

LET US STEP UP THE THREE-REVOLUTION RED FLAG MOVEMENT

Letter to Those Attending the National
Meeting of the Vanguard of the Three-
Revolution Red Flag Movement
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Ten years have passed since we launched the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement.

In 1975 our Party called on the people working in all the fields of the revolution and construction to launch this movement in order to ensure the success of the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions which had been proposed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. In the ten years since the workers at the Komdok Mine and the members of the cooperative farm at Chongsan-ri raised the first torch of the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement in hearty response to the Party's call, the movement has spread rapidly across the country, drawing in all sectors and all units?factories and other enterprises, cooperative farms and scientific, cultural, educational and public health organizations.

In the course of conducting the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement many units have won the Three-Revolution Red Flag, the ranks of flag-winners have increased, a system for guiding this movement has been established and a wealth of experience has been gained.

In the crucible of the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement people's mode of thinking and manner of working have changed, the revolutionary enthusiasm of the masses has become greater and the revolution and construction have made steady headway.

Through this movement the ideological revolution has been stepped up. As a result, the Party's monolithic ideological system has become more firmly established in society, the loyalty of Party members and the working people to the Party and the leader has become more intense, and the political and ideological unity and cohesion of the whole Party and whole society have been strengthened. Also, the revolutionary transformation of Party members and the working people and their assimilation into the working class have been promoted. In consequence, the remnants of outdated ideas have been eliminated in the main and the revolutionary tone of life has been intensified throughout society. This is a very valuable achievement and an important factor in propelling the revolution and construction forward with greater momentum.

The technical revolution has been accelerated through the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement so that the levels of mechanization and automation in production processes at factories and enterprises have been raised, and the material and technical foundations of the rural economy have been strengthened. Thus heavy labour has been eased to a great extent and major achievements have been made in production and construction.

The movement has given strong impetus to the cultural revolution, with the result that the cultural and technical levels of the working people have risen, progress has been made in making all the members of society intellectual and success has been achieved in making living and working conditions hygienic.

The brilliant victories and proud successes achieved in the revolution and construction over the past ten years clearly prove the correctness and vitality of our Party's policy on conducting the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement.

On behalf of the Party Central Committee, I extend warm thanks to those attending this meeting, as well as to the standard-bearers of the three revolutions and the three revolution team members throughout the country who have displayed unflinching

loyalty to the Party and the leader, worked hard to conduct the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement and contributed greatly to promoting the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions and to accelerating the process of modelling the whole society on the Juche idea.

This national meeting of the vanguard of the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement will be of great significance in further intensifying and developing this movement to suit the new requirements of the developing revolution and in promoting the cause of modelling the whole society on the Juche idea.

Availing myself of the opportunity presented by this national meeting, I would like to speak about some aspects of stepping up the movement.

The Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement is a mass movement to accelerate the building of socialism and communism by conducting the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions vigorously in keeping with the requirements for modelling the whole society on the Juche idea. In other words, the movement is a mass movement for the ideological transformation of all members of society into ardent communist revolutionaries, a mass technical innovation movement to equip the national economy with modern technology and a mass cultural re-education movement to raise the cultural and technical levels of all Party members and working people and provide them with comfortable living conditions.

The Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement is a high-level mass movement which has set a higher fighting goal for itself than any other mass movement and aims to reach it by organizing and mobilizing the entire Party and all the people.

The fighting goal of the movement is the modelling of the whole society on the Juche idea, the ultimate aim of our Party's programme.

The movement provides a powerful driving force for bringing about a fresh improvement in the ideological and moral qualities of our people and in all the fields of economic construction and cultural development. The movement is based on the principle of the Juche idea that the popular masses are the masters of the revolution and construction and that they are the motive force of the revolution and construction, as well as on the revolutionary mass line of our Party. It reflects the unanimous aspirations and desires of our people to speed up the modelling of the whole society on the Juche idea, combines the ideological transformation of people organically with a collective innovation drive in economic construction and cultural development and fully embodies the principles of the speed campaign and the ideological campaign; thus it gives great momentum to the revolutionary struggle and construction work.

Intensifying the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement is the requirement of our developing revolution for hastening the complete victory of socialism. Our revolution, through its advance under the leadership of the Party, has reached a high level in its efforts to achieve the complete victory of socialism. To build a completely triumphant socialist society is a revolutionary task to be carried out after a socialist system is established. In order to achieve the complete victory of socialism we must transform all members of society along revolutionary lines and assimilate them into the working class and also lay the material and technical foundations and develop the socialist culture that a completely triumphant socialist society will require. This historic task can only be carried out successfully when the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions are stepped up through the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement.

Stepping up this movement is also an essential requirement for achieving the ten long-term objectives of socialist economic construction in the 1980s. We must give priority to the mining industry and transport over all other sectors, but also rapidly develop the metal industry, machine-building industry, power industry, chemical industry, light industry and other industrial sectors, speed up the industrialization of agriculture and raise the standard of living of the people much higher. To carry out these enormous tasks we must bring about a fresh revolutionary upsurge in all fields and units of socialist construction by intensifying the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement.

Conducting this movement vigorously is a pressing requirement for hastening the reunification of the country, the greatest desire of our nation. Even though forty years have passed since the country was divided into north and south through the

occupation of south Korea by the US imperialists, we have still not reunified the country. Unless our divided country is reunified, it will be impossible for our people to maintain their national dignity and exercise their full sovereignty and to save the south Korean people from their plight. In order to drive the US imperialists out of south Korea and reunify the country we must strengthen the internal force of the revolution, the revolutionary forces in the northern half of the country in particular. The most effective method of strengthening the revolutionary forces in the northern half of the country is to conduct the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement with vigour. It is only when we conduct the movement vigorously that we can prepare strong political forces by rallying all the members of society closely around the Party and the leader and increase the economic and military strength of the country. Stepping up the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement is also important in view of its present state. A mass movement must be continuously developed in depth as the revolution progresses and in accordance with the preparedness, aspirations and requirements of the working people and the maturity of the material and technical conditions of society. However, the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement falls short of the Party's requirements and is lagging behind the developing situation. The movement is not being conducted actively in all fields and units of society and it is not being guided effectively, either. We must, therefore, develop it further in depth to meet the requirements of the developing situation.

The main task facing the movement is to accelerate the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions in keeping with the requirements for modelling the whole society on the Juche idea. Our Party is conducting this movement in order to speed up the modelling of the whole society on the Juche idea. In order to model the whole society on the Juche idea we must train all the members of society into true communists and transform all the areas of social life to meet the requirements of the Juche idea. All the members of society can be trained successfully into genuine communists and all aspects of social life transformed to meet the requirements of the Juche idea only when this movement is conducted vigorously by giving priority to the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions in its work.

Party organizations must make it their main task in conducting this movement to promote the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions in accordance with the requirements for modelling the whole society on the Juche idea, and must make great efforts to implement this task.

The ideological revolution must be promoted vigorously in order to transform all the members of society into genuine communists.

Training all the members of society into genuine communists is the basic requirement for modelling the whole society on the Juche idea as well as the decisive guarantee for solving all the problems arising in the revolution and construction.

Party organizations must instil our revolutionary traditions into the minds of Party members and the working people and give them effective revolutionary and communist education with the emphasis on education in the spirit of loyalty to the Party and the leader, and so ensure that they acquire a revolutionary outlook on the leader and defend and carry out the Party's lines and policies without question however trying or complex the circumstances, strictly adhere to the position and principles of the working class and display the spirit of collectivism and socialist patriotism to the full.

The technical revolution should be stepped up so as to make the national economy Juche-orientated, modern and scientific.

Doing this is the basic guarantee for laying the material and technical foundations of socialism and communism. Only when the national economy is Juche-orientated, modern and scientific can we develop the forces of production quickly, provide the working people with social equality and an independent and creative life and model the whole society on the Juche idea. Party organizations must ensure that all sectors of the national economy obtain sufficient raw materials, fuel and power by relying on our rich domestic resources, accelerate the introduction of automation and remote control in production processes and put agriculture on an industrial basis. At the same time, the technical processes and methods of production and management activities must be placed on a new, scientific basis.

We must press ahead with the cultural revolution in order to eliminate every manner of cultural backwardness remaining from the old society and create a socialist and communist culture.

Eliminating the cultural backwardness handed down from the old society and creating a socialist and communist culture is an essential requirement for building socialism and communism. Party organizations must implement the tasks set out in the 'Theses on Socialist Education' and the Party's policy of making the whole society intellectual so as to ensure that all the working people acquire the standard of culture and knowledge of a university graduate and at least one kind of specialized skill. Cultural work should be conducted widely among the masses so as to raise their cultural standards, too. In addition, hygienic working and living conditions should be developed and the people should be encouraged to improve their home towns and villages.

In order to conduct the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement vigorously a proper social climate should be created in all fields and units so as to increase the intensity of this movement.

This is an important requirement in view of the characteristics of this movement.

Originally, a mass movement is a powerful method of carrying out the revolutionary tasks assigned by organizing and mobilizing the broad masses to make collective innovations. The success and vitality of a mass movement depend upon how consciously and actively the masses take part in it. In order for a mass movement fully to display its vitality as a motive force which pushes the revolution and construction forward, a social climate should be created for the broad masses to take an active part in it. In particular, since the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement is a mass movement to attain high goals and carry out ambitious tasks, society should work more actively in this movement than in any other mass drive. Creating a social climate for spurring on this movement is also important in view of the experience of previous mass movements. The social climate was intense when the general ideological mobilization movement for nation building and the Chollima movement were under way in our country. In those days streets and villages, factories and farms resounded with songs of creation and construction, and flags of five colours fluttered everywhere. On their way to and from work the working people used to march cheerfully in files, beating drums and gongs and, during breaks, they would all dance gaily. The whole country was bubbling over with high spirits and the people, in excitement and with pulsating strength, joined in the dynamic struggle. Because the revolutionary enthusiasm of the masses was running so high, we were able to carry out the tasks of the democratic and socialist revolutions successfully in a short time, even though the situation was difficult and complex, and promote the revolution and construction vigorously. Party organizations must base them-selves on the characteristics of the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement and the experience gained in other mass campaigns and create a social climate that will add great momentum to the movement.

To this end, it is important to conduct efficient political work and ensure that the broad masses take part in this movement willingly and enthusiastically. Party organizations must ensure that the broad masses have a clear understanding of the importance and significance of this movement and must give wide publicity to model units and the standard-bearers of the three revolutions through the mass media, such as newspapers and broadcasts, and in various forms and by a variety of methods, such as public lectures and agitation.

Another important matter in creating this social climate is to deal properly with the work of bringing to public notice units which have won the Three-Revolution Red Flag and the standard-bearers of the three revolutions. This will stimulate social interest in this movement. When organizing various functions, Party organizations must see to it that these units stand in the front ranks with their flags and that the senior Party and administrative officials of these units and model standard-bearers of the three revolutions sit on the platform.

These standard-bearers should also be given priority for visits to revolutionary battle sites and revolutionary sites or to Pyongyang or to factories and enterprises when such visits are organized.

Encouraging the public to follow the examples set in the Three-Revolution Red

Flag Movement is also an important factor in creating a proper social climate for this movement.

Party organizations must widely organize meetings for swap-ping experience and demonstration lectures to generalize the successes and experience gained in the movement, and so ensure that the units which have not won the flag follow the examples of the flag winners and that the winners continue to advance at the forefront of this movement.

In order to give strong impetus to the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement, it is necessary to set realistic targets and to conduct a proper review and assessment of how efforts to reach the targets are progressing.

Setting the detailed and realistic targets for this movement is an important requirement for pushing ahead with this movement successfully. Detailed and realistic targets can indicate the definite purpose and direction of the movement. If such targets are to be set, stages must be defined correctly on the basis of accurate calculations of immediate and long-term tasks. The targets must not be set too high out of subjective desires or too low. The targets of the movement must be set clearly through collective discussions to suit the specific situation at the unit concerned and the maturity of the working people, specifying the problems to be solved and the time limits by which these problems must be solved. When a target has been set by a unit which has resolved to join the movement all the members of the unit must draw up their own individual detailed targets according to the unit's target by stating specific tasks and the time limits for carrying out these tasks.

Targets of the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement should be continually renewed and extended, instead of being left without any amendment. Only then can the movement be conducted to conform with the intentions of the Party and the requirements of the developing situation. Party organizations must ensure that if any of those units which have resolved to win the flag finds it necessary to extend its target, it does so at an appropriate time and renews its target continually on the basis of any new lines and policies put forward by the Party.

When they have set their targets, the units which are resolved to win the flag must work hard to attain them. In order to conduct the movement vigorously it is important to set proper targets, but it is even more important to achieve them. An ambitious target is meaningless if it is not attained.

A target is not set for its own sake, but in order to be attained.

Therefore, when a target has been set, all-out efforts should be made and every possible means used to meet it.

In order to achieve the targets of the movement, a strong ideological campaign should be conducted. Only when we conduct an uncompromising ideological campaign by the methods of lightning operations, a concentrated offensive and finish-one-by-one tactics can we eliminate defeatism, self-protectionism, empiricism, self-centredness and all other outmoded ideas from the minds of people, firmly equip the people with the revolutionary ideology of our Party and mobilize them effectively in the struggle to attain the targets of the movement. Party organizations must intensify education so that all Party members and working people at those units which are determined to win the flag make strenuous efforts to attain the targets one by one. At the same time, an ideological struggle should be conducted against any evidence of lethargy, any lack of creativity and any act of expediency or formalism.

A strong speed campaign should be launched in order to attain the targets of the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement. An effective speed campaign will make it possible to attain the targets of the movement quickly at the highest level. Party organizations must mobilize all their forces, use every means and intensify their organizational guidance to ensure that the requirements of the speed campaign are met in full for the attainment of the targets of the movement.

It is of great significance in developing the movement in depth to review and assess

properly the results of the efforts to attain targets. Only when these results are reviewed and assessed correctly will Party members and the working people take a keen interest in this movement and work hard to meet the targets.

The results of the efforts to attain the targets of the movement must be reviewed regularly and in detail. When reviewing them, the successes achieved and the shortcomings revealed should be analysed in detail and measures taken to promote the movement.

The assessment of those units which have carried out their resolve to attain the targets of the movement must be conducted carefully. The assessment of these units is important political work for judging the loyalty of Party members and the working people to the Party and the leader. Party organizations and the officials that assess the units must handle this work in a responsible manner and strictly according to Party principles to avoid the slightest deviation appearing in this work. Those units which are awarded the flag and the standard-bearers of the three revolutions must be assessed properly.

The essence of their assessment is political assessment. They should be awarded commendations, and those who have been tested in the course of the movement be admitted to the Party. They should also be given proper material incentives.

In order to conduct the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement with vigour, we must conduct it in close combination with other mass movements.

All mass campaigns such as the campaign to create 'the speed of the 80s', the campaign to follow the example of the unassuming heroes, the socialist emulation movement and the model machine movement are different from one another in their content and form, their membership and their scope, but they have a common fundamental objective. All these movements are aimed at speeding up the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions?the strategic line of our Party?by transforming the people's ideology and bringing about collective innovations in developing the economy and culture.

Therefore it is only when the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement is conducted in close combination with all the other mass campaigns that it is possible to carry out the three revolutions more efficiently and display the validity of the movement to the full.

What is important in conducting the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement in close combination with other mass campaigns is to establish the targets of all the mass campaigns in such a way that they contribute to promoting the three revolutions. Only then can all the mass movements be developed in close combination towards one and the same aim. Party organizations must closely examine the targets set by the working people's organizations for the mass campaigns and see to it that they add momentum to the three revolutions. They must see that the results of the efforts to attain the targets of all the mass movements are examined and assessed by the working people's organizations with the emphasis on how much they have contributed to the three revolutions.

In order to conduct the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement with vigour we must enhance the role of the working people's organizations, the three-revolution team members and the officials of administrative and economic organs.

Since it is a mass campaign which involves broad sections of the population and embraces all areas and units, the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement can be successful only when Party organizations, working people's organizations, three-revolution team members and the officials of administrative and economic organs are roused to action.

First of all, the role of the working people's organizations in the movement should be enhanced. Working people's organizations are mass political organizations which guide the organizational and ideological life of the masses from all walks of life and which link the masses to our Party. The Party gives leadership to all sections of the masses through the working people's organizations. Party organizations must not try to deal with the movement on their own, dismissing the working people's organizations from the work on the excuse that they themselves are guiding the movement directly. In order to promote the movement forcefully we must give prominence to the working people's organizations and enhance their role.

Party organizations should give working people's organizations assignments for conducting the movement substantially in various forms and by different methods that suit their individual characteristics. They must also ensure that the working people's organizations conduct ideological education and mass political work properly to rouse the enthusiasm of their members for the movement.

It is also important in the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement to enhance the role of the three-revolution team members. They are the vanguard of the three revolutions and the hardcore of our Party. The development of the movement at a unit depends largely on the role played by the three-revolution team members working there.

Party organizations must see to it that the three-revolution team members show deep interest in the movement and give responsible assistance to the units that are trying to win the flag. They must see that the three-revolution team members set practical examples in conducting the three revolutions and discharge their assigned duties in a responsible manner displaying a high degree of revolutionary spirit. Administrative and economic officials should be induced to enhance their sense of responsibility and their role in the movement. This is very important because the movement is conducted with an organ, an enterprise, a cooperative farm, a workshop or a workteam as the unit and is aimed at bringing about collective innovations in production and construction.

Only when the sense of responsibility and role of administrative and economic officials are enhanced can they carry out their administrative routine and technical and economic tasks related to the movement properly and promote this movement. Party organizations must make sure that administrative and economic officials fully understand the importance of their tasks in the movement and participate in it with the attitude of masters.

Administrative and economic officials in particular must be induced to perform their duties of supplying materials, giving technical guidance, organizing production and labour and providing the working people with supplies for their daily lives in a responsible manner, in keeping with the requirements of the Taaen work system.

Making the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement a Party undertaking is the decisive guarantee for promoting this movement successfully because only thus can the movement develop onto a high level as the Party intends.

What is important in making the movement a Party undertaking and stepping it up is to make the movement the concern of the Party committee. The Party committee is the highest leadership body which organizes and executes the work of implementing the Party's lines and policies at the relevant unit. If the movement is left to the care of individual departments or to a few officials, instead of being conducted by the Party committee, it will not proceed successfully.

Party committees at all levels must plan and organize the work which is related to the movement and vigorously conduct the movement by mobilizing every department. They must include the tasks of the movement in their monthly, quarterly and yearly plans as important items, give detailed assignments, supervise the implementation of these assignments regularly and review the plan at appropriate intervals.

In addition, they must define proper functions for each of their departments so that the movement is stepped up and the departments work in a coordinated and cooperative manner.

Enhancing the role of senior officials of Party committees at all levels is also important in developing the movement and making it a Party undertaking. These officials are in direct command of the movement. Only when they take the movement under their control and guide it in a responsible manner can it be developed effectively and made Party work.

The senior officials of all Party committees must, by displaying a high sense of duty as the commanders of this movement, conduct it vigorously by enlisting the efforts of the departments and officials of Party committees in the movement. When they guide their subordinate units or Party meetings, they must learn how the movement is progressing, correct any mistakes and take measures for developing this movement as rapidly as possible.

Enhancing the role of the three-revolution-team department of Party committees at all levels is important in stepping up the movement and making it Party work. The three-revolution-team department is a major department which assumes direct responsibility for guiding the movement. Only when the role of this department is enhanced can the movement develop as rapidly as possible under a unified plan drawn up by the Party committee concerned.

The three-revolution-team departments of all Party committees must evolve a correct methodology and conduct the movement efficiently under the guidance of Party committees. In particular they must supervise the work of those units which are taking part in the movement and deal properly with the work of commending the units which have met their targets, of assessing the units which have reached the standard required for winning the flag and of awarding the red flag.

They must also discover any deviations revealed in the movement before it is too late and take appropriate and responsible measures to correct them. In addition, they must give proper guidance to those units which have won the flag.

The Party is expecting a great deal from the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement. I hold the firm belief that you will conduct the movement more vigorously in step with the developing revolution and thus make a fresh advance in carrying out the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions.

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