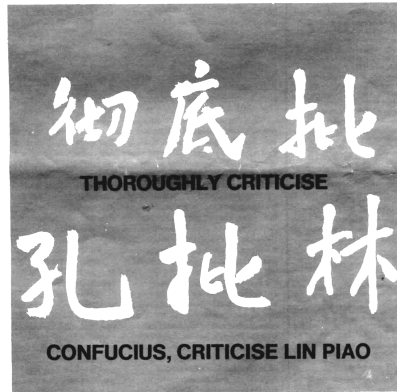


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a serious danger, one would think and need not justify a campaign of the extent and urgency of the present mass-movement. This way of thinking, however, rests on the presupposition that these dissentient and hostile class elements live in complete mental isolation from the rest of the population and are only as dangerous as their shrinking number would indicate. But this assumption is erroneous and the truth is contained in the linkup of the campaign of criticism of Lin Piao with that of criticising Confucius. For as these defeated classes are a social relic of the past so Confucianism is the basic ideological relic of the ancient Chinese society all through, of its State and in particular of its family structure. True, this structure is in full course of transformation, but a discussion of this aspect and an analysis of its contradictions requires a second article.