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Title: THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE WORKING CLASS AND THE BOURGEOISIE IS THE PRINCIPAL CONTRADICTION IN CHINA

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Source:. SW, V, p. 77.

Description:. Written comment on a document drafted by the United Front Work Department of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party. Comrade Mao Zedong criticized the head of this department for his error in regarding the national bourgeoisie as an intermediate class

With the overthrow of the landlord class and the bureaucrat-capitalist class, the contradiction between the working class and the national bourgeoisie has become the principal contradiction in China; therefore the national bourgeoisie should no longer be defined as an intermediate class.

Source : *Xuanji*, V, p. 65.

According to this source, this comment was written by Mao on a document drafted by the United Front Work Department of the Central Committee of the CPC. See text Feb. 18, 1951, note 13. *Xuanji* further notes that "Chairman Mao Zedong criticized the head of this department for his error in regarding the national bourgeoisie as an intermediate class." From April 1950 to March 1965 the head of the United Front Work Department was Li Weihan.