foundation, they impose the liberation of the individual and the small group on the head of the liberation of all of mankind. Their slogan is "everything for the individual." They completely violate the Marxist teaching of "everything for the masses." Although they savagely attack the bourgeoisie, they still stand on the side of the bourgeoisie.

It is not easy to stand truth on its head; who can confuse right and wrong? The label of anarchism cannot be put on the little revolutionary generals of the "April 3rd." Woe betide those persons who grasp this slogan of "great and particular opposition to anarchism", extract its class content, insert their own special significance, and use this to attack the little revolutionary generals. We warn those confused persons: you are aiming in the wrong direction; you are off base. Comrades who want to be revolutionary, wake up! Point the weapons in the other direction, turn your spears about. Assault Liu and Teng, assault the joint-action group and destroy true anarchism, including your own anarchism!

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