Talk to the Senior Officials of the Organizational Leadership Department and the Propaganda Department of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea August 23, 1988

Revolutionaries must firmly establish a revolutionary outlook on the leader.

To acquire a revolutionary outlook on the leader means to devote oneself to the leader, with a correct understanding that the leader is the centre of the socio-political organism, and hold him in high esteem with a pure heart. Only when the officials have a revolution?ary view on the leader, can they enhance their precious political integrity and lead worthwhile lives as true revolutionaries. The leader is the centre of the socio-political organism and the top-intel?lect. The masses can make up a socio-political organism capable of independent existence only when they are united solidly behind the leader, both organizationally and ideologically. From this comradely unity every revolutionary can derive lasting socio-political integrity and fight staunchly on the road of the revolution.

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revolution, officials must also have an unshakable revolutionary view on the leader. The leader rouses the masses to the revolutionary struggle and construction by creating the guiding ideology of revolu?tion and uniting the masses and leads their struggle in transforming nature and society to victory by setting forth correct strategies and tactics. The practical experience of the international communist movement and our revolution has eloquently proven that the leader plays a decisive role in the revolutionary struggle. Since the leader, the party and the masses constitute a single socio-political organism, the role of the leader in the revolutionary struggle is unified with the role of the party and the masses. Only when the revolutionaries establish an unshakable revolutionary attitude towards the leader can they have the proper attitude towards the organization and the mass?es. Unless you are loyal to the leader, you cannot be loyal to the party, to the people or to the revolution. This is the very reason why a revolutionary attitude towards the leader is the nucleus of the Juche outlook on the revolution and why loyalty towards the leader is the lifeblood of the communist revolutionaries of the Juche type.

Having a revolutionary view on the leader is all the more impor?tant for Party officials. Party officials organize the implementation of Party policy and educate the masses directly. How the Party poli?cy is implemented and how the masses are united around the Party and the leader depend largely on the role of Party officials. Today when the

US and other imperialists are viciously manoeuvring to undermine the socialist countries from within and the situation is complicated, Party officials must establish a revolutionary attitude towards the leader more firmly than anyone else.

Some officials are not yet sincere in their respect and support for the leader because they have not acquired a correct revolutionary view on the leader. Recently an official in a certain province behaved in contravention of the revolutionary attitude towards the leader. Through his behaviour I can see that the main reason for the province s failure to carry out the leader s instructions properly was that the provincial senior officials had not acquired a revolutionary attitude towards the leader.

This shortcoming is due mainly to the fact that the senior officials of the Organizational Leadership Department and the Propaganda Department did not work properly with the officials in the subordi?nate echelons. The senior officials of these departments frequently said that the provincial officials were establishing a revolutionary attitude towards the leader, but they did not stick to the main line of inducing their subordinates to support the leadership of the Party and the leader with unfailing loyalty. You must learn a serious lesson from this and strive to firmly establish a revolutionary attitude towards the leader among the officials, the senior officials of the Party in particular.

The most important thing in establishing a revolutionary attitude towards the leader is to hold the leader in high esteem, sincerely and with pure conscience.

Since a revolutionary grows up and fights under the care of the leader, he must show sincere and hearty respect for the leader and be loyal to him, with a genuine sense of moral obligation.

The leader stands in the centre of unity and leadership, represents the desires and interests of the masses and embodies noble moral virtues. It is a supreme expression of communist morality for revolu?tionaries to be loyal to the leader. For revolutionaries, the leader is the benefactor and teacher who accords political integrity and brings them up to be revolutionaries, as well as the father who provides them with worthwhile lives and happiness. That is why revolutiona?ries consider it their noblest moral obligation to respect the leader to the higher degree and regard him as dearer to them than their own parents. The revolutionary outlook on the leader can be genuine and durable only when it is based on the revolutionary outlook on moral?ity.

True revolutionaries in Korea, who fought under the guidance of the great leader, were model communists who firmly established the revolutionary outlook on the leader. They sincerely held him in high esteem based on a noble sense of obligation and conscience, not on any sense of duty. Cha Kwang Su, Kim Hyok and other early com?munists were older than the leader, but they respected him as the sun of our nation and as a young general and remained loyal to him to the last moments of their lives.

To revere and follow the leader of the revolution sincerely and with

clear conscience is a precious tradition created during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and an unshakable will of all the Korean revolutionaries.

The overwhelming majority of officials now respect and follow the leader with a correct outlook on the leader. Officials with a prop?er revolutionary attitude towards the leader promptly and unfailingly carry out the orders and directives given by the leader and know how to sincerely respect the leader of their own accord.

We must step up the work of establishing the revolutionary out?look on the leader, keeping in mind that it is the lifeblood and noblest trait of revolutionaries to firmly believe in the leader as the mainstay of their hearts and sincerely respect and follow him.

We must intensify education in loyalty among officials. Only then can they clearly understand the leader sposition and role in relation to the motive force of the revolution and his noble virtues and the sagacity of his leadership and cherish loyalty to the Party and the leader as their revolutionary faith and moral obligation. We must deepen education in loyalty among officials so that all sincere?ly respect and follow the leader and share their lot with him. We must pay deep attention to ensuring that the officials acquire the proper outlook on the leader by giving them a theoretical under?standing of the position and role of the leader in the revolutionary struggle and construction work.

The senior officials of the Organizational Leadership Department and the Propaganda Department of the Party Central Committee play a very important role in establishing a revolutionary attitude towards the leader. The senior official of a department of the Party Central Committee is responsible for the direction of his department; he is a leading member of the supreme staff of the revolution. Therefore, the senior officials must frequently meet and educate not only the members of their departments, but also provincial Party officials and officials of the organs they deal with, and help them to acquire the proper revolutionary attitude towards the leader. When they guide the meetings of provincial Party organizations and the organs they deal with and work with their subordinates, they must not merely emphasize in general terms the need for establishing a revolutionary attitude towards the leader, but teach them effectively so that they will be boundlessly faithful to the monolithic leadership of the Party and the leader, solidly united around the Party and the leader in mind and will. You must not only discuss work with the senior officials of provincial Party committees on the occasion of their visits to the Party Central Committee, but also learn about any shortcomings in their support for the Party and the leader and help them to correct them before it is too late.

Officials of the Organizational Leadership Department and the Propaganda Department of the Party Central Committee must set an example in establishing a revolutionary attitude towards the leader. Just as clear head-waters of a river mean clear waters downstream, only when the officials of the Organizational Leadership Department and Propaganda Department respect the leader highly and support

him with loyalty will their subordinates follow their examples. Each of their words and deeds affects the authority of the Party and the leader. If they are careless in their speech or behaviour, they may have a bad influence on their subordinates. Because it is very impor?tant for the officials of the Organizational Leadership Department and Propaganda Department to speak and behave properly, I take every opportunity to stress the need for them to speak and behave properly when they are on visits to provincial Party organizations and the organs they deal with. The officials of these departments must make unremitting efforts to train themselves to be true workers who have firmly established the revolutionary attitude towards the leader.

People acquire and consolidate their revolutionary view on the leader through the education to equip them with the leader side ideas and the ideological struggle to root out outmoded ideas from their minds. Educational work is important, but it alone is not enough to satisfactorily induce the officials to acquire a revolutionary outlook on the leader. The work of establishing a revolutionary outlook on the leader must be conducted through the combination of ideological education and ideological struggle. We must, on no account, connive at or concede to even the slightest practice that can be an obstacle in establishing a revolutionary outlook on the leader.

The ideological struggle must be conducted by the method of criticism. The purpose of the ideological struggle among the offi?cials is not to remove them from the revolutionary ranks, but to help them to continue to work for the revolution by teaching them to cor?rect their mistakes. Criticism is a powerful instrument for educating people politically and ideologically and tempering them in a revolu?tionary way. Criticism is not aimed at insulting or punishing com?rades by ferreting out their shortcomings, but at effecting new changes in work by helping them to correct their shortcomings. Crit?icism is an expression of trust in and love for our comrades. Revolu?tionaries must be thankful for criticism given them by their com?rades.

I promptly criticize you for your shortcomings revealed in your work without conniving at them because I trust you and love you and want to help you to correct your shortcomings as soon as possi?ble and become true revolutionaries who will share your lot with the Party. We must establish rigid discipline of promptly exposing and combating even the slightest shortcomings revealed by officials. In addition, we must not confine ourselves to criticizing the shortcom?ings of comrades, but acquire a revolutionary habit of sincerely help?ing and leading our comrades to correct their shortcomings.