

Warmly Supporting New Revolutionary Cadres

"Renmin Ribao" on November 16 reprinted the Shanghai "Wenhui Bao" editorial of November 10 with an editor's note.

The editor's note points out: "The 'Wenhui Bao' editorial, 'Warmly Supporting New Revolutionary Cadres' raises an important question in the great proletarian cultural revolution. We hope it will draw the attention of all comrades.

"In his latest instruction Chairman Mao teaches us: 'The question of relations between superiors and subordinates should be properly solved, and the relations between cadres and the masses should be built up well. From now on, cadres should go to the grass-roots level and make investigations; they should persist in the mass line, consult the masses on matters that have come up, and be their pupils. In a certain sense, the fighters with rich practical experience are the wisest and the most talented.'

"We hope that in the excellent situation of today, the masses of new and veteran revolutionary cadres will resolutely implement this extremely important instruction of Chairman Mao's. Holding still higher the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, they should make serious efforts to carry out the mass line and, by taking 'fight self-interest and repudiate revisionism' as the key link, hold firm to the general orientation of the struggle, and strive to fulfil the historic tasks of the great proletarian cultural revolution."

Excerpts from the editorial follow. — P.R. Editor.

THE rapid current of the great proletarian cultural revolution has brought a large number of revolutionary "nobodies" into the leadership of the revolution and leading bodies of the revolutionary "three-in-one" combinations. This is a great victory for Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and one of the fruits of the great cultural revolution.

Well-planned training of large numbers of new revolutionary cadres and constant infusion of new blood

into revolutionary leading bodies is the strategic idea of Chairman Mao on training and bringing up tens of millions of successors to the revolutionary cause of the proletariat.

Chairman Mao teaches us: **"If our Party does not have a great many new cadres working in unity and cooperation with the old cadres, our cause will come to a stop."** The revolutionary "three-in-one" combinations forged in the great proletarian cultural revolution, therefore, call not only for combinations composed of the revolutionary masses, the People's Liberation Army and the revolutionary cadres, but also for combinations of the old, the middle-aged and the young. If these are well done, our revolutionary leading bodies will be constantly reinforced by new-born revolutionary forces and will always be militant and vital.

We must enthusiastically support and help the new revolutionary cadres. They are a new-born revolutionary shock brigade. As they lack experience in struggle, they may, for a time and in certain respects, fall short of the demands of the present struggle. Nevertheless, they will quickly improve their ability and overcome their weaknesses in the course of the struggle.

If we do not distinguish the main aspects from the minor ones but take a sceptical attitude towards the new-born forces, find fault with them and jeer at the feebleness of young shoots, we are quite likely to make mistakes in the matter of orientation. As Lenin pointed out: **"These are, essentially, methods of bourgeois class struggle against the proletariat, a defence of capitalism against socialism."** We need to be particularly on guard against this.

In the provisional organs of power based on revolutionary "three-in-one" combinations, the veteran revolutionary cadres must treat the new revolutionary cadres correctly.

Veteran cadres should, out of a profound proletarian feeling and a revolutionary sense of responsibility, apply correct revolutionary principles in educating new cadres enthusiastically. They should use their own

experience gained in struggle, particularly the lessons drawn from the mistakes they have made, to educate the new cadres and make strict demands on them politically and help them mature politically more quickly. In this way, the new and veteran cadres will be able to hold power together and exercise it well.

At present, the sugar-coated bullet is often used by the bourgeoisie as an important means to corrupt new cadres. Revolutionary comrades must be vigilant against this.

To handle relations between new and veteran revolutionary cadres correctly, it is necessary to encourage the revolutionary spirit of learning from each other and overcoming one's own weaknesses by acquiring the strong points of others. New and veteran revolutionary cadres must have faith in and co-operate with each other. In the current struggle, they must unite still further and fight shoulder to shoulder.

To support and help the new revolutionary cadres is a matter of great importance in consolidating the revolutionary "three-in-one" combinations. All our veteran revolutionary cadres and the revolutionary masses should, together with the new revolutionary cadres, shoulder the two-fold task of revolution and production and smash the class enemy's criminal scheme to sow dissension between new and veteran revolutionary cadres, so as to consolidate the revolutionary political power of the proletariat.

Under no circumstances should the handful of traitors, special agents, diehard Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road and demons and monsters in society (the landlords, rich peasants, counter-revolutionaries, bad elements and the Rightists who have not remoulded themselves sufficiently) be allowed to worm their way into the ranks of revolutionary cadres.