Analysis of Street United Front Work in the New Era

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Abstract—To give full play to the function of the United Front departments and construct a new effective pattern of Street United Front work is a significant guarantee to do well in all aspects of the United Front Work and an inevitable requirement to consolidate and strengthen the United Front in the new stage. By means of the questionnaire and on-the-spot investigation, it is found that there are some problems in Street United Front Work in the new era, such as inadequate ideological understanding and imperfect mechanism and system. It is hoped that by taking measures like unified ideological understanding, improving system and mechanism, and innovating united front carriers, the contradictions in grass-roots society can be solved; all positive factors can be mobilized; the socialist modernization power can be built; and the harmonious socialist society can be established.

Keywords—New era; Street united front work; Problems; Analysis

I. INTRODUCTION

Since the Eighteenth National Congress of the CPC, the CPC Central Committee, with Comrade Xi Jinping as its core, has closely focused on the strategic layout of serving the "four aspects” and realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. In May 2015, the Central United Front Work Conference was held.[1] In February 2017, the National United Front Work Conference for New Social Classes was held. In May 2015, the Party promulgated the first Party regulations on the United Front. Regulations on the United Front of the Communist Party of China (for trial implementation). [2] Comrade Xi Jinping profoundly expounded the new ideas, new viewpoints and new requirements of the Party's United Front in the new era, further clarified the nature, status, role, objectives, tasks and scope of the United Front in the new era, summarized and perfected the theories, principles, policies and measures in various fields of the United Front, and formed a strict ideological system, which made the direction of the development of the United Front clearer. Think more clearly.

Our country is now not only the golden period of economic development but also the highlight period of various social contradictions and social problems. The social transformation will inevitably lead to changes in the pattern of interests and social strata. For example, the decline of status will lead to psychological imbalance, the disparity of income will expose people's dissatisfaction, the tension of work will increase people's spiritual pressure, the change of values and lifestyles will bring people a lot of maladjustment, and the acceleration of population flow frequency will lead to urban management. Rationality is becoming more and more difficult. Negative things in society will have a negative impact on people, coupled with sudden natural disasters and man-made disasters, so the street community is at the forefront of all social contradictions and social problems. Street communities can digest all kinds of problems at the grass-roots level to the greatest extent and prevent them from happening unless they are well guarded and well done in advance.

II. PROBLEMS AND REASONS OF STREET UNITED FRONT WORK IN THE NEW ERA

Ideological understanding is not in place. First, the main leaders are not well aware of it. In the work of united front at the grass-roots level, it is common to know little about the policy of United Front, to participate in United Front activities and to care little about the work of the United Front. Some leaders have a weak concept of the United Front, and the understanding of the United Front work among most cadres at the grass-roots level is still "vague". They believe that the United Front work plays a secondary role in political and social life, and it is fatigued and dispensable. Second, the members of the United Front do not know well. Some members of the United Front lack the awareness of the importance of the work of the United Front, their responsibilities and missions at the grass-roots level are not clear, their policies and regulations on the United Front are not familiar with and understood, resulting in a strong sense of participation, poor ability to participate in politics and deliberation, uneasy and unwilling to engage in the work of the United Front, unwilling, unwilling to leave young and wanting to retire old. Third, social personages do not know well. Because propaganda work is not in place, most people in society do not understand the United Front Work and its objectives and tasks. So far, many cadres and masses still think that the United Front ministry is the Work Department of the CPPCC and mistake the United Front work, especially multi-party cooperation, as a decoration.

The institutional mechanism is not perfect. First, there is a lack of a sound organizational structure. In Township streets, there are almost no full-time United Front Commissioners. Generally, they are both street propaganda committees. In villages and communities, they are basically staff members. Usually, they are both part-time. In most cases, the United Front work is in a subordinate position, which makes it difficult to carry out the United Front work in depth. Second, there is a lack of perfect institutional constraints. In terms of the comprehensive assessment of street work, the United Front...
work has not been included in the assessment content of leading group work as well as other work and served as an important basis for selecting and appointing leading cadres. As a result, some street, village and community cadres have not paid enough attention to the current United Front Work and have not really put the United Front Work on the important agenda. The neglect of leading cadres in the streets leads to weaker United Front Work in the villages and communities, and the second united front network in the streets and villages (communities) cannot fully play an interactive role.

It is difficult to innovate the United Front work. A considerable number of grassroots united front departments are not enterprising, have inadequate measures, are content with the status quo, and have no new breakthroughs in their work. The main reasons are as follows: First, there are fewer staff and more business. According to the survey, the number of United Front Departments at the county level is generally 315, while the number of United Front Departments at the street and community level is relatively less. Staff members are engaged in several jobs. They are busy dealing with many departments, heavy tasks and heavy pressures from their superiors. Second, in some places, there is a lack of subjective initiative in carrying out work, and the idea of "waiting, depending and wanting" exists. Because the grassroots united front cadres are not sure about the situation of grassroots United Front Work in the new era, all work can only be carried out by waiting for the superiors to arrange tasks, depending on their help and support, requiring the government to give money and property, lacking the spirit of exploration, inadequate investigation and Research on new problems, inaccurate grasp of new situations, and generally lack of experience and methods to do well in the United Front work, which makes it difficult to carry out Thirdly, some of the United Front Departments are not high in quality and professional competence. They lack channels of learning and communication, lack of learning and training on the theory and policy of the United Front, rarely give them opportunities to exchange and exercise in organization, and it is difficult to improve their quality. Many United Front Departments have become "nursing homes" for leading cadres. Some cadres who are too old to be promoted or retired in other departments are assigned to the United Front Departments to enjoy their "old age". They are neither familiar with the theory and policy of the United Front nor lack the experience and methods of understanding the targets of the United Front and doing well the work of the United Front[3].

Work is not carried out in depth. First, there is insufficient guidance and education for the non-public sector of the economy. The non-public economy has become an important part of the national economy. Non-public economic personages have become an important target of United Front Work at the grass-roots level. Because of their uneven personal qualities, how to do a good job in guiding and educating them, better serve society and contribute to society, we need to further strengthen and improve. Secondly, the training of non-Party cadres is not very vigorous. Highly educated, talented and influential non-Party reserve cadres are relatively scarce, and there are still shortages of non-Party cadres and faults in the construction of reserve cadres. Third, the complexity of ethnic and religious affairs is not well understood. At present, although the mainstream of religious work is good, religious activities are increasingly affected by external influences, disputes between religious sites and surrounding residents, and security issues of religious sites are increasing.

III. THE COUNTERMEASURE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS EXISTING IN STREET UNITED FRONT WORK IN THE NEW ERA

Faced with the outstanding problems in Street United Front work, we must further clarify the status of Street United Front work, strengthen and standardize the management of Street United Front work, unify understanding, improve the mechanism, innovate methods, and constantly serve the economic and social development.

To unify ideological understanding and strengthen the concept of the United Front. First, we need to raise awareness of the main leaders of the United Front work. The main leaders should take the lead in the important activities of the United Front and exemplify the implementation of the United Front policy. We should take the initiative to grasp the direction of the United Front work, improve leadership control ability, coordinate complex relations at the grass-roots level, solve outstanding contradictions at the grass-roots level and cohere new forces at the grass-roots level. We should attach importance to the training, education, exchange, and use of grass-roots united front cadres and non-party cadres, and constantly optimize the cadre contingent structure. Second, we should increase the publicity of learning. The study and propaganda of the Party's united front principles and policies is the premise of doing a good job in the grass-roots united front work. We should fully understand the importance of the United Front Work and put it on the agenda of the Street Party (Labor) Committee. Streets, villages, and communities should make full use of distance education networks, newspapers, broadcasting and other channels to actively publicize the work of the United Front, and do a good job of publicizing the work of the United Front in a situation where the masses are happy to see and hear.[4]

Perfecting the system and mechanism and strengthening the work guarantee. First, we need to innovate the working pattern and work hard on the linkage between the top and the bottom. It is necessary to form a united front network pattern of three-level linkage among districts, streets and villages (communities), break the traditional practice of "singles and one" in the United Front departments, properly handle the relationship between the overall situation and the local situation, within and outside the party, form a working pattern of overall promotion and up-down linkage, and strive to build a united front pattern in which the whole Party attaches importance to support and the whole society jointly participates.

Second, we should improve the service evaluation mechanism and work hard on scientific evaluation. Setting up a scientific, comprehensive, economic and reasonable, easy-to-operate evaluation mechanism: adopting a monitoring mechanism combining single evaluation and comprehensive evaluation, peacetime evaluation and periodic evaluation, short-term evaluation and medium-term and long-term evaluation, evaluating service effect in an all-around way,
adjusting decision-making in time, and ensuring orderly and
benign implementation of various service measures.

Third, we should innovate the working mechanism and
work hard on overall coordination. The united front work
belongs to the Party's work, mainly to do special group work.
The Party's work relies mainly on Party organizations at all
levels and Party members and cadres. Community united front
work should include people in communist party building work.

Fourth, we should improve the service supervision
mechanism and work hard on external supervision. Establish a
multi-angle and multi-level information feedback mechanism
with Street United Front members as liaison officers, non-Party
NPC representatives and CPPCC members of streets, villages
and communities as supervisors, and other representative
members of the United Front as informants. Strengthen the
supervision and feedback on the implementation of service
measures, and promote the implementation of service
measures.

Grasp the weak links and strengthen all-round development.
First, we need to do a good job in the education and training of
non-public economic personnel. We should actively carry out
ideological and political work for non-public economic
representatives, educate them to be patriotic, dedicated and
law-abiding, guide them to establish a socialist outlook on
interests, and form management concepts, values, and ethics in
line with the socialist market economy. On the basis of
enlarging and strengthening enterprises, they should actively
participate in public welfare activities such as social poverty
alleviation and relief, share their worries for the country, solve
difficulties for the people, contribute to the society, and
actively participate in "glorious undertakings" and harmonious
community construction.

Second, we should improve the training and selection
mechanism for non-Party cadres. From the perspective of
politics and the overall situation, we should strengthen the
training and selection of non-Party cadres. We should attach
great importance to the training, selection, arrangement, and
use of non-Party cadres.

Third, we should enhance our ability to deal with ethnic
and religious affairs. Strengthen the religious work
responsibility consciousness of the leading cadres in the streets.
We should carefully investigate, go deep into the grass-roots
level, comprehensively grasp the relevant situation of religious
sites and religious believers in the work area, and categorize
and deal with them. [5].

We should innovate the carrier of the United Front. First,
we should open up new channels for the United Front in street
communities. Through the establishment of new community
media such as portal website, micro-blog, mobile interactive
APP, etc., the communication channels between communities
and residents can be established, the channels can be
maintained smoothly, the information asymmetry can be
alleviated, the party affairs, government affairs, and household
affairs can be well done through interactive communication on
the internet, so as to eliminate the contradictions arising from
the problems of information communication and gradually
form in the street community. To become a positive public
opinion environment, to help the construction and governance
activities of the street community, and promote the harmonious
development of the community.

IV. CONCLUSION

It is of great significance to unify ideological understanding,
 improve the system and mechanism, innovate the carrier of
 united front and grasp weak links of United Front Work for
doing well in the work of united front at grass-roots level,
solving contradictions in grass-roots level society, mobilizing
all positive factors, building a strong socialist modernization
country and establishing a harmonious socialist society.

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