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Making a Party climate prevail throughout the Party is important work to which Party organizations must pay constant and deep attention, not neglecting the task for even a moment. Today, I would like to dwell on some questions arising in establishing a revolutionary climate within the Party.

A working-class party creates its peculiar political climate in the course of building its rank and conducting its work in conformity with its character and mission. The party climate, in general, means the habits of the party that are formed and consolidated in the historical process of building its rank and leading the revolution and construction.

As the pivotal unit of the masses that is united organizationally and ideologically centring on its leader and based on the same ideology and ideal, the party constitutes the backbone of the socio-political organism and conducts its work to put the leader’s ideas and guidance into effect.

If a party is to realize its leader’s ideas and guidance as the political body formed by its members, all the members must be united organizationally and ideologically centring on the leader and move as one in the same discipline and order. To this end, party members should have a correct attitude towards the party and take part in party life conscientiously. Through party organizations, a party member preserves immortal socio-political integrity bestowed by the leader and, through party life, cultivates the habits of faithfully following the leader’s idea and guidance, approaching the party with a sincere attitude and voluntarily observing the norms stipulated by party rules and the habit of living in a revolutionary and militant manner.

If the party is to fulfil its mission and perform its role as the political weapon and the General Staff of the revolution to materialize the leader’s ideas and leadership, it must build up its ranks organizationally and ideologically, enhance its militant function, rally the masses behind it and mobilize them in the revolutionary struggle and construction work. In the process of strengthening the party and carrying out the revolutionary cause of the leader by organizing the masses, the habits of party work are cultivated, that is, the habit of defending and carrying out the party’s lines and policies, the habit of self-reliance and fortitude and the habit of finding solutions to all problems relying on the masses.

The habits of party life demonstrated in an organizational and
ideological life in the party and the habits of party work displayed in party activity are the political climate of the party. In a nutshell, party climate is the habits of party life and the habits of party work. The climate of a party is characterized by the idea and theories on which it is based. The climate of our Party is based on the principles of the Juche idea, the principle on the driving force of revolution in particular. The principle of the Juche idea on the driving force of revolution explains that the leader, the party and the masses form a socio-political organism in organizational and ideological unity, that the leader is the centre that organizes and commands the activity of this organism in a unified way and that the party plays the role of the backbone that connects the masses with the leader. From the principle on the driving force of revolution proceeds the requirement to establish a correct attitude towards the leader, the organization and the masses in creating a party climate. As the leader, the party and the masses form an integrated whole in a socio-political organism, the attitudes towards the leader, the organization and the masses are inseparable. In this regard the attitude towards the leader is essential. Loyalty to the leader is the full manifestation of loyalty to the party and the people. The climate of our Party is the habits of Party life and the habits of the Party work with which its members devote their all for the leader, the Party and the people, considering loyalty to the leader as their life and soul. That is why the climate of our Party is the climate of a revolutionary party of the Juche type. Party climate is not created in one or two days, but established and developed from the founding of the party through the whole course of its strengthening and development. The climate of our Party is the traditional and revolutionary climate that has been formed and consolidated in the historical period in which the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung built the revolutionary Party of Juche beginning as he prepared the historical roots of our Party. So the climate of our Party displays immortal vitality and fully guarantees the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche. Establishing a Party climate poses itself as an important matter in strengthening our Party and realizing Party leadership over the revolution and construction. Creating a Party climate is a full guarantee for strengthening and developing our Party forever as the revolutionary party of Juche. In order to strengthen and develop our Party as the revolutionary party of Juche, it is imperative to train all Party members as communist revolutionaries of a Juche type unfailingly loyal to the leader, and this undertaking can be carried out through the work of creating a Party climate. When the revolutionary climate prevails in the Party, Party members will sincerely trust and faithfully follow the leader and thoroughly carry out Party lines and policies. Creating a Party climate is a prerequisite for strengthening Party leadership over the revolution and construction. Party leadership is ensured by the organizational ability and fighting capacity of the Party. The latter continuously increases when the revolutionary climate prevails in the Party.
The revolutionary task facing our Party and the prevailing situation badly require that we more thoroughly establish a Party climate. Today, our Party faces the honourable task of carrying out the Third Seven-Year Plan, bringing nearer the complete victory of socialism and achieving the independent, peaceful reunification of the country. Bringing nearer the complete victory of socialism and achieving the independent, peaceful reunification of the country by stepping up the grand construction for which we have made big strides is a very difficult struggle to realize the independence of the country and nation both in the north and the south of Korea. We must carry out this difficult revolutionary task in the complicated situations at home and abroad.

At present, the US imperialists and the south Korean puppets are clinging to all sorts of manoeuvres to prolong their colonial rule and military fascist dictatorship. Shipping nuclear and other latest weapons to south Korea, they are ceaselessly launching large-scale military exercises against the northern half of Korea. Owing to their moves towards another war, the present situation in our country has been strained.

The situations prevailing in some socialist countries are also complicated. Some socialist countries are giving up the revolutionary principles that must be maintained in socialist and communist construction, weakening the position and role of their parties and ushering in capitalism in different sectors of social life. Instead of finding solutions to the temporary trials created in economic construction in a way to strengthen the motive force of revolution and display the advantage of the socialist system, these countries are introducing capitalist methods in economics and other sectors of social life and weakening their party’s position and role, advocating ‘restructuring’ and ‘glasnost’. Weakening the party’s position and role is contrary to the fundamental principles of socialist and communist construction.

In order to successfully build socialism and communism, it is essential to enhance the party’s position and strengthen its leadership over the revolution and construction. In the honourable struggle to bring nearer the complete victory of socialism and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country, we should not forsake the revolutionary principles, but defend them resolutely; we should not weaken the Party’s position and role, but strengthen them in every way. To this end, we must thoroughly establish the revolutionary climate in our Party.

Our Party has striven to make a revolutionary climate prevail throughout the Party, considering this work an important question arising in Party building and activity. As a result, the revolutionary climate has been established in our Party, in which all members hold the leader in high esteem, sincerely follow him and devotedly fight for him. However, we cannot be content with this success, nor can we neglect this work. We must conduct this work vigorously on a higher stage to suit the present situation in which the historic cause of building the foundation of our Party has been realized and the
struggle to model the entire Party on the Juche idea is developing in depth.

°Let us make a revolutionary climate prevail throughout the Party is the slogan set forth by our Party today. Under this slogan, all Party organizations should launch a powerful struggle to accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche by enhancing the fighting efficiency and leadership role of the Party.

The most important task in establishing the revolutionary Party climate is to boost Party spirit among the members so that they will follow the leader, displaying loyalty, and devote their all to accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Enhancing Party spirit is the fundamental requirement for creating a Party climate.

Party spirit is Party consciousness based on the revolutionary attitude towards the leader and the indomitable revolutionary spirit with which to fight for the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche going through thick and thin. In a nutshell, Party spirit is loyalty to the leader.

Only when loyalty to the leader is cultivated among Party members, can they have a correct view and attitude of following the leader and unite single-heartedly behind him to fight on devotedly for the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche. Without having a correct view and attitude of holding the leader in high esteem and following him, a correct Party climate is inconceivable. The habit of considering loyalty to the leader as one’s life and soul and devoting one’s all for the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche in single-hearted unity centring on the leader is the nucleus and basic content of our Party climate. It is with the intention of boosting loyalty to the leader that our Party is striving to establish a Party climate today. Therefore, the struggle to create a Party climate must be based on cultivating loyalty to the leader, and all undertakings must be geared towards this work.

At present, there is a tendency not to display loyalty to the fullest among some officials and Party members. This is not a minor tendency. As they lack a completely unshakable faith that they know no one but the leader, some officials worship individual cadres and curry favour with them. They try to find a solution to their personal matters relying on the cadres or behave obsequiously cringing to their superiors. Worse still, some officials approach the Party using diplomacy, voicing the same goals but harbouring different aspirations and acting as fair-weather comrades, instead of entrusting their destiny absolutely to the leader. Some officials do not see through flunkeyism, revisionism and other unsound ideas which are contrary to the leader’s ideas, nor do they mercilessly put down such deviations. Some other officials, instead of bearing responsibilities and bending their energy on their work, are idling away, only keeping their posts; following an aristocratic life style, they are concerned only with their own lives, never considering the people’s standard of living. They do not feel heart-stricken though the Party policy has not been carried out properly. Nor do they set
themselves to finding a solution to knotty problems. They are only worried about it as patriots who lack a will to fight did. All such tendencies come from the fact that they are short of loyalty with which they must sincerely support the Party and the leader. Therefore, in establishing a Party climate, the primary emphasis must be laid on cultivating loyalty and we must press on with this work. It is important in boosting loyalty to make people cherish it as their faith and moral obligation.

Cherishing loyalty to the leader as a faith and moral obligation means having a firm determination to be unfailingly loyal to the leader and making it an integral part of their revolutionary faith and moral obligation. It is only when loyalty to the leader is based on revolutionary faith and a moral obligation that it can be real, honest and solid in any circumstances, free from affectation and changing attitudes.

Loyalty to the leader becomes durable and is cherished as a faith through the Party life of its members. But, simply because they lead a Party life throughout their lives, loyalty to the leader cannot become durable and be cherished as a faith of its own accord. It is only when they have a correct understanding of the leader’s position and role and make tireless efforts through their Party lives that loyalty to the leader can be made an integral part of their faith. Party organizations should not only emphasize in general the need to cherish loyalty to the leader as their revolutionary faith, but make sure that Party members have a correct understanding of the motive force of revolution and thoroughly establish a revolutionary attitude towards the leader. The socio-political organism is an integrated whole made up by the leader, the Party and the masses, who share their destiny as an integral part of one life. In the socio-political community in which the leader, the Party and the masses are united as one living body, the relation of revolutionary moral obligation and comradeship, the relation of helping and loving each other, is established centred on the leader and is expressed to the fullest in the relationship between the leader and his men. Therefore, loyalty to the leader and comradeship are absolute and unconditional. When they have realized in depth the principle of the driving force of revolution, Party members can make loyalty to the leader an integral part of their revolutionary faith and remain faithful and unchanged, supporting him wholeheartedly. If they are to cherish loyalty to the leader as their revolutionary faith and moral obligation, they should revere him from the bottom of their hearts. We should see to it that Party members are clearly aware of the revolutionary achievements and the communist virtue of the great leader, who loves the people boundlessly and has devoted all his life to their happiness; they should also understand that as we have the leader, we have had the glorious past, we have today, and we will have a bright future. In this way we should make sure that all Party members trust the leader absolutely, follow and support him forever, being proud and self-confident of carrying out the revolution under his leadership.

It is important in cultivating loyalty to the leader to champion and
defend the revolutionary achievements of the leader and carry them forward consistently.
Loyalty to the leader can grow only through the struggle to champion the revolutionary achievements of the leader who pioneered the road of revolution and the struggle to maintain the lifeline of revolution. In this process, Party members will become more clearly aware of the greatness of the leader and create an indomitable revolutionary determination to be unfailingly loyal to the revolutionary cause of Juche. Championing the revolutionary achievements of the leader and preserving the lifeline of revolution plays a primarily important role in cultivating loyalty to the leader. Because this is an important question, all sorts of enemies at home and abroad are concentrating their attacks on destroying the revolutionary achievements of the leader. In view of the history of our Party or the history of the international communist movement, betrayers of the revolution, without exception, have manoeuvred viciously to destroy the revolutionary achievements gained by the leader. The history shows that the attitude towards the leader’s achievements is a yardstick for distinguishing a loyal man from a traitor. Those who shout praise in public and try to disparage and emasculate the leader’s achievements in secret are traitors who are engaged in duplicity and betrayers of the revolution. In the history of the revolutionary struggle of the working class, there were many traitors who penetrated the revolutionary ranks under the cloak of loyalty and played all sorts of mean tricks to disparage and emasculate the leader’s achievements. Only those who consider the leader’s achievements the greatest and noblest, whether in public or behind his back or in any adversity, and defend them resolutely trying hard to carry them forward through generations, are truly loyal men and genuine revolutionaries. If one is to be loyal to the leader and follow him unfailingly, one must champion the leader’s achievements and carry them forward through generations. It is important in championing the leader’s achievements to resolutely defend the leader’s ideas, theories and the results of his leadership and embody them in revolutionary practice. Needless to say, building revolutionary museums is important in this regard. Building these museums is of great significance in handing down the immortal revolutionary achievements of the leader to posterity and educating Party members and working people as loyal to the leader. But, by building these museums and educating people using them alone, we cannot defend the leader’s achievements thoroughly and carry them forward through generations.
In the process of pioneering the revolutionary cause and leading it to victory, the leader produces achievements in the spheres of ideology, theory and leadership.
The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung rendered distinguished services by originating and developing the Juche idea and theories and gained valuable result in his leadership, while pioneering our revolution and leading it to victory. The revolutionary achievements of the great leader provide a scientific clarification of the ways and
methods for transforming nature, society and people in conformity with the requirements of the masses for independence. The immortal revolutionary achievements gained by the great leader are the priceless wealth of our Party and people and the eternal foundation for building socialism and communism. We must set the highest value on them, defend them forever and add lustre to them through revolutionary practice.

The creation of the Juche idea is the greatest of the successes gained by the great leader. With the creation of the Juche idea our revolution has been able to advance dynamically along the road of victory under its banner without the slightest vicissitude. Our nation has been able to maintain its dignity as an independent, sovereign state. The Juche idea is what keeps our revolution and nation alive. When we follow the way indicated by the Juche idea, our revolution will be ever-victorious and our nation ever-prosperous. We should make the Juche idea our unshakable faith, think and move as it requires, no matter who says what, and live in our own way under the banner of this idea. By embodying the Juche idea in politics, the economy, culture and all other sectors, the great leader has given a comprehensive elaboration of all principles and ways arising in the building of the Party, state and army, economic construction and cultural development, and has led our revolution to victory. We must resolutely defend the brilliant results the great leader has produced in ideological and theoretical activities and the leadership process by creating the Juche idea and applying it in the revolution and carry these results forward with credit.

The brilliant revolutionary traditions established by the great leader are the most valuable wealth that our Party must champion and carry forward through generations. The brilliant revolutionary traditions of our Party, which the great leader established amid the long-drawn-out and arduous anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, are a powerful weapon with which to carry on the revolutionary cause of Juche through generations to victory. Under the Party’s slogan “Let us produce, study and live like the anti-Japanese guerrillas!”, we should resolutely champion the revolutionary spirit, fighting style, and the achievements and experiences in struggle created and gained by the leader during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle. We should embody them thoroughly in all spheres in and out of work. We should see to it that all Party members and working people follow Party leadership through generations displaying the indomitable revolutionary spirit and fighting style in which Kim Hyok, Cha Kwang Su and other young communists in the early days of the Korean revolution went through the tempest of revolution following Comrade Kim Il Sung, holding him in high esteem as the centre of unity and leadership.

In championing the revolutionary achievements of the leader and carrying them forward, it is particularly important to defend the traditional unity of our Party and develop it through generations. It is only when we carry forward the traditional unity of our Party established by the great leader that we can develop and strengthen
our Party as a revolutionary party of a Juche type forever and carry on the revolutionary cause of Juche to completion. The unity of our Party, centred on the great leader, is the unity in ideology and will based on the Juche idea as well as the genuine and solid unity based on revolutionary loyalty and comradeship. We must zealously defend the unity of our Party established by the great leader rallying as one behind the Party Central Committee and carrying it forward through generations.

In order to defend the revolutionary achievements of the great leader and carry them forward, it is important to maintain the principles of consistency and succession.

At present, some officials reveal a tendency not to follow consistently the lines and policies set forth by the great leader. Some writers do not have a correct understanding of the Party’s consistent policy on people from all walks of life. As a result, when they were making the feature film Guarantee, they tried to describe the policy on working well with the people who had problems within their family as being advanced first nowadays. The Party’s policy on working well among the people with chequered backgrounds is not a new policy. In the first days of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, the great leader set forth this policy and led this work successfully; at every stage of the revolution after liberation, he consistently maintained the principle of working with the people from problem areas. However, film-makers tried to describe this question as if it had not been raised before but was presented and solved only today. This is wrong. The film-makers must correctly describe the Party’s consistent policy on working skillfully among the people with questionable backgrounds.

The great leader liberated the country, carried out three major tasks of building the Party, state and army, accomplished the socialist revolution, and established the socialist system. As we are inheriting the revolutionary cause of the leader, we should naturally carry forward the ideas and policies he advanced. Today our Party is following his ideas and policies absolutely on the principle of continuity and succession. What we are giving primary attention to now are the problems that had been dealt with slightly or neglected in carrying out policies in the past. We are pressing on with these matters. Plainly speaking, it means promoting and making more active the implementation of the lines and policies already set forth. Therefore, when the Party emphasizes any question and concentrates on it, the officials should not regard it as a new policy, approaching the lines and policies advanced in the past nihilistically or giving them up. They should carry out them continuously on the principle of promoting and making them more active as a prerequisite of developing revolution.

Another important element in cultivating loyalty to the leader is that all Party members and working people work conscientiously as the Party intends and relieve the worries of the leader.

Over 70 years old, the great leader continues to make personal tours of guidance to meet workers in factories, farmers in rural...
communities and soldiers in army units, without having any chance to relax. However, some officials fail to work heart and soul to relieve his labours and worries. They often say that they should do this and guarantee his long life in good health, but they fail to work properly as he wishes and intends. They are not finding a proper solution to the economic problems as the leader wishes, nor do they rapidly improve people’s living. Keeping in mind that relieving the worries and the concerns of the leader through efficient work is the way to be more faithful to him, all officials and Party members must carry out their revolutionary tasks in a responsible manner.

Another important task in creating a revolutionary climate within the Party is that Party members have a better appreciation of the organization and strengthen Party life. This is the key to making a revolutionary climate prevail throughout the Party.

It is only when Party members have a better appreciation of the organization and take part in Party life sincerely that they can be ral?lied rock-firm organizationally and ideologically behind the leader and establish the revolutionary habits of Party life and Party work with which to faithfully follow the leader’s ideas and leadership.

Party members must have a correct appreciation of the organization. The correct appreciation of the organization is a view and attitude with which Party members approach their organization. In other words, it means an outlook on the organization that explains how to appreciate and approach the organization and how to accept its guidance and control.

Party organizations link their members organizationally and ideologically with the leader, the centre of the socio-political organism, and make them maintain political integrity, the honour the leader has given them. Party organizations lead all members of the socio-political community to follow the leader’s ideas and guidance faithfully. We can say that the Party organization system is the lifeline that allows Party members to maintain their socio-political integrity sharing their destinies with the leader as well as the leader’s guidance line, which allows them to faithfully follow the leader’s ideas and guidance.

As the socio-political integrity bestowed by the leader is protected by Party organization and the leader’s ideas and guidance are put into effect by it, the question of appreciation of the Party organization is, after all, the question of the view and attitude to approach the socio-political integrity bestowed by the leader and the question of the stand to carry out the leader’s ideas and guidance. Considering the appreciation of the Party organization not only to be the view of and attitude towards an organization, but to be the view of and attitude towards the leader is a Juche concept.

Only when Party members have a better appreciation of their
organization, can a solution be found to all problems arising in creating a Party climate, including the problem of thoroughly establishing a revolutionary outlook on the leader and the habit of trusting and following the leader wholeheartedly and remaining faithful to his leadership. In this regard, having a better appreciation of the Party organization is essential in creating a Party climate. We can say that a Party climate is an immediate appreciation of the Party organization and vice versa. Some officials have hardly mentioned appreciation of the Party organization, after we emphasized the need to create a Party climate. But a Party climate is not a new concept. You must understand the phrase Party climate has the same meaning as the phrase appreciation of the Party organization that I have long mentioned. You must use these two phrases in close combination.

We must be clearly aware that having a correct appreciation of the Party organization is the key to creating a Party climate and make efforts to enhance this.

Some Party members do not consider the work of having a better appreciation of the Party organization to be the key problem arising in establishing a Party climate, but regard it as only an administrative task. As a result, they reveal a tendency not to have a correct appreciation of the Party organization. They do not suggest any creative opinions to the Party organization, nor do they conscientiously carry out the decisions or assignments of the organization. They do not readily accept the opinions and advice offered by the Party organization, regarding themselves as special beings. They do not open their hearts to the Party organization and frankly report those problems arising in their work and daily life. When they do make reports, they inform the Party organization of only what is favourable to them or what is already known, not what is disadvantageous to them or what only they know. Some officials bring covert pressure to bear upon those who report to a higher organization the problems that they are to blame for or those who speak the truth. Some Party members are not trying to solve arising problems under the guidance of the Party organization, but randomly deal with them as they want or solve them relying on individual officials. Worse still, some senior officials dislike to report the matters arising in Party life to the Party cell only because the Party cell secretary is their subordinate in an administrative position. They regard it troublesome that the Party cell inquires about their Party life and try to free themselves from the guidance and control of the Party organization, thinking that the daily routine of Party life bothers them. All such phenomena are indisciplined tendencies like walking on a tightrope and practising black arts in their political lives, not trusting the Party sincerely, and an expression that they do not have a correct appreciation of the Party organization. Without eliminating such wrong tendencies, we cannot make a revolutionary climate prevail throughout the Party and maintain the honour of political integrity bestowed by the leader.

Party organizations must help all members develop a better
appreciation of the Party organization, love and respect it, rely on it entirely in and out of their work and try willingly to work under its guidance and control.

If we are to help Party members develop a correct appreciation of their organization, we should help them be clearly aware that this is a question of the stand and attitude with which to follow the leader. The appreciation of the Party organization is not merely a question of the relation between a Party organization and its members, but the stand and attitude of following the leader, the outlook on the leader. The leader is the Party and vice versa. The guidance of the leader is at once Party leadership and the former is realized through Party organizations. The lines and policies the leader advances based on the analysis and synthesis of the demands and interests of the masses are carried out under the single system of Party leadership. What moves all the members of the socio-political community as one to carry out the lines and policies set forth by the leader is the Party organization. The centre of leadership is only one; so the centre of leadership and the leadership system are inseparable. Only those who have a correct view that the leader’s guidance is realized by the Party organization can respect the Party organization and remain loyal to the leader’s guidance. Those who do not respect the Party organization and approach it in a diplomatic manner, thinking that the leader’s guidance is one thing and the guidance of the Party organization is another, cannot be loyal to the leader’s guidance, no matter how much they talk about the outlook on the leader. Therefore, in order to help Party members have a correct appreciation of the Party organization, it is imperative to first make them clearly aware that the leader’s guidance is realized by the Party organizations. If they are to have a correct appreciation of the Party organization, they should have a correct understanding that this is a question of their view of and attitude towards the Party organization, not a question of their relation with the individual heads of the organizations.

Because the heads of the Party organizations direct their Party life, some officials reveal a tendency to ingratiate themselves with the heads or seek their approval, considering them the representatives of the Party organizations. In addition, some Party organization heads, who are still in need of moral training, abuse their authority and have their own way, considering themselves the representatives of the Party organizations. These show that they do not have a correct understanding of the Party organization and its head. The Party is the political organization united by Party members who are fighting to realize the leader’s ideas and guidance and the centre of the Party is the leader, who is the top intellect of the socio-political organism and the centre of unity and leadership. The leader embodies in himself the aspirations and demands of the masses and rallies the Party and the masses organizationally and ideologically to mobilize them for the revolution and construction. Only the leader, who embodies in himself the aspirations and demands of the masses, represents the entire Party and constitutes the centre of all Party organizations from
Party cells to the Party Central Committee.
The head of a Party organization is merely one of the revolutionary soldiers fighting to realize the leader’s ideas and guidance. He is not the representative of the Party organization, but a man who moves the Party organization to rally the Party members behind the leader, educate them in the leader’s ideas and motivate them to carry out Party policies advanced by the leader. He is the equivalent of a chairman who runs a Party meeting.
The head of a Party organization, too, must lead a Party life relying on the organization as one of the ordinary members. In Party life, there is no higher or lower member, and all members are masters of the Party organization. But it does not mean that all Party members’ positions and roles are the same. The Party secretary elected by the will of Party members has the authority and duty to direct the organizational and ideological life of members in a responsible manner, and the members are duty bound to report to the secretary they elected about the problems arising in and out of their work. Simply because he organizes and guides the Party life of members, the secretary should not consider himself the centre of the Party organization and, simply because they report to the secretary about the problems in their work and daily life, the members must not think that they report to an individual official. For the members to report to the secretary about such problems means that they report to the Party organization through the secretary.
Party organizations must make sure that Party members have a correct appreciation of the Party organization, being clearly aware that its centre is the leader.
Party life should be strengthened among the Party members. Party life is the political life of Party members who are linked organizationally and ideologically with the leader, the centre of the socio-political organism, and the revolutionary activity, to keep up their socio-political integrity. In fact, a Party member who does not take part in Party life is not qualified for membership and a party that does not organize and guide the party life of its members cannot be called a working-class party. The soundness of a party depends on how correctly it organizes and guides the Party life of its members. Weakening the party life is one of the main features of modern revisionism.
In the process of Party life, Party members consistently accept the leader’s ideas and work under his leadership and strive for their realization. We can say that Party life is the process of following the leader’s ideas and guidance. It is only when Party life is strengthened among the members that they can be rallied rock-firm organizationally and ideologically behind the leader and that the revolutionary habits of Party life and Party work, the habits of faithfully following the leader’s ideas and guidance, can be fully ingrained among them.
What is important in strengthening Party life is to inculcate among the members the habit of willingly and voluntarily taking part in Party life.
If one grudgingly takes part in Party life under the control and demand of the organization, he is not a true Party member. A Party member must have a view that, as a fish cannot live without water, so a Party member cannot live separated from the organization; he must voluntarily and conscientiously take part in Party life at any time and at any place and whether he is appreciated or not and willingly place himself under the guidance and control of the Party organization. If an atmosphere of voluntarily and willingly taking part in Party life is to prevail among the members, Party life must be made a part of their daily life and their habits. Only then, can the Party members have the habit of living in reliance on the organization and in this process improve their sense of organization and discipline. Party members should not stop Party life even for a moment, except in sleeping hours. Party members must make their Party lives one part of their life and their habit and make them permeate their whole mind and body. In order to cultivate the habit of voluntarily and willingly taking part in Party life, it is important to substantially review Party life. The review of Party life is a powerful means to educate Party members in a revolutionary way and train them organizationally and ideologically. By criticizing and summing up in a timely manner, the shortcomings in Party life, the review of Party life makes Party members grow into communist revolutionaries unfailingly loyal to the leader. Some Party members fail to seriously review their Party life using it as an important momentum for their ideological training, but do it for form’s sake. In some Party organizations, many members pass the review meeting in empty talk, approach it in a business-like manner, or review their Party life as if they are repenting sins, while neglecting to criticize other comrades. They criticize themselves every time for not being loyal. In fact, a Party member who has not been loyal is not eligible for membership. To make the review of Party life an opportunity for ideological education and revolutionary training, a full preparation for the review meeting should be made based on the principles for establishing the monolithic ideological system of the Party and an atmosphere of strong criticism must prevail throughout the meeting. It is advisable to concentrate criticism in the meeting on the Party members who have revealed defects. Only then, can the depth of ideological struggle be guaranteed and other Party members, too, be influenced, feeling compunction while those who revealed defects are criticized. In strengthening Party life, it is also important not to consider job-ranking and not to allow double standards in discipline. In the job there are higher and lower persons, but in Party life there are not higher and lower members. However, some cadres, senior Party officials in particular, neglect to attend Party life review meetings and Party study sessions and try to assume an air of a judge at Party meetings. If job-ranking is considered or double standards in
discipline are allowed in Party life, cadres may act in a lordly manner and rank-and-file members curry favour with them, being obsequious to them and idolizing them. In the long run, unsound elements may sprout within the Party. For all Party members to obey the one and only organizational principle, irrespective of positions, merits and experience in work, must be an invariable principle. Party organizations must strengthen control over their members so that they live as required by the Party rules and the regulations of Party life, thereby never tolerating double standards in discipline in Party life.

Strengthening criticism and ideological struggle is an important requirement for inculcating the sound habit of Party life. It will make it possible to eradicate the remnants of outdated ideas in the minds of the people, educate and train them in a revolutionary way and establish sound relationship of comradeship between Party members. In the political doldrums, where there is no criticism nor ideological struggle, the people may become slack and degenerate ideologically and different kinds of apparitions may appear.

The purpose of criticism is not to reveal comrades’ faults, put an indignity upon them and bring them to notice, but to correct their errors and train them as true communist revolutionaries. Criticism is the expression of the love for and trust in comrades. Party members must have a correct view of criticism and take an active part in criticism and ideological struggle.

Some Party members are very much afraid of criticism and, for the purpose of protecting their interests, fail to criticize themselves and frankly reveal their ideological defects. They also criticize others ambiguously, hoping not to upset them. Once they are criticized by their juniors, some senior officials consider it to impair their prestige. They have too much regard for criticism and try to find an occasion to seek revenge on those who criticized them. All these are tendencies not to have a correct view of criticism.

For strengthening criticism and ideological struggle, it is imperative to bring democracy into full play. Everyone in the Party should criticize others or be criticized by others and criticize both seniors and juniors. In particular, criticism by juniors must be encouraged. In addition to this, we must eradicate the tendencies to put a brake on criticism, trying to revenge on those who criticized or creating an atmosphere of horror by recklessly charging a political crime against others.

Another important task in creating a revolutionary climate in the Party is to inculcate the revolutionary habit of carrying out the lines and policies of the Party without question.

Unconditionally carrying out the Party’s line and policies is an important content of the habits of Party work.

The lines and policies of the Party are the organizational will of our Party and people and the guiding principle of all activities of the Party members and working people. All the lines and policies of our Party are based on the Juche idea and elucidate the ways and methods for making our country prosperous and our people better-off. If we carry
out the lines and policies of the Party to the letter, we can bring about a continuous upsurge in socialist construction, improve people’s lives and successfully accomplish the historic cause of modelling the whole of society on the Juche idea.

In order to carry out the Party’s lines and policies, it is of foremost importance to profoundly understand their essence and validity. It is a prerequisite for carrying them out. Only when Party members acquire a profound knowledge of the essence and validity of the Party’s lines and policies, can they have an unshakable faith, find a correct way to carry them out and implement them thoroughly to completion. If not, they cannot organize and unfold the work correctly to carry out the Party’s lines and policies and, before some difficulties, they will vacillate without overcoming them. We must make sure that all Party members and working people profoundly understand the essence and validity of our Party’s policies and carry them out without vacillation in any difficult and complicated situation.

To carry out the lines and policies of the Party, the officials should organize and guide the work, displaying the spirit of regarding the Party policy as absolutely correct and carrying policies out unconditionally. Whether the Party’s lines and policies are carried out or not depends on what ideological view and attitude is held by the cadres, the elite force of our Party and the commanding personnel of our revolution. The senior officials must organize and guide the work carefully and effectively to carry out the Party’s lines and policies, displaying the spirit of regarding them absolute and carrying them out with no questions asked. They should not be satisfied after they have organized work once or twice, nor should they abandon the task when the job was only half done. Once they have started work, they must carry it through to completion by a stubborn struggle. In particular, Party officials should make more strenuous efforts than others to implement the Party lines and policies demonstrating the spirit of regarding them absolute and implementing them without question. Only then can they powerfully motivate Party members and working people in the struggle to carry out the Party lines and policies and make the revolutionary habit of implementing the Party’s line and policies unconditionally and to the letter prevail throughout the society. If Party officials do not have this spirit, they cannot fight against the wrong tendencies that impede the implementation of Party lines and policies, nor can they defend and carry them through to completion. They must accept the lines and policies of the Party as absolute, no matter what is said by whom, and implement them to the letter. They must make persistent efforts to carry out Party policies with the spirit of regarding the Party policies as absolute and carrying them out without question, the spirit of tearing down the walls, smashing rocks and making a breach with their bare hands once the Party requires.

In order to implement the Party lines and policies to the letter, it is also imperative to display to the fullest the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude.
Self-reliance and fortitude are the revolutionary spirit of communists, the spirit of solving all the problems arising in the revolution and construction on their own responsibility and by their own efforts, never vacillating in any difficult and complicated situation. Only when we display this spirit to the fullest, can we implement the Party lines and policies to completion through our own efforts, producing what we have not and finding out what we are lacking, and never cease advancing and innovating, overcoming bravely all difficulties and trials without being disappointed in any adversity. At present, we are fighting for socialist construction and to bring nearer the independent, peaceful reunification of the country in the complicated situation at home and abroad and under the condition in which everything is in want. But we should not hope for any assistance from others. There is no one to help us. We must struggle for socialist construction and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country, only believing in our people’s strength and displaying the spirit of self-reliance and fortitude.

If they are to display this spirit to the fullest, the officials must be full of vitality. The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said recently that the officials, full of vitality, must carry out the tasks facing their fields and units through their own efforts and manage the economic life assiduously. Vitality means the power to make a living. Only when they are full of vitality, can officials have a strong sense of responsibility and display creativity to the fullest to carry out their tasks through their own efforts.

At present, in the county where the officials work full of vitality, the economic life is managed successfully through their own efforts as required by the Party. But, in counties where the officials are not vital, this is not the case. The officials without strong vitality, once entrusted with a task by the Party, only expect help from their seniors without determination to carry it out on their own. Such people do not try to go among the masses to find untapped resources and possibilities and to mobilize the strength and intelligence of the masses. The officials should always believe in the people’s strength and mobilize it skillfully. If they skillfully organize the people’s strength nothing will be impossible.

We should see to it that all senior officials carry out their revolutionary tasks on their own efforts and in a responsible manner by believing in their own and the people’s strength and displaying the spirit of self-reliance and fortitude. If all sectors and units fulfill their tasks through their own efforts in this spirit, the Party’s lines and policies will be successfully implemented and big strides made in the struggle for socialist construction and national reunification.

In order to carry out the Party’s lines and policies, we must also
wage a powerful ideological struggle against such unsound ideas as defeatism, formalism, expediency and conservatism. These ideas are the main obstacles that impede the implementation of the Party lines and policies. If these ideas are ingrained in the minds of the officials, they will not work in a responsible manner with an attitude befitting masters and accordingly cannot carry out with credit any task set forth by the Party. Party organizations must launch a powerful ideological struggle to root out all sorts of ideas that impede the implementation of Party policies, including defeatism, formalism, expediency and conservatism.

The next important task in creating a revolutionary climate of the Party is to cultivate the popular habit with which the officials go deep among the masses and find solutions to all problems by relying on their strength.

For the officials to live always with the masses, know the reality of lower units inside out and launch the work to suit their aspirations and demands is an important content of the habits of Party work and an important requirement of the leader-style work method. It is only when the officials go among the masses that they can strengthen the relationship between the Party and the masses, rally the latter behind the former and stimulate the revolutionary enthusiasm and creativity of the masses to overcome difficulties and trials and carry on the revolution and construction successfully.

If they are to go among the masses, officials must have a correct revolutionary view of the masses. There are many reasons why they fail to go among the masses, but one of the main reasons is that they do not have a correct view of the masses. Without a correct view of the masses, they cannot go among the masses and, even if they live among them, they cannot mobilize the strength and intelligence of the masses. The officials must go among the masses, being clearly aware that the masses are the teacher and that if their strength and intelligence are mobilized, nothing would be impossible.

To go among the masses, officials must eliminate the work style of always remaining in their offices and work in the style of the anti-Japanese guerrillas. I have long advanced a policy under which the officials should go among the masses with knapsacks on their backs as did the commanders of the Anti-Japanese Guerrilla Army and work in a manner of seeding the fields and gathering harvests using their own hands. However, some officials remain seated at their desks, managing all work relying exclusively on meetings, documents and telephones, instead of going among the masses with knapsacks on their backs as did the Anti-Japanese Guerrilla Army commanders. Many Party officials work with documents at their desks, instead of working with living people by going among the masses and educating and motivating them in carrying out the revolutionary tasks. The administrative and economic officials direct the production activity using telephones or documents, instead of going down to production sites, taking stock of the reality and finding a solution to knotty
problems by united efforts with the workers. Unless they go down to production sites, understand the reality and make a careful estimation, the senior officials, whether Party workers or administrative and economic workers, cannot educate people properly and direct production effectively. The officials must boldly get rid of the work style of remaining in their offices and go down to the production sites. They must work in a way of learning from the masses and teaching them, understanding the reality in detail and making a careful estimation to mobilize all untapped resources and discover new possibilities.

When they go down to lower units, the officials must have a plan and establish their aims and methods. If they go down without a plan, without any preparation, they cannot take stock of the reality and substantially help their juniors. They may accept only the defeatist opinions suggested by the officials of lower units, staying in the latter’s offices, before coming back. Therefore, when they go down to subordinate units, the officials must have set aims to be attained on this occasion and make a plan to realize them, based on a profound understanding of the Party policy concerning the units and the general situation there. With such preparation, they may substantially help the lower units.

After coming back from the lower units, they must review the work they have done. Only then can they find out the merits and defects of their guidance work, take steps to improve their work and perfect their guiding methods.

Another task arising in making a revolutionary climate prevail throughout the Party is to establish a revolutionary discipline within the Party.

Discipline in the Party is a powerful weapon for rallying its members firmly behind the leader and realizing the leader’s ideas and guidance. Party members do not become linked with the leader organizationally and ideologically by themselves, simply because they have become members of the Party organization. The organizational and ideological union with the leader is achieved only when all members move as one according to the organizational principle and discipline of the Party.

Discipline is the life of a working-class party and a basic guarantee for enhancing its fighting capacity. Though the Party consists of millions of members, it moves as an organism through strong organization and discipline. It is only when strict discipline is established in the Party that we can achieve unity in ideology, purpose and action and create the revolutionary climate of the Party, the climate that the entire Party breathes and moves according to the leader’s ideas and intentions.

Party organizations must be clearly aware that organization and discipline are important in creating the revolutionary Party climate and strive to establish revolutionary discipline in the Party.

We must establish a strict discipline of reporting the important matters of principle arising in Party work and activity to the Party Central Committee and of dealing with them as decided upon. Only
then can we conduct all Party work and activities according to the Party’s ideas and intentions and make the entire Party move as one under the unified leadership of the Party centre. But, some Party organizations do not report to the Party centre those problems they should report, nor do they implement those concluded matters as decided upon. This reflects a lack of discipline and Party traits. Different complicated problems may newly arise in the process of expanding their work. Party organizations and Party officials must report to the Party Central Committee the important matters of principle and those concerned with its policy among the arising problems and, once concluded, consider them as the law and the supreme order and implement them to the letter without any argument at all. Party organizations must eradicate a tendency to deal with the important matters of principle arising in Party work and activity of their own will, highlighting the special characteristics of their provinces and units, and regard it an invariable principle to report them to the Party centre and deal with them as decided upon.

The requirements of the Party Rules must be thoroughly obeyed. The Party Rules are the standards of Party activity and the regulations of Party life. Party organizations must make sure that all Party members know the Party Rules inside out by studying them regularly and work and live as they require, at any place and at any time. In addition to this, they should launch a powerful struggle against a tendency to violate them and overcome such tendency in a timely manner.

It is necessary to strictly maintain a job-ranking system. There is no higher or lower member in Party life, but there is a senior or a junior in the work place. In the work place, a senior must be distinguished from a junior and strict discipline and order established under which juniors obey seniors and carry out to the letter the tasks assigned by their seniors. However, it does not mean that there should be a gap between seniors and juniors. Distinguishing a senior from a junior is one thing, but creating a gap between them is another thing. Seniors should be distinguished from juniors in work, but a gap between them must be forbidden in human relations.

Secrecy is the lifeblood of a revolutionary organization and an important guarantee for victory in the revolutionary struggle. Only when secrets are strictly kept, can the Party, as the General Staff of the revolution, realize its leadership successfully over the revolution and construction and consolidate the unity of the Party and the revolutionary rank. Keeping a secret is a matter of principle to be maintained in Party life and Party work, as well as an important trait that Party members must cherish. The work of keeping a secret, too, can be smooth when the Party members have a correct view of it as in other work. Party organizations should see to it that Party members have a correct view of secrets and do not betray a trifling secret. In addition to this, they must take practical measures to prevent any secret from leaking out.

To establish revolutionary discipline, it is imperative to make strong demands. We should not only hope that Party members voluntarily
obey discipline, merely because discipline is premised on voluntary observance. If a strong demand is not made for discipline, some people who are not politically prepared may reveal an indisci-plined tendency. Strict discipline can be established when a strong sense of voluntary observance is combined with strong demands. Party organizations should make stronger demands to establish revolutionary discipline in the Party.

It is very important to enhance the role of Party organizations in creating the revolutionary trait of the Party.

As the work of making the revolutionary climate prevail throughout the Party is the work of inculcating the revolutionary habits of Party life and Party work, the success of this work depends on the role of Party organizations that organize and guide Party life and Party work. Party organizations must carefully organize and guide the work to create the revolutionary climate of the Party. Organizing and guiding this work in a responsible manner is one of the basic tasks of Party organizations. Party organizations must approach this work with a careful plan in keeping with the developing reality, take stock of its implementation promptly and take measures to improve it, thereby preventing any possible deviation in this work.

In order to create a Party climate, organizational departments and propaganda departments of Party committees at all levels must skillfully join their forces. This is an important work on which both organizational and propaganda departments must concentrate their efforts. The organizational departments should make a scientific analysis of the shortcomings revealed in this work and their reasons and hand them over to the propaganda departments. The latter, based on the materials that it took over from the former, should substantially conduct educational work to create a Party climate.

Organizational departments and propaganda departments of Party committees at all levels must eliminate self-centredness in their departments, discuss issues with each other and launch concerted operations to create a Party climate, and keep their steps in the guidance over lower Party organizations.

All Party organizations must launch a vigorous struggle to create a revolutionary climate throughout the Party to suit the new requirements of the development of the Party and revolution and thus further strengthen and develop our Party as the revolutionary party of Juche.

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