

On the Historical Significance and Realistic Value of Liu Shaoqi's "On the Cultivation of Communists"

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ABSTRACT

Liu Shaoqi is one of the founders of the People's Republic of China and an outstanding Marxist. He devoted his life to the cause of the party and the people, and made outstanding contributions to the victory of China new democratic revolution, the birth of new China, the smooth progress of socialist transformation and the continuous progress of socialist modernization. Liu Shaoqi's "On the Cultivation of Communists" is a classic textbook for Chinese Communists to cultivate and exercise their own party spirit, improve their ideological and moral qualities, and strengthen political immunity.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Liu Shaoqi creatively put forward the ideological theory of the cultivation of Communist Party members for the first time in the history of the Chinese Communist Party and even the international communist movement, which greatly enriched and developed the Marxist theory of party building. In his works, Liu Shaoqi used Marxist standpoints, viewpoints, and methods to critically inherit Marxism-Leninism based on China's national conditions and the actual conditions of the construction of the Communist Party of China, and creatively proposed the ideological theory of the cultivation of Communist Party members. At that time, the first thought played an active guiding role in strengthening the party building of the Chinese Communist Party, gaining the support of the people and finally seizing power. Now, it has important practical guiding significance for us to study Marxism-Leninism and Mao Zedong Thought, strengthen communism belief, strengthen the party's advanced construction, improve the party's ruling ability, consolidate the party's ruling position, and create a socialist harmonious society.

2. THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF LIU SHAOQI'S "ON THE CULTIVATION OF COMMUNISTS"

In July 1939, Liu Shaoqi gave a speech at Yan'an Marx-Lenin Academy. He scientifically discussed a series of issues related to the cultivation of Communist Party members, which became an important classic of our party building thought. During this period, our party was at the stage of the War of Resistance Against Japan and formed an anti-Japanese national united front with the cooperation between the Kuomintang and the Communist Party as the mainstay. The number of people has increased sharply, and the strength of the party organization has continued to grow. However, due to the different backgrounds of party members and the different environments in which they live, their qualities and accomplishments are also different. Although people of different classes have become Communists, they still inevitably carry old styles, old concepts, old habits and other non-proletarian ideas, which hinder the construction and development of the revolutionary cause. At the same time, "a large number of new party members have not yet been educated, and many new organizations have not been consolidated. There are still big differences between them and old party members and old organizations." Most of the new party members still lack revolutionary experience because they have just joined the Chinese Communist Party. They do not understand the specific

situation of the Chinese revolution and the social conditions at that time. In addition, after the Kuomintang-Communist cooperation was established, there were many speculators and people who adhered to the "right" capitulationist line in the party. The existence of these factors has led to the emergence of various erroneous ideas, and has seriously threatened the party's building and development. Against this background, the issue of Communist Party members' self-cultivation needs to be resolved urgently.

3. THE IDEOLOGICAL CONNOTATION OF LIU SHAOQI'S "ON THE CULTIVATION OF COMMUNISTS"

In the complex international and domestic environment, the Communist Party of China, as a newly born young political party, bears a historical responsibility that no other party can understand and accomplish. Standing above the historical height, Liu Shaoqi pointed out the direction for the building and development of our party. "On the Cultivation of Communists" comprehensively discusses the ideological connotation of the cultivation of Communists from the following four aspects.

3.1. Why do Communist Party members need to cultivate themselves?

First, the long-term nature of the social revolutionary struggle, there are party members who shoulder the heavy responsibility of promoting themselves and transforming society. Liu Shaoqi wrote in the book: "Humanity itself, human society, is a process of historical development. When human society develops to a certain historical stage, classes and class struggles arise." "This means that the proletariat should consciously endure the long-term social revolutionary struggle, and transform society and ourselves in this struggle." [1], In the long-term social revolutionary struggle, as a Communist Party member should shoulder the responsibility of reforming society and improving oneself. Responsibility requires hard work and needs to improve one's party spirit to improve one's revolutionary ability and quality.

Second, there is corruption in the party, and the maintenance of the revolutionary quality of party members is threatened. In the long river of social revolutionary struggle, it takes many failures and successes to finally lead to victory in the revolution. However, "some party members cannot afford the encouragement of success and victory, and are dizzy in victory, so they are presumptuous, proud, bureaucratic, so shaken, corrupt, and depraved, that they completely lose their original revolutionary nature. The existence of this phenomenon in the party This should arouse serious vigilance among our party members." [2] This shows that there is a potential risk of corruption and degeneration

within the party, and it poses a direct threat to the maintenance of party members' revolutionary qualities and the purity of the party.

Third, the existence of various wrong ideologies in the party endangers the establishment of the correct ideology of party members. "Our party did not fall from the sky, but came out of Chinese society. Our party members... They are all from all parts of China's old society." This is the reason why the party has various wrong ideas. Just as Mao Zedong said in "On Practice": "In a class society, everyone lives in a certain class status, and all kinds of ideas are all marked with the brand of class." When they joined the big family of the Communist Party of China together In this process, the thoughts, behaviors, ideas, etc. that they carry, whether they are good or bad, will be manifested in the party, which will cause all kinds of wrong ideologies to appear in the party. And these erroneous ideologies will not only affect themselves, but also other party members who have not been "infiltrated", and endanger the correct ideology of other party members.

3.2. How do party members cultivate party spirit

First, treat and study Marxism-Leninism with a correct attitude. Strengthening the party spirit of party members is not only a process of self-cultivation, but also a process of learning. In this process, we must adopt the correct attitude. Then, what is the correct attitude? "It is to be like the founder of Marxism-Leninism, stand on the position of Marxism-Leninism and use Marxist-Leninist views and methods to solve various problems in the revolution led by the proletariat." This requires party members not only to learn. Their theories should be learned to apply them. Learn their ideas to strengthen the ideals and beliefs of communism; learn their qualities to strengthen the qualities of the proletarian revolution; learn their words and deeds to improve the behavior of party members. The cause of communism is a great cause as well as an arduous one, and it cannot be accomplished overnight. "The worldview of our Communists can only be a communist worldview." "What is the most basic responsibility of our Communists? To realize communism." Communism advocates the elimination of private ownership of the means of production and the establishment of a class-free system. A society that is free from exploitation and oppression, and realizes the self-liberation of mankind, will unite in the face of evil forces. In fact, to put it simply, it is a highly developed society in which "everyone can do what they can, and each takes what they need" is a society in which mankind is fully free, democratic, and equal. However, the road to success is always full of thorns, and the realization of a communist society requires every party member to fight for it.

Second, correctly handle the relationship between the party's interests and the personal interests of party

members. In the development and reform of the party, the party's interests will inevitably conflict with the personal interests of party members. At this time, as a party member, you should correctly handle the relationship between the two, that is, party members' personal interests unconditionally obey the party's interests. "The Communist Party is a party of the proletariat. Apart from the interests of proletarian emancipation, the Communist Party has no special interests of its own." Since the party represents the interests of the proletariat and the interests of the people, the interests of individual party members should be Obey the party's interests. However, this does not mean that party members are required to completely give up their personal interests. Party members can have personal interests within the scope of not violating the interests of the party.

3.3. Fundamental methods and approaches to cultivate party spirit

"On the Cultivation of Communist Party Members" elaborated that party members should strengthen their self-cultivation from the following 7 aspects: one is to have the cultivation of Marxist-Leninist theory; the other is to use Marxist-Leninist standpoints, viewpoints and methods to study The third is to cultivate proletarian revolutionary strategies and tactics; the fourth is to cultivate proletarian ideology and moral character; the fifth is to maintain party unity, criticize and self-cultivation. Criticizing and observing discipline; sixth is the cultivation of a working style of arduous struggle; seventh, the cultivation of being good at contacting the masses and the cultivation of scientific knowledge. The cultivation of the party spirit of ideology, the cultivation of the party spirit of beliefs, and the cultivation of the party spirit of the code of conduct all need the correct way to achieve the goal of cultivation. Therefore, participating in the practice of revolution, paying attention to subjective efforts, and performing cultivation and learning in practice is the way for party members to enhance their party spirit. Party members need to exercise and explore in practice to participate in the practice of social revolution, and sum up experience to guide their own behavior and activities. In practice, "Of course, we must continue to participate in revolutionary practice to increase perceptual knowledge and accumulate experience. However, it must be pointed out that perceptual knowledge and practical experience are not enough." And this process is the process of party members' cultivation of party spirit. Participating in practice is not enough to cultivate party spirit. It also requires the guidance of party members' ideological consciousness. This requires our party members not only to devote themselves to practice, but also to strengthen subjective efforts. This requires us to step up our study while participating in revolutionary practice.

3.4. The purpose of party spirit training

In "On the Cultivation of Communist Party Members", Liu Shaoqi clearly put forward the purpose of party spirit training, namely: "The purpose of communist party members' ideological training is to train themselves into a loyal and pure model party member and cadre." It is not a blind cultivation, but a targeted and purposeful cultivation. [3] This requires us to take seriously and study Marxism-Leninism in the course of the practice of the proletarian revolution; strengthen the communist world outlook; and strictly restrain our own thoughts, behaviors, and speeches.

4. THE REALISTIC SIGNIFICANCE AND CONTEMPORARY VALUE OF LIU SHAOQI'S THOUGHTS ON THE CULTIVATION OF PARTY SPIRIT

Although the article "On the Cultivation of Communists" has been more than 80 years ago, Liu Shaoqi's theoretical achievements in party building are not only the product of the times, but also the crystallization of the party's wisdom. It is a concrete analysis of the party's position. It is proposed on the basis of the environment of the times and solving urgent tasks. To this day, it still has important practical significance and guiding value for strengthening the construction of the Communist Party of China.

4.1 Incorporating Chinese excellent traditional culture into the education of party members is the need to improve party members' cultural accomplishment in the new era.

Ideological construction is the primary link in Liu Shaoqi's party building thoughts. In the article "On the Cultivation of Communist Party Members," Liu Shaoqi emphasized the need to scientifically extract beneficial nutrients from Chinese traditional excellent culture, unify noble moral sentiment with firm principles of party spirit, and constantly purify and improve his party spirit and promote the Communist Party. People's awe-inspiring righteousness. Chinese traditional culture has a profound background. Liu Shaoqi's party building thought has absorbed excellent traditional culture, taken its essence, and removed its dross, which greatly enriched the party building thought of our party. In the article "On the Cultivation of Communists", the famous sayings of Confucius, Mencius, and Zeng Zi have been quoted many times as the motto for improving party spirit. He quoted Zeng Zi's words in the article: "I think three times a day and my body" to educate party members that they must self-examine and correct mistakes in order to make progress; "[4] The point of view warned that Communist Party members must put the interests of the people first, commit themselves to realizing the fundamental interests

of the broadest masses of the people, and abandon their own or personal interests when necessary. Liu Shaoqi perfectly integrated Chinese excellent traditional culture, Marxism-Leninism, and Mao Zedong Thought into the theory of party building, so that party members can better understand and accept themselves in self-cultivation, and become an effective historical classic for our party to educate party members.

4.2 Strengthening the cultivation of party members' awareness of resisting corruption and preventing degeneration is the need to consolidate the party's ruling position in the new era.

The lessons of history tell us that after any political party or political group is in power, there will be corruption, which will eventually lead to the destruction of the country and the change of dynasties. Opposing corruption and building a clean politics is a clear political stance that the Communist Party of China has consistently adhered to since the day it was founded. In the era of arduous revolutionary struggles, our party led the broad masses of party members and the masses in a desperate struggle against imperialism and the reactionary classes, overthrew the three great mountains weighing on the people, and established a new China. During the peace building period, the biggest danger for the ruling party is to breed corruption. The phenomenon of corruption within the party abhors the party and the people. The root cause of corruption is that the individual's ideology breeds corrupt ideas and consciousness, which is essentially the lack of party spirit among party members and cadres.

Since the reform and opening up more than 40 years ago, under the new situation of changes in the world, national conditions, and party conditions, we should resolutely oppose corruption. Only by effectively preventing corruption can we ensure the ruling position and maintain the stability and development of the country. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, we have unswervingly promoted comprehensive and strict governance of the party, correctly launched the anti-corruption struggle, and achieved brilliant achievements. My country is now in a critical period of transition, facing complicated international and domestic situations and risks. The problem of internal party corruption has brought severe challenges to party building. Comrade Xi Jinping pointed out: "The construction of the party's style and clean government and the fight against corruption are major tasks in party building. Only a clean and clean government can win the people's trust and public power can win people's hearts." [5] Therefore, we must establish a good image of the party and consolidate the party's ruling position. To maintain social harmony and stability, we must effectively prevent and punish

corruption. The article "On the Cultivation of Communist Party Members" tells us such a profound truth: To build an excellent political party, the most basic thing is to have more excellent party members and strengthen the construction of party style and clean government. In the final analysis, it is aimed at party members. Especially for the leading cadres of the party. Therefore, it is necessary to improve the Marxist-Leninist theoretical level of party members and cadres, strengthen party spirit training, and let the people supervise party members and cadres. The people truly become the masters of the country. Only in this way can all corruption be prevented, the purity of the party can be maintained, and our party can become a political party that always maintains vigor and vitality, and strives to realize the ideals of communism.

4.3 To clarify the purpose of party members serving the people wholeheartedly is the need to maintain the party's political superiority in the new era.

Maintaining flesh-and-blood ties with the masses of the people is our party's greatest political advantage. To clarify the relationship between party members and the masses is to always adhere to the purpose of serving the people wholeheartedly. The cultivation of the party spirit of party members cannot be separated from the practice of the masses, which also highlights the important historical status and role of the masses. Party members should clarify the relationship between themselves and the masses, not only for the needs of the party members' own responsibilities, but also for the building of the party. In short, the cultivation of party spirit for party members was necessary in the past, and it is also needed now. As a party member, you need to cultivate party spirit based on careful observation and analysis of the actual situation in the party; you need to cultivate party spirit in practice and study; you need to cultivate party spirit under the guidance of firm belief and correct ideology.

5. CONCLUSION

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China. After a century of struggle, the Chinese Communists, with outstanding representatives of Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping, and Xi Jinping, combined the universal principles of Marxism-Leninism with the reality of Chinese revolution and construction, and successively created Marxist China such as Mao Zedong Thought and the Theory of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics. The theoretical results of the transformation have guided our party to lead the Chinese people to successively achieve great victories in revolution, construction, and reform, and successfully enter a new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the new leadership core of the Party Central Committee represented by Xi Jinping has put forward the

party building concept of “the party must be governed first, and the party must be governed strictly”, and inherited and developed the proletariat of the older generations such as Mao Zedong and Liu Shaoqi. Party-building thoughts of class revolutionaries. Revisiting Liu Shaoqi's "On the Cultivation of Communists", combined with the adherence and requirements of our party's communist beliefs in the new era, we believe that the majority of Communist Party members will not forget their original aspirations under the new historical conditions, keep their mission in mind, and make their own efforts and contributions for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and the ultimate realization of a communist society.

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