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Description:

In the *Wansui* (1969) edition these two comments are printed separately and each dated March 24, 1950.

The suppression of counterrevolutionaries is a great struggle. Only after this is accomplished can political power be consolidated.

The suppression of counterrevolutionaries consists of [the suppression of] (1) counterrevolutionaries in society; (2) counterrevolutionaries concealed among the old personnel and new intellectuals in the military and government systems; and (3) counterrevolutionaries concealed within the Party. ¹In order to suppress the counterrevolutionaries in these three areas, we must, of course, proceed a step at a time, and we cannot do it simultaneously. However, with regard to certain crucial departments in the Party, in the government, and in the military, and in particular, with regard to the public security department, it is necessary to clean out [counterrevolutionaries] promptly; it is absolutely essential that suspicious elements be dealt with so that these organs may be placed in the hands of reliable personnel. ²

Notes

1. See text Feb. 18, 1951, note 4.
2. The numerals in parentheses in this paragraph appear in the *Wansui* (1967a) version only.