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PEKING TELNO 724 OF 8 NOVEMBER: FUTURE OF HONG KONG: PRESS COMMENT

THE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL WAS PROMINENTLY REPORTED IN THE COMMUNIST AND NON-COMMUNIST PRESS HERE. THE COMMUNIST NEW EVENING POST AND WEN WEI PO HIGHLIGHTED REFERENCES IN THE EDITORIAL TO LEAVING THE SOCIAL SYSTEMS OF HONG KONG, MACAU AND TAIWAN UNCHANGED AND PLAYED DOWN THE DISCUSSION OF CLASS STRUGGLE. EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE INDEPENDENT CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS WAS DIVIDED. THE MING DAO REFERRED TO PAST CAMPAIGNS IN CHINA AGAINST CAPITALISTS WITHIN THE PARTY AND SUGGESTED THAT THE EDITORIAL WAS INTENDED TO REMIND PEOPLE IN CHINA THAT MAO'S WAYS HAD BEEN REJECTED. THE FINANCIAL DAILY THOUGHT IT MEANT THAT CHINA WOULD WISH TO TAKE TOUGH ACTION AGAINST PRO-KMT ELEMENTS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS REGARDED AS UNDESIRABLE WHEN IT RECOVERED SOVEREIGNTY OVER HONG KONG. APART FROM ASSERTING THE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIALS WERE GENERALLY AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENTS, THE INDEPENDENT PRESS DID NOT VENTURE ANY OPINION ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE EDITORIAL REVEALED CHINA'S INTENTIONS.

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1. FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL OF 6 NOVEMBER ON CLASS STRUGGLE WHICH DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH HONG KONG AND TAIWAN.

BEGINS: FIRSTLY, THE EXPLOITING CLASSES HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED WITHIN THE LIMITS CONTROLLED BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: THE TERRITORY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA STILL INCLUDES A PART THAT HAS NOT BEEN REGAINED (HONG KONG AND MACOA) AND A PART THAT HAS NOT BEEN REUNIFIED (TAIWAN). THERE IS OF COURSE STILL A BOURGEOISIE IN HONG KONG AND TAIWAN. SURELY THE BOURGEOISIE IN THOSE REGIONS WILL HAVE SOME INFLUENCE ON US. WE MUST CERTAINLY REGAIN THESE REGIONS AND COMPLETE THE GREAT TASK OF REUNIFYING THE MOTHERLAND. AFTER THESE REGIONS HAVE BEEN REGAINED OR REUNIFIED, THERE WILL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARTY'S POLICY BE NO CHANGE IN THEIR SOCIAL SYSTEMS, THAT IS TO SAY THAT THE BOURGEOISIE THERE WILL STILL EXIST. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE BOURGEOISIE IN THESE REGIONS IS PATRIOTIC, LOOKS FORWARD TO THE EARLY REUNIFICATION OF THE MOTHERLAND AND WISHES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MOTHERLAND'S FOUR MODERNISATIONS: BUT THERE ARE ALSO SOME PEOPLE WHO USE NOT ONLY ECONOMIC MEANS BUT ALSO NON-ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND OTHER UNDERHAND MEANS TO INFLUENCE AND CORRUPT SOME LESS STEADFAST AND UNPATRIOTIC ELEMETS. THE TAIWAN RADIO STATION CONTINUALLY ENGAGES IN REACTIONARY PROPAGANDA, AND TAIWAN THE TAIWAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES CARRY OUT ALL SORTS OF ACTIVITIES TO HARM OUR SYSTEM AND TO HARM OUR CAUSE OF SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION. THEY ARE ENEMIES OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE. THEREFORE IN THIS RESPECT CLASS STRUGGLE IS STILL VERY OBVIOUSLY IN EXISTENCE. ENDS.

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