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THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S COMMENT AND INSTRUCTION CONCERNING PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT'S "REPORT ON PROVIDING SOCIALIST EDUCATION COURSE"

November 1, 1957

Party Committees for Provinces, Municipalities and Autonomous Regions, Leading Party Members' Groups for Central Committee Departments, State Organs and People's Organizations, and the General Political Department:

We endorse the Central Committee Propaganda Department's formula for providing socialist education course in the institutes of higher learning and Party schools. We hope it will be adopted in various localities, and suggest that the Ministry of Higher Education and the Ministry of Education adopt this formula and, in the light of specific circumstances, put forward measures for carrying it out.

The Central Committee
November 1, 1957

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Appendix:

THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT'S REPORT TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON PROVIDING SOCIALIST EDUCATION COURSE

October 21, 1957

The Central Committee:

It is now necessary for both the institutes of higher learning and the secondary Party schools and above to provide socialist education course to remold intellectuals' old thoughts and raise students' socialist awakening. All middle cadres and above within the Party and the principal cadres and intellectuals in the state organs, the army and the enterprises should also organize study at proper time. We consider that, on the basis of relating theory to practice, the students should take Comrade Mao Tse-tung's "On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the People" as the central material of instruction for this course while at the same time reading some necessary Marxist-Leninist classic works, Party documents and other documents. Acting according to such a proposal, we have tentatively drawn up a list of documents for reading (relevant important documents published hereafter should be added to the list).

Method of study: The students should read the documents carefully and hold free and full discussion. Teachers and tutors should, under the leadership of the Party committee, organize their own study first, understand the basic content of the documents and give lectures and offer guidance with close attention paid to students' state of mind. The political course teachers paid no attention to students' state of mind in the past: this deviation must be resolutely corrected. To insure teaching this course well, the Party committees for provinces, municipalities, autonomous regions, institutes of higher learning and state organs must pay attention to training teachers and

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Source: *Ibid.*

tutors and give them necessary help. Every provincial or municipal Party committee should exercise immediate supervision over the teaching of this course in one or two institutes of higher learning and regularly organize studying and exchange of teaching experiences. We are of the opinion that the education departments of the Center, provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions should strengthen this work under the leadership of the Party committees. The Propaganda Department of the Central Committee is also prepared to strengthen the work in these respects.

In our opinion, this course in the institutes of higher learning may be completed in one school year. If the time proved inadequate, the minimum documents for reading may be cut down or the course may be extended to two school years.

The Propaganda Department of
the Central Committee,
October 21, 1957

DIRECTIVE OF THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE STATE COUNCIL ON HEALTH CAMPAIGN

February 12, 1958

An upsurge of the patriotic health campaign centered around the extermination of four pests has already taken shape in the whole country. In various provinces and municipalities, the masses of the people are taking up arms on large scale to wipe out rodents, sparrows, flies and mosquitoes, to improve sanitary conditions and to fight the most pernicious diseases affecting the localities. Plans have been worked out in various localities to achieve the targets laid out in the National Program for Agricultural Development (revised draft) a few years ahead of schedule. Up to the present an incomplete statistical survey indicates that Peking plans to wipe out the "four pests" in two years, Honan in three years, Shanghai in three to five years, Kiangsu in four years, Shantung, Shansi, Chekiang, Fukien, Kwangtung, Yunnan, Kansu, Liaoning and Heilungkiang in five years, and Anhwei in five to eight years. Those localities which plan to wipe out the "four pests" within the course of this year include Nanking, Changchow, Chiukiang and Nantung of Kiangsu province; Tsinan, Yanghsin and Shanhsien of Shantung province; Chengchow, Kaifeng, Loyang, Chiaotso and Tengfeng of Honan province; Lanchow of Kansu province, Tunliu of Shansi province; and Lihsien and Hochien of Hopei province. In the present campaign, the cadres and people are full of vigor and confidence and the campaign gains new progress day by day. The major task of the moment for the Party and the government is to give guidance to the campaign resolutely and actively so that in the coming spring and summer it will spread to every corner of the country where the socialist transformation has been

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