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Scientific Economic Calculation Is an Important Way To Rationalizing Management Activities

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[Article by Chi Tae-hwa]

[Text] Today, when the chuche-ization, modernization, and scientization of the people's economy are being vigorously pressed forward, carrying out management activities on the basis of scientific economic calculations is one of the important problems in continuously improving economic guidance and business management to meet the demands of the developing reality.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught as follows:

"Socialism can be successfully built only on the basis of strict calculations and scientific statistics." (*Works of Kim Il-song*, Vol 24, p 206)

Economic calculation is the work of observing, recording in numbers, processing, and analyzing economic phenomena in order to understand the status of the economy and the actual situation of economic processes

and prospects. In other words, economic calculation refers to the work of reflecting quantitatively, in terms of in-kind goods or money, the status of the processes of production, distribution, circulation, and consumption of social product.

Economic calculation is performed in many different ways—work calculations, bookkeeping calculations, statistical calculations, and plan calculations. But it reflects in quantitative terms those aspects of economic phenomena and processes that stand in close interrelationship with one another.

Scientifically performing economic calculations is one of the important methods for rationalizing management activities.

Management activities are the very complex work that encompasses everything from planning work to production organization and labor organization, facilities management and technological management, materials supply and commodity sales, and financial management. If we are to rationalize management activities, we should accurately and scientifically calculate the various factors and conditions that affect management activity and accurately grasp the process and results of management activities. By scientifically performing economic calculations that quantitatively reflect economic phenomena, this kind of work can be carried out successfully.

Scientifically carrying out economic calculations above all makes it possible to continuously improve the planning of the people's economy by accurately guaranteeing basic data on the present status and development prospects of production and management activities.

Doing a good job of planning the people's economy is a priority demand for rationalizing management activities in factories and enterprises. Planning work is an independent and creative activity of the people, who set up correct plans to meet the laws of planned and balanced development of the people's economy and carry them out without fail. Only by doing a good job of planning is it possible for factories and enterprises to operate at full capacity and utilize production materials with maximum effectiveness and to lower the prime cost of products and raise the effectiveness of labor productivity.

If we are to improve planning, we must carry forward the entire process—including formulating and implementing plans and summation and evaluation—on the basis of scientific economic calculations.

The work of formulating plans requires that we scientifically calculate the major elements of planning such as manpower, technology, raw materials, and funding and accurately integrate the relationships among them. Without recording and summing up in numbers the management activity situation through economic calculations, this requirement of planning cannot be properly accomplished. Only by relying on scientific economic planning is it possible to grasp quantitatively the actual

situation and changes with regard to manpower, machinery, facilities, raw materials, and capital and arrive at accurate statistical data and to have various basic data such as work norms, facilities capacity, and material consumption standards. By calculating the elements of planning down to the finest detail and accurately stipulating the planning items and indicators, the various basic data arrived at by means of economic calculation make it possible to correctly predict economic development.

Plan formulation is but the first stage in the planning process. After setting up a scientific plan, one must do a good job of organizing, directing, summing up, and evaluating its implementation and carry out with fail the tasks of the state plan. Scientific economic calculation makes it possible to positively improve planning work by allowing us to push forward the established plan on the basis of concrete data that grasp the entire process of implementation, summation, and evaluation in numerical terms.

Scientific economic calculation not only makes it possible to set up relevant organizational and technical measures in a timely manner by recording and comprehensively analyzing the plan implementation format by item, but it also makes it possible to accurately find defects that show up in the process of laying the groundwork for the planning work and implementing the plan. Thus, it becomes possible to accomplish without fail the people's economic plan by day, month, quarter, and indicator and to make the entire range of management activities more scientific and rational.

Performing economic calculation scientifically also makes it possible to strengthen the economization system and search out and mobilize inner reserves to the maximum.

Strengthening the economization program is one of the important principles that must be adhered to in socialist business management. The economization program has enormous significance in lowering the prime cost of products, increasing the internal savings of the people's economy, and achieving a high rate of speed of expanded reproduction. Whether or not we achieve the goals of management activity in achieving the maximum economic results with a minimum of expenditure depends in large measure on whether we strengthen the economization regime.

Economic calculation has a very important function in strengthening the economization program.

By economization we mean using where necessary and not using when not necessary and using as little as possible and as frugally as possible. In other words, economization has as its basic idea expending labor, goods, and capital in the amount needed for designated targets and uses and using it effectively. Therefore, if we want to strengthen the economization setup we must continuously improve such management activities as

production organization, manpower organization, facilities management, materials supply, and financial management on the basis of a concrete understanding of the patterns of utilization of production resources and their results.

By recording and compiling on a routine basis information pertaining to the status and utilization patterns of material assets such as manpower, facilities, and materials and reflecting the money flow process and management activity results systematically and comprehensively, scientific economic calculation not only makes it possible to accurately expend the elements necessary to production in the correct amount for the designated targets and uses, but also makes it possible to correctly compute consumption standards and economic efficiency per unit of goods. In this way it makes it possible to stop waste of social labor and achieve greater economic results at a small expenditure.

That the various sectors and units of the people's economy, holding high the militant slogan of the party after the 17th plenum of the Sixth Central Committee of the WPK [Workers Party of Korea], were able to seek out and mobilize inner reserves on a massive scale and aggressively accelerate production and construction is in large measure significantly related to the fact that they laid the groundwork for all production and economic activities on the basis of scientific calculation.

If we deeply understand that inner reserves are within the hearts of the masses and if we plan and organize economic organization work and carry out management activities so as to meet the revolutionary enthusiasm of the workers who have moved quickly to the mobilization of inner reserves, it is possible to greatly expand production even while drastically reducing the consumption of raw materials, supplies, manpower, and capital.

Scientific economic calculations make it possible to accurately explain the factors influencing the results of management activities by collecting and analyzing statistical data that reflect in particular gross industrial product, productivity per worker, and consumption of goods per unit of commodity as well as production scale, labor production capacity, utilization status of facilities and raw materials and supplies and to find efficient methods for mobilizing inner reserves to the maximum. The more we accurately determine expenditures of social labor and its results—not only in terms of in-kind goods, but also in terms of value—by performing economic calculations scientifically, the better we can utilize economic levers such as prime cost, price, profitability, and the independent economic accounting system as means of rationalizing management activity so as to meet the transitional nature of socialist society.

All of this shows that scientifically performing economic calculations is an important guarantee that enables us to produce more with less manpower, fewer facilities, and less materials and capital and to improve management activity based on the best methods.

Today, when socialist economic construction is being vigorously pursued at a new, higher stage, performing economic calculations scientifically emerges as an urgent problem for further improving management activities to meet the demands of realistic development.

Our country is now vigorously carrying out a struggle to achieve the high goals of the Third 7-year-plan, creating a new "speed of the 90's." Massive-scale capital construction beginning with the construction of the second stage of the Sunchon Vinalon Complex, the Sariwon Potassium Fertilizer Complex, and dwelling units for 50,000 households in Pyongyang are successfully advancing under the wise leadership of the party and the leader; productivity in those sectors in charge of the extraction industry, the power industry, and railroad transportation and antecedent processes of social production is increasing rapidly; and production throughout the whole range of people's economic sectors is becoming further normalized. With the advance of the socialist economic construction at a fast rate of speed, the scale of production and consumption on a country-wide basis or a business-wide basis is becoming unprecedentedly great, and the movements for management work and material reproduction are becoming more massive and complex than ever before. Under such conditions, only by performing economic calculations scientifically and grasping and analyzing accurately the actual situation and process of production management activities is it possible to rationally organize management activity and accelerate production and construction at a fast rate of speed based on the correct balance.

Furthermore, if we want to thoroughly implement the party's guidelines concerning increasing production and economizing to the maximum, all factories and enterprises must substantively plan and organize the work of rationalizing management activities on the basis of scientific economic calculation. Today, when the scale of the economy has grown and technical equipment standards have risen and the linkages between sectors and units of the people's economy and the reproduction links have become closer, the reserves for increased production and economization are, to a major extent, those coming from performing economic calculations scientifically and accurately understanding quantitatively the actual situation with respect to the elements of production and their utilization patterns and prudently laying the groundwork for economic organization work. As the experiences of the Kimchaek Iron and Steel Complex, the Nampo Smeltery Complex, and the Pyongyang Textile Equipment General Factory show, the more we rationalize management activities on the basis of scientific economic calculation, the more we can search out and mobilize reserves for increased production and economization and effectively utilize them for developing production.

Indeed, today economic calculation is emerging as an urgent requirement for accelerating production and construction to the maximum by scientifically and rationally laying the groundwork for management activity in every

sector and every unit of the people's economy, using existing labor, facilities, and materials and capital.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught as follows:

"All sectors of the people's economy must carry out management activities by scientific methods based on accurate plans and calculations and statistics and rationalize business management correctly, utilizing various economic levers to suit the transitional nature of socialist society." (Selections From the Works of Kim Il-song, Vol 9, p 485)

The important thing above all in improving management activity by scientifically performing economic calculations is to set up an economic accounting system.

The more economic construction is pursued, the more numerous the targets and units of economic calculation become and the more complex the process of calculation work activities becomes. Therefore, correctly establishing an economic accounting system emerges as an important problem that must be solved in scientifically performing economic calculations and rationalizing management activities.

Early on, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song set forth guidelines concerning unifying plan calculations and statistical calculations and has wisely led the struggle to achieve this. As a result, he enabled us to achieve epochal transformations in setting up an economic accounting system. Today in our country there has been firmly established a unified economic accounting system that guarantees the scientificness and objectivity of economic calculation of the results of fully implementing the guidelines of the party concerning the unifying of economic calculations.

Today, with a firm grip on the unified economic accounting system provided by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, we must set up an even better systematic system and order that carries out on a unified basis various forms of economic accounting including planning calculations and statistical calculations, from the enterprise to the central level, under the unified guidance of the state. In particular it is important to enhance the responsibility and role of state planning organs, statistical organs, and financial and banking organs and to unify on a nationwide basis the times and methods and procedures for carrying out economic calculations, the formulas, and categories of calculation, and collection methods. In addition, state economic organs must strictly institute controls so that all organs and enterprises carry out economic calculations in accordance with the prescribed rules and regulations.

Another important thing in organizing and performing economic calculations in a scientific manner and rationalizing management activities is to continuously perfect economic calculation methodology to meet the requirements of the developing reality.

Economic calculation methodology includes the methodological principles and methods employed in the entire range of economic calculations, including recording, gathering, processing, and analyzing economic phenomena in terms of numbers. Only when we rely on scientific methodology can we successfully carry out economic calculations in harmony with the requirements of a unified and unitary economic accounting system according to correct directions and principles. Furthermore, today, when the management activity conditions of factories and enterprises are being continuously improved and modern mathematical methods and electronic computational methods are being broadly applied to economic calculations, without further perfecting economic computation methodology we cannot perform economic calculations correctly.

In improving economic calculation methodology, we must pay careful attention to further developing business accounting and bookkeeping methods and perfecting methodologies that accurately calculate actual cost. In addition, we must continuously perfect methodologies for calculating statistical indicators with a view toward further sorting out statistical indicators so that we can study patterns of business management activity concretely and across the board and guarantee the scientificness of indicator calculations and accurately effect linkages between indicators.

In particular, we must perfect methods for the analysis of management activity and methods for calculating economic effectiveness.

In improving methods of analyzing management activity it is important to apply various processes and clarify elements that have an effect on the implementation of the plan and the degree of their impact and to deepen and develop methodologies that establish the scale of production increase and economization reserves. By unifying the methodology for computing the economic effectiveness of capital construction, the introduction of new technology, and current production, we must increase the effectiveness of capital construction investment and extensively introduce the results of the latest science and technology and achieve the maximum economic results with the minimum expenditure.

In scientifically organizing and carrying out economic calculations and rationalizing management activities it is also important to correctly establish a system of weights and measures and do a good job of measurement.

Initial data for economic calculations are guaranteed by weighing and measuring. Therefore, we may say that the accuracy of economic calculation results depends entirely on the work of weighing and measuring.

Today the latest successes in science and technology, beginning with electronic engineering and laser engineering, are bringing about basic transformations in the

production of instruments for measurement and making it possible to guarantee high standards of accuracy of measurement.

Therefore, only by strengthening measurement work in all links of production, distribution, circulation, and consumption, based on the successes of the latest science and technology, is it possible to correctly grasp the production situation and production process and set up the necessary measures for correctly computing the circulation of material assets and supplying them in conformity with the technological engineering demands of production. In this way we can further increase production even while reducing the expenditure of materials.

In order to properly set up a system of measurements, we must set up a unified and orderly system of measurement inspection from the center down to the enterprise. We must firmly guarantee the precision and accuracy of instruments of measurement and strengthen supervision and control over measurement work, seeing to it that this work is conducted consistent with the demands of the prescribed regulations from start to finish. In addition, we must improve the production and management of instruments of measurement.

Yet another important thing in the rationalization of management activity by scientifically organizing and performing economic calculations is to extensively introduce electronic computers and other modern technical instruments and actively mechanize and automate accounting work.

Mechanizing and automating accounting work is a firm guarantee for increasing the efficiency of accounting activities and freeing accounting functionaries from the burden of enormous accounting work and guaranteeing the scientificness, objectivity, and rapidity of economic calculations. In particular, with the intensifying of economic construction, under conditions where not only is the amount of calculation immense, but economic calculation tasks are of a higher order and much more complex, only by mechanizing and automating accounting work is it possible to organize economic calculations scientifically and make management activities more scientific and rational.

We must put great efforts into actively mechanizing and automating various kinds of calculation jobs and accounting work that arise in all forms of economic calculation and scientific and technical calculations including bookkeeping, business, planning, and statistics calculation. In particular, we must extensively adopt modern calculating machines, beginning with electronic computers, into all accounting processes.

In rationalizing management activities by scientifically performing economic accounting, an urgent demand is that guidance functionaries have the correct viewpoint

towards economic calculations and heighten their sense of responsibility in management activities.

Today, when science and technology are continuously developing, without scientific calculations we cannot advance even one step. Performing economic calculations randomly or working with rough estimates cannot improve management activities, nor can they satisfactorily achieve the party-oriented demands for producing more with smaller expenditures. In carrying out management activities, our functionaries must firmly establish the work ethic of always performing calculations and analyzing and reckoning the quantitative aspects of economic phenomena and processes.

In particular, we must enhance the responsibility and role of economic guidance functionaries.

Economic functionaries themselves must be deeply aware of the importance of the work they have been assigned and keenly understand the policy demands set forth by our party with respect to economic calculations and the actual situation with regard to economic calculations in the pertinent units; set up in a timely manner measures to improve accounting activities to meet the developing reality; aggressively utilize the results of economic calculations; and lay the groundwork for management activities scientifically and rationally. In addition, economic guidance functionaries must vigorously carry out political work so that members directly responsible for economic calculation can accomplish their duties in a responsible manner and perform organization work and be familiar with their work and help them.

To increase the functionaries' level of understanding of economic management is one of the especially important tasks arising in rationalizing management activities by scientifically performing economic calculations.

All functionaries must firmly arm themselves with the economic policy of our party and socialist economic management theory and, in addition, have an accurate understanding of the objective economic laws that operate in socialist society, economic categories, economic levers, and economic indicators. They also must have a good understanding of how to utilize various economic computation methods and calculation results. Here the important thing is for functionaries to always set up a revolutionary study ethic and zealously study in order to enhance their own practical talents.

All economic functionaries must have a feeling of endless loyalty toward the party and the leader and a high sense of responsibility toward their work. And by scientifically laying the groundwork for economic calculation they must see to it that management activities are continuously rationalized and socialist economic construction is further accelerated.

The Mobilization of Hidden Resources and the Functionaries' Creativity*00000000 Pyongyang KULLOJA in Korean No 12, Dec 90 pp 65-69*

[Article by Yang Pong-hak; not translated]

Cultural Construction**Countering the Infiltration of Impure Idea and Culture Is an Important Means To Crush the Imperialists' Antisocialist Maneuvers***912C0144B Pyongyang KULLOJA in Korean No 12, Dec 90 pp 70-74*

[Article by Ho Paek-san]

[Text] The antisocialist schemes of the imperialists, headed by U.S. imperialism, are becoming ever more excessive by the day. The imperialists are clinging to their policy of "strength" and, by various cunning methods, are intensely maneuvering to turn the socialist countries back to capitalism.

Today's situation urgently requires that we resolutely check and break up the antisocialist maneuvers at every step.

The important key to smashing the antisocialist schemes of the imperialists is to struggle against the infiltration of unhealthy bourgeois thought and culture.

Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, pointed out as follows:

"As the great leader has taught, today the imperialists are dancing a jig, with one hand wielding nuclear weapons and the other hand waving a money purse. The maneuverings of the imperialists are becoming more vicious and cunning as they seek to make the people of socialist countries and progressive peoples of the world knuckle under by threatening and intimidating militarily, bribing and subjugating them economically, and eroding them ideologically and culturally." ("Holding High the Banner of Anti-imperialist Struggle, Let Us Vigorously Go Forward Along the Road of Socialism and Communism," monograph, pp 12-13)

The imperialists, in addition to threatening militarily and bribing and subjugating economically, are scheming to destroy revolutionary countries and socialist countries from within by ideological and cultural penetration.

The ideological and cultural penetration of the imperialists is essentially taking the road of aggression, spreading their rotten bourgeois ideology and culture into other countries and trying to paralyze people's national and independent consciousness and the revolutionary spirit and making them into spiritual cripples.

Opposing the ideological and cultural penetration of the imperialists is an important key to shattering their aggressive ambitions and smashing their antisocialist schemes.

This is related to the poisonous effect that bourgeois ideology and culture wrecks on people's ideological consciousness and social development.

Imperialist ideology and culture are the most corrupt and reactionary ideology and culture in history. They reflect accurately the antipeople nature and corruptness of capitalist society, which is characterized by deformity in material life, impoverishment in spiritual life, and reaction in political life.

Imperialist ideology and culture and bourgeois thought and culture are the most reactionary thought and culture. They are based on extreme individualistic egotism and are a poisonous element that paralyzes healthy ideological consciousness. Bourgeois thought and culture infuse into people slavish, servile thought, try to spread all manner of immorality and corruption and rotten lifestyles, and corrupt people spiritually.

What plays a decisive role in the activities of man is ideological consciousness. Since he possess an independent ideological consciousness, man actively acknowledges the objective world and carries on creative activity. Independent ideological consciousness safeguard the sense of independence and inspire the revolutionary struggle to reform nature and society in a revolutionary way, but reactionary ideological consciousness tramples the sense of independence of the popular masses. When people become imbued with rotten bourgeois thought, they pay no heed to society and the collectivity, revolution and construction. They are preoccupied only with individual interest and ease, luxury, and ostentation, and dissipation, and become degenerate elements and spiritual cripples pursuing their perverted desires.

The bourgeois thought and culture that the imperialists are spreading eat away at people's independent ideological consciousness; they are the ideological taproot that gives rise to all manner of social evils and damages the revolution and construction. For this reason, the imperialists have taken to ideological and cultural infiltration and are clinging to it tenaciously.

That the imperialists are tenaciously clinging to ideological and cultural penetration is connected to the fact that this is the handmaiden of aggression against other countries.

In the past, U.S. imperialism used religion as the handmaiden of foreign aggression and paralyzed the ideological consciousness of the peoples of other countries and aggressively inspired the flunkeyism of America-worship among them. This was the springboard that facilitated U.S. imperialism's aggression against other countries. In exactly the same way, the U.S. imperialists' use of rotten bourgeois thought and culture as its handmaiden of

aggression aims at easily achieving military aggression and economic enslavement by ideologically disarming the peoples of other countries, beginning with the socialist countries, aggressively concocting illusions about imperialism. Therefore, only if we always raise our awareness of the ideological and cultural infiltration of the imperialists, oppose it, and actively struggle against it is it possible to successfully check and frustrate their antisocialist schemes.

That struggling against the inroads of unhealthy thoughts and culture is an important key for smashing the antisocialist schemes of the imperialists is connected to the fact that today particularly, more than ever before, those wretches are more viciously carrying out their ideological and cultural penetration in order to erode socialism.

In connection with the development of the unnatural situations taking place in some countries in recent years, the imperialists have been noisily raving as though socialism was in "crisis" and have been more desperately in a frenzy to infiltrate their ideology and culture than ever before.

The imperialists have made ideological and cultural penetration an important component of their strategy of "peaceful change" in order to dissolve socialism and turn people toward capitalism.

Today the viciousness and cunningness of the antisocialist machinations of the imperialists appear even more clearly in their schemes to demolish faith in socialism in the hearts of the people while waving the signboards of "peace," "protection of human rights," and "freedom" and dissolve socialism from within. Modern imperialism indeed is the destroyer of world peace, the trampler of human rights, and the greatest suppressor of peoples' freedom. Despite this, the imperialists are concealing capitalism's evilness and anti-popular nature while portraying themselves as the protectors of freedom and peace and human rights and foolishly scheming to defame the absolute superiority of socialism and to check the powerful advance of the socialist cause.

The ideological and cultural penetration of the imperialists is at its worst and the wretches are mobilizing the paid trumpeters of the bourgeoisie and advocating "pluralism" as they plot to weaken the leadership of the party in socialist countries and create anarchy and chaos within society. The "political pluralism" that the imperialists advocate is nothing but a sophistry of the bourgeoisie, which seeks to revive reactionary thought, and antisocialist elements who have already been purged from socialist society. This "pluralist democracy" that they advocate is no more than a treacherous attempt of the imperialists to replace socialist society with a non-working-class society that gives political freedom and rights to hostile elements.

The main goal of the imperialists, who are today tenaciously sermonizing about bourgeois "pluralism," lies in

trying to successfully disarm the people and ruin socialism by emasculating the leadership of the party of the working class.

Firmly guaranteeing the leadership position of the party of the working class and strengthening its leadership function is the basic problem influencing the fate of socialism- and communism-building. Without the leadership of a revolutionary party we cannot successfully build socialism and communism, and we cannot protect and defend the socialist cause. For this reason, in contending against the socialist countries, the imperialists are turning the brunt of their attack toward weakening the leadership role of the party.

The bourgeois "pluralism" that the imperialists are seeking to propagate today has its reactionary essence in trying to emasculate the revolutionary character of the party of the working class, enervate the party, and make it into something like the vote-parties of capitalist societies, in which people compete in elections to scrape up votes of support and antisocialist elements try to sow chaos and anarchy in society.

While they go around moralizing about bourgeois "pluralism," the imperialists are going all out to artificially blemish and defame the superiority of socialist society and circulating the reactionary idea that socialism is not as good as capitalism.

The yardstick for measuring the progressiveness and superiority of a social system lies in how firmly the independence of the toiling popular masses is guaranteed in the pertinent society. No matter how vast material wealth it might possess, when it tramples people's independence and becomes the source of social evils, that kind of society can be no different from a corrupt, reactionary society.

The objective of the imperialists in mobilizing their paid trumpeters and beautifying capitalist society as a society where "all the people are happy," a society where "all men are equal," is to hide the reactionary essence of capitalist society by seducing people and muddling their reason. No matter how the imperialists beautify and embellish capitalism, they can never conceal the outmoded and rotten essence of capitalist society, which makes people into spiritual and physical cripples, where social evils reign supreme, and which gives rise to the human tragedy of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer.

On the one hand, the imperialists today are spreading their sophistry of beautifying and embellishing capitalist society. On the other hand, they are scheming overtly and covertly to stimulate socialist countries with the atmosphere of bourgeois freedom. Under such a situation, if the revolutionary spirit of the people is lowered and the rotten bourgeois lifestyles and Yankee-style life culture is permitted, the revolutionary consciousness and patriotism of the peoples will be blurred without our even noticing it, and mammonism and extreme individual selfishness and all sorts of social abuses will come

to reign supreme. If this happens, then it is clear that in the end the gains of socialism which were reaped with blood, will be endangered.

The imperialists are using multifarious means and methods in order to dissolve socialism through ideological and cultural penetration. Here what the imperialists are devoting their energies and giving special significance to is the ideological and cultural penetration through mass propaganda means and cultural and artistic works.

Movies, [international] "Voice" broadcasts, television, and various kinds of audio and video recordings, newspapers, magazines, and books can target many people at one time; their capacity to influence and penetrate people's psychology and emotions is very great. Because of the nature of news media, the hired trumpeters of imperialism are devoting especially great efforts to ideological and cultural penetration through mass news media and artistic works. It is widely known that radio stations set up and operated by the U.S. imperialists on the U.S. mainland, in Munich, and Okinawa and other places in the world—"Freedom," the "Voice of Free Europe," and the "Voice of America"—are mouthpieces of the American Central Intelligence Agency and are becoming the most shoddy hotbeds of strategic propaganda and the headquarters for spreading immorality and corruption.

We can tell just how massively the U.S. imperialists are using their "Voice" broadcasts and television as strategic propaganda tools for ideological and cultural penetration just from the fact that they are spending several billion dollars on making broadcasts and video recordings in order to slander and vilify the socialist countries and to establish their corrupt way of life in these countries.

The U.S. imperialists are strengthening their ideological and cultural penetration also through artistic works, including movies, and through various kinds of publications. These propaganda vehicles are filled with mammonism, murder, plunder, fraud, swindling, wild sex, ostentation and dissipation, brutality, and human hatred. It is by infiltrating these very kinds of propaganda vehicles that the U.S. imperialists are continuously scheming to paralyze people's revolutionary consciousness and make them spiritual cripples and erode socialism.

The ideological and cultural penetration of the imperialists, which is so viciously and cunningly executed, is an important mode of their antisocialist machinations and is no less of a threat than blatant armed aggression or schemes to bribe and enslave people economically.

All these facts show clearly that thoroughly blocking the ideological and cultural penetration of the imperialists is an important key to smashing their antisocialist schemes and protecting the banner of socialism to the end.

In the past the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique have pushed through their ideological and

cultural penetration of our country as part of its anti-republic, antisocialist machinations on a scale unparalleled in any other area. However, the various schemes of the imperialists and reactionaries to try to infiltrate their bourgeois thought and culture into our country have not been able to survive and have been smashed decisively at every step and our kind of distinctive socialism has become more firmly strengthened. This is entirely the precious result of the wise leadership of our party.

Our party has always deepened and developed ideological indoctrination among our party members and the workers, and never slackened for a moment. In this way, all party members and workers have come to be thoroughly armed with our party's unitary ideology—the chuche ideology—and has more firmly established chuche in revolutionary struggle and construction work.

Because our party has consistently been carrying out indoctrination work to oppose all kinds of alien thoughts such as capitalism and revisionism among the party members and workers, even when revisionism has surfaced within the international communist movement and many countries have suffered travail and vicissitudes, only our country has been able to vigorously accelerate the cause of socialism without any kind of deviation, and to make our country thrive with a healthy, revolutionary way of life.

Because our party has vigorously carried out ideological work among the party members and the workers, the ideological and spiritual ethos of our people has become so different as to be unrecognizable, and the ideological and cultural infiltration the imperialists and reactionaries are continuously carrying out have been unable to prevail. That our young people—who are the previous flower of the country and the nation, the most vibrant unit of society, and the stars of the future—are loyally supporting the leadership of the party and gloriously accomplishing their shock-brigade role in accomplishing the cause of socialism shows well how stable our country is politically and how bright and rosy the country's future is.

Today the imperialists, led by the U.S. imperialists, are concentrating the arrows of their assault on opposing our country. The U.S. imperialist aggressors, grasping South Korea as their colony, their nuclear military base, are foolishly scheming to obstruct our people's cause of fatherland unification and socialist construction and to malign our republic and isolate it internationally.

The prevailing situation demands that in order to dynamically advance our revolutionary cause we must more thoroughly smash the ideological and cultural penetration of imperialism.

In checking and frustrating the antisocialist schemes of the imperialists and the reactionaries, the important thing above all is to more thoroughly arm party members and workers with the great chuche thought.

Chuche thought is the ideological and spiritual nourishment that makes people struggle to the end in order to glorify the socialist cause. Only when people are firmly armed with chuche thought is it possible to successfully block the infiltration of bourgeois thought and culture in all fields of social life and conduct our work and our lives in a revolutionary manner.

We must make indoctrination in chuche thought more substantial among party members and workers by using various forms and methods and arm them firmly with the revolutionary world-view of chuche. And no matter how desperately the imperialists seek to infiltrate their rotten bourgeois thought and culture into our midst, we must, at all times and in all places, highly display the revolutionary ethos of living and working according to the demands of chuche, without the slightest wavering or hesitation.

One of the important tasks for thoroughly blocking the penetration of imperialist thought and culture is to make party members and workers deeply cognizant of the reactionary essence and harmful nature of bourgeois thought and culture.

Only when people know clearly how reactionary bourgeois thought is and how rotten bourgeois culture and lifestyles are, is it possible to successfully carry out the struggle to block its penetration.

We must make party members and workers clearly cognizant of the reactionary essence and harmful nature of bourgeois thought and culture and lifestyles that paralyze people's independent ideological consciousness and disarm them from the class standpoint and permit all kinds of immorality and corruption to run rampant in the society. And we must see to it that all party members and workers staunchly repudiate the imperialists' reactionary ideological and cultural penetration and live and work in a revolutionary manner at all times and in all places.

In order to block the imperialists' ideological and cultural penetration it is also important to strengthen ideological struggle in order to overcome the remaining vestiges of the old society in daily life.

Vestiges of the old life are elements to which the bourgeois thought and culture that the imperialists are spreading can attach themselves; they are obstacles that make it impossible for a revolutionary life ethos to establish itself. Because it has taken a long time historically to be formed, its roots are very deep. For this reason, overcoming the vestiges of the old life, cannot be done by just emphasizing it or conducting indoctrination a couple of times. It can be overcome only through unremitting ideological indoctrination together with strong ideological struggle.

We must not ignore even the slightest element of the old life habits or alien tendencies, but must carry out a strong struggle in a timely manner and thoroughly overcome them. And we must thoroughly eliminate any opportunity for the bourgeois thought and culture spread by the imperialists to gain a foothold, and when we sing we must sing revolutionary songs and vigorously display the revolutionary and militant ethos in all fields of social life.

Living and working according to the demands of socialist life norms is an important demand for blocking the ideological and cultural penetration of imperialism and making the revolutionary life ethic teem throughout all of the society. We must see to it that all party members and workers thoroughly observe strict discipline and order in all fields of social life and act according to the laws and rules and regulations.

By thoroughly smashing the anti-republic, antisocialist machinations starting with the imperialists' ideological and cultural penetration, all party members and workers will more vigorously accelerate the cause of socialism, holding high the banner of chuche thought.

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