

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR EDUCATED YOUTHS WHO HAVE GONE TO COUNTRYSIDE

[The following poster entitled "Letter to Revolutionary Educated Youths All Over the Country Who Go to Mountain and Rural Areas" was issued 26 December 1966 with instruction that it be posted and re-printed.]

[Text] Marxist doctrines deal with a thousand and one things, but in the final analysis they mean to say one thing: "To rebel is justified." ... According to this doctrine, there is resistance, there is struggle, and there is socialism. -- Mao Tse-tung

"The Four Seas are rising, clouds and waters raging; the Five Continents are rocking, wind and thunder roaring." Guided by the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao, the great proletarian cultural revolution has smashed the hindrances of the bourgeois reactionary line and is developing more penetratingly and more extensively. One of the most important characteristics of the current situation is that the broad masses of revolutionary workers and peasants have plunged into the movement for a great proletarian cultural revolution while the revolutionary students have integrated themselves with the worker masses, and that the movement has shown a new beginning.

Our great leader Chairman Mao has pointed out: "Launched on a huge scale, this movement has really mobilized the masses."

Responding to the call of the Party Central Committee and Chairman Mao, our revolutionary educated youths have gone to extensive areas to temper themselves and grow up in the three revolutionary movements for class struggle, struggle for production and scientific experiment. We must plunge into this movement for a great cultural revolution, make revolution against all power-holders who take the capitalist road and against all demons and monsters, and smash them into smithereens.

The class struggle in the countryside at present is very acute and complex. In the past several thousand years, particularly in the past few centuries, the viruses of feudalism, imperialism, capitalism and revisionism keep on stubbornly corrupting the people's being. Those people of the five black categories who have been defeated are not reconciled to their perishment and will adopt all possible means to collude with the power-holders who take the capitalist road. Making use of the influence of the old society, their relatives and kinsmen, they frenziedly attack the Party, vainly attempt to destroy the three red banners and the dictatorship of the proletariat, seriously hinder the smooth development of the socialist revolution and socialist construction, and try to realize capitalist restoration.

Those power-holders who have wormed their way into the Party and take the capitalist road implement the bourgeois reactionary line, distort the Party's policy of "making youths go to mountain and rural areas," hit and persecute those youths who have gone to the countryside. They enforce the revisionist practice and use material incentives, personal fame and gain, and high positions to corrupt the youths. They loudly repeat the abominable tunes of US imperialism and revisionism, saying that "you are not needed in cities and are useless in the countryside; you can just eat." They vigorously advocate that "he is a good man who works much and speaks little." They make effort to cultivate students of the five black categories who appear to be honest but are rascals politically. They say loudly, "you should find a sweetheart in the countryside. It does no harm for you, who are eighteen or nineteen years old, to get married early, otherwise the organization will not support you and will discard you." They use these words to hit and

persecute the youths who have gone to the countryside and to oppose the policies of the Party Central Committee and Chairman Mao. They propagate this vigorously: "So-and-so has gone to serve as a cadre in the countryside. The family background of the five black categories is a trifling matter. For example, Sun Yun-chieh is also posted as a cadre." ... In short, they have run the centers for youths who have come to the countryside -- centers of capital construction leading to communism -- as hotbeds of revisionism, where they cultivate seedlings of revisionism, building a flight of steps to revisionism.

Particularly during the great cultural revolution, they are very much afraid that the masses will unveil their true faces. They try more vigorously to hit and suppress the revolutionary actions of the youths who have gone to the countryside. They make all-out efforts and adopt all possible means to suppress the mass movements with all sorts of excuses. They hatch plots, shoot arrows in the dark, spread rumors, hit the revolutionaries, and falsely accuse the revolutionary masses who air their views as counterrevolutionaries. They particularly fear that the revolutionary youths integrate with the Red Guards. Under the pretext of grasping production, they try to suppress us and strangle our cultural revolution. However, the greater the hindrance is, the greater the resistance will be. Under the pressure of various hindrances, we cry out aloud and stand up. We just want to make revolution! We just want to make rebellion! We just want to rebel against imperialism, revisionism, capitalism, and all decadent ideologies of exploiting classes! We want to make rebellion on a huge scale and through to the end! We just want to behead those who oppose the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao! We want to break the heads of those who oppose the principles of Mao Tse-tung!

We are not afraid of heaven, earth, ghosts or demons as long as we live! We closely follow the Party Central Committee and Chairman Mao and temper ourselves and grow up in the storms of the class struggle! We show no fear of being hit and frustrated! We shall wrest the final victory!

We make this vow solemnly: We may break our heads and shed our blood, but we do not repudiate the principles of Mao Tse-tung. We may break our heads and shed our blood, but we do not repudiate the Party's policy of "making the youths go to mountain and rural areas." We have infinite love for Chairman Mao and have infinite faith in and infinite adoration of the principles of Mao Tse-tung. We vow to defend the Party Central Committee and Chairman Mao with our lives and blood. In the course of struggle, we creatively study and apply Chairman Mao's works and carry the mass movement for the study of Chairman Mao's works toward a new stage.

Chairman Mao says: "The world is yours, as well as ours, but in the last analysis, it is yours. You young people, full of vigor and vitality, are in the bloom of life, like the sun at eight or nine in the morning. Our hope is placed on you. ... The world belongs to you. China's future belongs to you." Millions of educated youths in the whole country, have gone to the mountain and rural areas. They are in multitude and are widely scattered. Chairman Mao has taught us that there is no construction without destruction. The broad masses of educated youths, let us ignite glaring fires all over the country and join the broad masses of poor and lower-middle peasants in smashing the old countryside! Let us build a brilliant new countryside! Let us burn away all things that are in variance with the principles of Mao Tse-tung!

Long live the proletarian revolutionary rebel spirit!

We vow to defend the Party Central Committee and Chairman Mao!

We vow to defend the proletarian revolutionary line represented by
Chairman Mao!

Long live our great leader Chairman Mao! A long, long life to him!

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