

The reply of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China to the Northwest Bureau on the instructions of the "three antis" rectification campaign

Date: 1951-12-24

Northwest Bureau:

The draft rectification instruction of December 18 has been received, read, and deemed correct, and can be implemented immediately.

Central December 24

Attach:

Northwest Bureau's instructions on carrying out the "three antis" rectification campaign

(December 18, 1951)

Central:

Submit the draft of the rectification instructions, please review the instructions.

Northwest Bureau December 18

Instructions of the Northwest Bureau of the CPC Central Committee on carrying out a rectification campaign against corruption, waste, and bureaucracy

(1) The Northwest Bureau has decided that from now on, all localities, systems, and units will begin to launch a rectification campaign with the main content of opposing corruption, waste, and bureaucracy, and systematically and universally mobilize the whole party and all staff to carry out a resolute and serious struggle against corruption, waste, and bureaucracy. This is an important link that must first be grasped to implement the central task of streamlining the army and increasing production and saving the economy instructed by Chairman Mao. Last year, we carried out a struggle against extravagance and waste in the organs of the large administrative regions, and later carried out a general rectification campaign against bureaucracy and imperativeism, reminding cadres at all levels to resist the invasion of the remnants of reactionary rule and the influence of the exploiting class, and to prevent the danger of separating from the masses. Since the beginning of this year, through huge mass movements such as the War to Resist US Aggression and Aid Korea, the suppression of counter-revolution and land reform, and the reform of enterprise democracy, and through the work of cleaning up the internal organs, the staff has divided the basic boundaries between revolution and counter-revolution organizationally, politically and ideologically. But bourgeois influence and the vices of old social traditions are always violently attacking us. Among our staff, most of the newly recruited and retained personnel have not been completely reformed, some of them have deep vices, and some of the older cadres cannot withstand the temptation of colorfulness, degenerate or even degenerate. During the past two years or so, the work tasks have been very heavy and inexperienced, and many of our comrades have not been able to pay full attention to the struggle against bourgeois influence, and bureaucratic phenomena have intensified in many leading organs. Under these circumstances, embezzlement, theft and fraud of state property, as well as bribery and extortion, and other corruption phenomena have grown, becoming more and more serious and more serious. Supervision commissions, procuratorates, and courts at all levels alone have accepted 1,900 corruption cases in more than a year, and the number of corruption cases that have not been exposed is unknown, and it is even more difficult to count all kinds of waste. The Second Plenary Session of the Central Committee of our Party warned us long before the

liberation of the whole country that we must be strictly vigilant against the danger of bourgeois erosion.

(2) The organs of the large administrative regions and the provincial and municipal organs should start immediately and concentrate their efforts to complete this movement within about a month. At the cadre meeting summarizing the work of land reform or rent reduction or land inspection and production in early February next year, combined with the implementation of the inspection policy and the mass line, three days should be set aside to specially inspect corruption, waste, oppression of the masses and bureaucratic phenomena among the cadres of the whole region and the county. All military organs should also start quickly, and the Party Committee of the Northwest Military Region should give separate instructions. However, the organs directly under the military region and the military enterprise departments stationed in Xi'an are directly under the leadership of the Northwest District Production Increase and Conservation Committee and the organs of the large administrative region.

(3) All organs, enterprises, and organizations should generally start by carrying out the struggle against corruption and waste, so as to connect with the bureaucratic style in the work of inspecting the leadership, and discuss the necessary methods and systems to plug loopholes and improve work efficiency.

(4) This struggle against corruption, waste and bureaucracy must be carried out with great fanfare by mobilizing the masses. The chief is responsible for doing it himself, collecting materials, understanding the situation, and making a powerful mobilization report to the cadre congress in accordance with the spirit of the instructions of the Central and Northwest Bureaus and the specific situation of the local unit, explaining policies, putting forward calls, and selecting some study documents for all cadres to study. After such a short-term ideological preparation, confession and report are initiated, and finally dealt with separately through public discussion and leadership in an open and leading manner. Those corruption cases that have been clarified should first be dealt with seriously and announced to promote the struggle.

(5) Corrupt elements shall be dealt with separately according to the severity of their circumstances. The lighter ones are criticized and educated, and the heavier ones are dismissed, expelled from the party, and brought to justice, up to the death penalty. For those who automatically confess and sincerely repent, they are welcome to be encouraged, and those who are serious can be reduced and those who are lightly exempt from punishment. The loss of waste is greater than that of corruption, and we must also focus on fighting. Irresponsibility and other mistakes that cause major losses to state property should be seriously punished. Serious bureaucrats must not only be severely criticized, but also punished. Our policy is to educate and save most of the people who have made mistakes, but we must be prepared to strictly deal with a group of incorrigible corrupt and degenerated elements; At the same time, we should reward those exemplary units and figures who do not embezzle, waste, and have no bureaucratic habits, protect and support comrades who actively expose corruption, waste, and bureaucracy, and systematically carry out profound ideological education for all personnel in the context of actual events.

(6) Leaders of all localities and units must personally grasp the leadership of this movement, first conduct necessary investigations and studies, have a clear idea in their minds, draw up plans for carrying out the struggle, and grasp them. During the movement, we should pay close attention to and inspect the progress of the struggle of our units, carry forward our achievements, correct biases, and consciously focus our leadership on units with larger problems (such as units that manage

money, materials and finances), and personally and send strong cadres or working groups to inspect and help work, solve major problems, and promote the overall situation.

(7) In organs (such as organs at the level of large administrative regions) and regions (such as northern Shaanxi and other places where party rectification is carried out on a trial basis), this rectification against corruption, waste, and bureaucracy should be combined with party rectification, that is, on the basis of some party rectification education, those outstanding problems of corruption, waste, bureaucracy, and separation from the masses should be solved, and then further education on the Communist Party and communism should be carried out, as well as registration and processing. The year-end appraisal of cadres of various organs should also be made in this rectification summary.

(8) Under the leadership of the Party, all localities, systems, and units shall set up an Conservation Inspection Committee, which shall be responsible for the provincial party committee, with the Party organization as the core, and attract all democratic parties and other non-Party personnel to participate and jointly promote it. This fight against corruption, waste and bureaucracy must include democratic parties and people from all walks of life. When organs and units in each city carry out this struggle, they should also contact the local party and government organizations in order to obtain their cooperation in mobilizing the local masses to report and thoroughly investigate the facts of various violations of law and discipline by lawbreakers.

(9) Party committees at all levels in all localities shall report the progress of the local movement to their superiors and the Northwest Bureau every 10 days.