

Chairman Mao Joins One Million of the Revolutionary Masses in Celebration of the Great Cultural Revolution

ON August 18, Chairman Mao, the great teacher, great leader, great supreme commander and great helmsman of the Chinese people, joined one million of the revolutionary masses of Peking and many other parts of the country in a mammoth rally celebrating the great proletarian cultural revolution. It took place in the magnificent Tien An Men Square of the capital of our great country, centre of the proletarian revolution.

At five o'clock in the morning as the sun was spreading its rays above the horizon, Chairman Mao came to Tien An Men Square, already filled with a forest of red flags and a sea of people who had converged from all directions. In an olive-green army uniform, the red star on his army cap glittering in the sunlight, Chairman Mao walked across the Golden Water Bridge in front of the Tien An Men Gate and out into the midst of the revolutionary masses, shaking hands with the people around him and waving to everyone in the Square. The entire Square seethed with jubilation. Everyone, his face turned towards Chairman Mao, raised his arms over his head, leaped, cheered and applauded. Many clapped until the palms of their hands were red, and many shed tears of joy. Excitedly they exclaimed, "Chairman Mao is here! Chairman Mao has come into our midst!" The crowds shouted at

the top of their voices: "Long live Chairman Mao! Long life, long, long life to Chairman Mao!" The cheers rose in crescendo, reverberating through the air of the capital.

Chairman Mao, our great leader, spent more than six hours with the one million revolutionary masses that morning. He stood shoulder to shoulder with Comrade Lin Piao on the rostrum of the Tien An Men Gate as they reviewed the ranks of the huge proletarian army of the cultural revolution. Watching the massive columns of paraders, he happily turned to Comrade Lin Piao and remarked, "This is a very large-scale movement. It has really mobilized the masses. This is of great significance in revolutionizing the thinking of the entire people."

Tens of thousands of Red Guards, lively and alert young people with red arm bands, were the centre of attention at the gigantic rally. A revolutionary mass organization of university and middle school students, the Red Guards were formed during this great proletarian cultural revolutionary movement. They have pledged to be the red vanguards defending Chairman Mao, the Chinese Communist Party and the motherland all their lives. Their representatives stood on the rostrum on Tien An Men Gate and packed the reviewing stands on both sides. Youthful and vigorous,

they maintained order on the rostrum, in the Square and along the boulevards on both sides of the Square.

During the rally, a Red Guard from the Girls' Middle School attached to the Peking Normal University mounted the rostrum and put a Red Guard arm band on Chairman Mao. Chairman Mao affectionately shook hands with her. All the Red Guards on and below the rostrum were filled with joy. Some jumped into the air and exclaimed, "Chairman Mao is our commander, and we are his young soldiers!" Others remarked, "Chairman Mao has joined our Red Guards. This is our greatest support and inspiration. With Chairman Mao backing us, we are afraid of nothing."

One thousand five hundred student representatives were on the Tien An Men rostrum to take part in the rally with the Party and state leaders. Chairman Mao and Comrades Lin Piao, Chou En-lai and Chiang Ching received them in groups, talked with them and posed for pictures. When Chairman Mao received them, the elated students surrounded their beloved and respected leader and repeatedly shouted "Long live Chairman Mao!"

The celebration began at 7:30 a.m. During the music of "The East Is Red", Chairman Mao, Comrade Lin Piao and other leaders of

the Communist Party and the state mounted the rostrum. The whole Square burst into thunderous cheers. Countless hands raised aloft copies of *Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-tung*, one million ardent hearts flew towards Chairman Mao, and one million pairs of eyes shining with revolutionary enthusiasm looked up towards Chairman Mao. The people were all the more deeply moved when they saw that their beloved leader was in a simple cotton army uniform. They exclaimed, "Chairman Mao in his army uniform comes closer to us. Chairman Mao will always fight together with us." Others declared, "With Chairman Mao as our supreme commander, we feel boundless joy. We want to be Chairman Mao's good fighters and follow him in making the revolution all our lives."

The celebration was presided over by Comrade Chen Po-ta, member of the Political Bureau of

the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and head of the group in charge of the cultural revolution under the Party's Central Committee. In his opening speech he declared, "Our great leader, teacher and helmsman, Chairman Mao, is here today to meet all of you (great ovation from the crowd). Chairman Mao is with the masses in every moment. His heart is always turned towards the masses. This great proletarian cultural revolution is led personally by Chairman Mao. His meeting with all of us today is a great inspiration. It will give a tremendous impetus to the great cultural revolution."

Comrade Lin Piao spoke amid stormy applause from the Square. He greeted the audience on behalf of Chairman Mao and the Central Committee of the Party, and said:

"The great proletarian cultural revolution initiated by Chairman Mao is a great creation in the com-

munist movement and a great creation for the socialist revolution!

"The great proletarian cultural revolution is aimed precisely at eliminating bourgeois ideology, establishing proletarian ideology, remoulding people's souls, revolutionizing their ideology, digging out the roots of revisionism, and consolidating and developing the socialist system.

"We will strike down those in power who take the road of capitalism, strike down the reactionary bourgeois authorities, strike down all bourgeois royalists, oppose all actions to suppress the revolution, and strike down all monsters and demons!

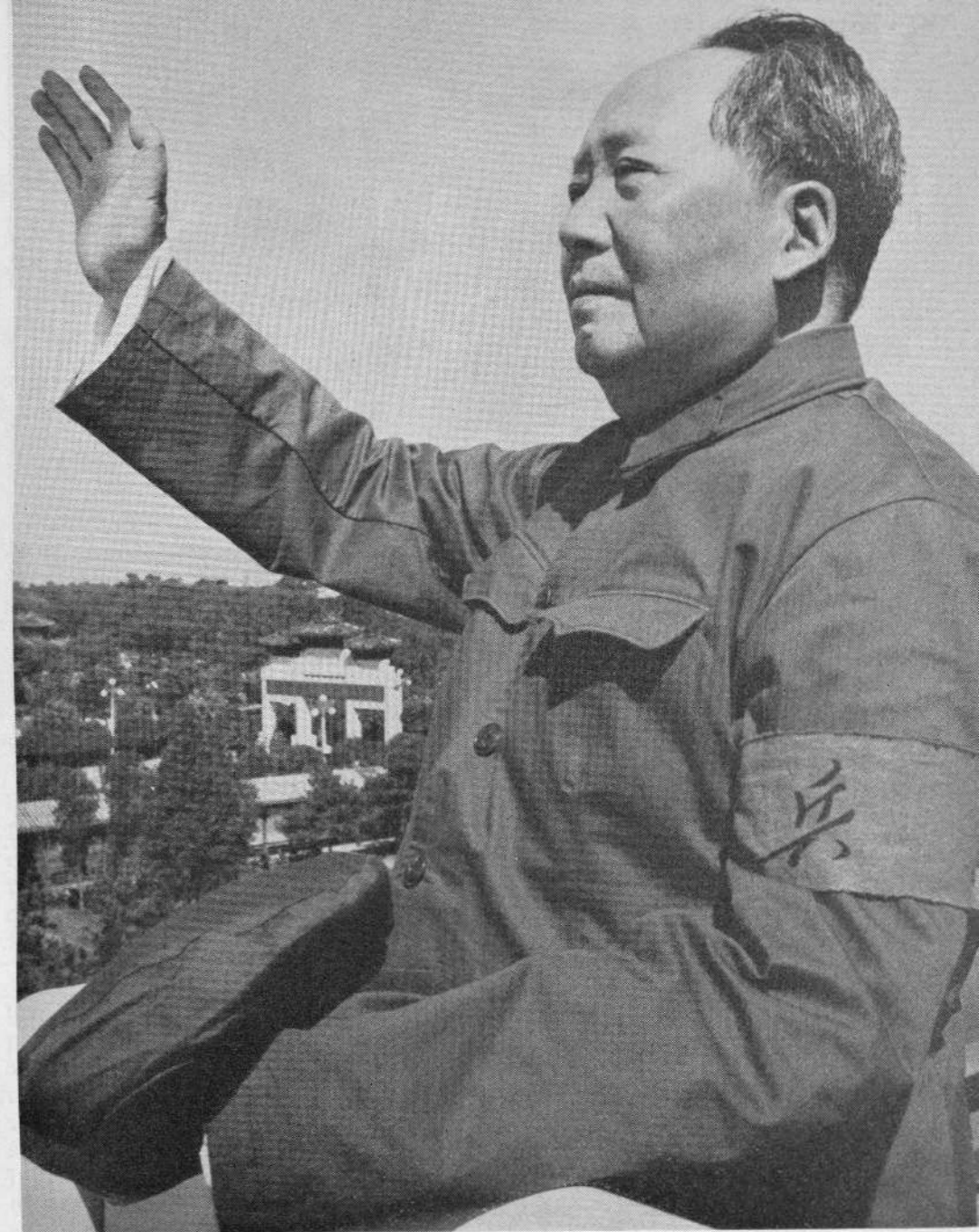
"We will vigorously destroy all the old ideas, old culture, old customs and old habits of the exploiting classes, and transform all those parts of the superstructure that do not correspond to the socialist economic base. We will

sweep away all vermin and remove all obstacles!

"We will make vigorous efforts to establish proletarian authorities and the new ideas, new culture, new customs and new habits of the proletariat. In a word, we will work with great energy so that Mao Tse-tung's thought achieves complete ascendancy. We will enable hundreds of millions of people to grasp Mao Tse-tung's thought, ensure that it seizes all ideological positions, apply it in transforming the mental outlook of the entire society, and transform the great spiritual force of Mao Tse-tung's thought into a great material force!

"The current great cultural revolution is a tremendous event affecting the fate and the future of our Party and our country!

"On what do we rely to make this great cultural revolution successful? We rely on the great thinking of Mao Tse-tung and on



Chairman Mao, our great teacher, great leader, great supreme commander and great helmsman, greets the revolutionary masses.



A section of the million-strong mass rally.

the wisdom and strength of the masses of the people!

"With the wise leadership of Chairman Mao and having mastered Mao Tse-tung's thought which is the sharpest weapon, we will be invincible and all-conquering and will achieve complete victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution!"

Concluding his speech, Comrade Lin Piao said: "Under the leadership of Chairman Mao we must launch fierce attacks on bourgeois ideology, old customs and old

forces of habit! We must thoroughly topple, smash and discredit the counter-revolutionary revisionists, bourgeois Rightists and bourgeois reactionary authorities so that they will never be able to rise again!"

Comrade Chou En-lai then addressed the rally. He said that the Party Central Committee had just held its Eleventh Plenary Session, presided over by Chairman Mao himself. It had been a meeting of great historic significance and its success was a new victory for Mao Tse-tung's thought.



Chairman Mao and his close comrade-in-arms Comrade Lin Piao stand side by side.

These young Red Guards dare to charge forward and dare to make revolution.



He pointed out: "The 16-point decision concerning the great proletarian cultural revolution adopted by the session was formulated under the personal leadership of Chairman Mao. It is the programme of the great proletarian cultural revolution. All revolutionary comrades should conscientiously study it, become familiar with it, grasp it and apply it. It is the weapon with which we fight in the great proletarian cultural revolution and our compass for action. We must study and apply this great programme well and carry it through in our practical actions.

"In the great proletarian cultural revolution, we must with the utmost vigour eradicate bourgeois ideology and foster proletarian ideology, that is, vigorously foster Mao Tse-tung's thought. Sailing the seas depends on the man at the helm, and our great helmsman is Chairman Mao Tse-tung. We must respond to the call of Comrade Lin Piao to unfold to a greater extent the mass movement to study and apply Chairman Mao's works in a living way throughout the entire Party, the entire army and the entire country.

"We must hold aloft the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, carry through to the end the great proletarian cultural revolution, build socialist China into an impregnable proletarian state and fulfil the glorious historic mission entrusted to us by the Chinese people and the revolutionary people of the world."

During the speeches of Comrades Lin Piao and Chou En-lai, the million people in the Square time and again raised their arms and shouted: "Long live the great proletarian cultural revolution!" "Long live the great Communist Party of China!" "Long live the great thinking of Mao Tse-tung!" "Long life, long, long life to our great leader, Chairman Mao!"

Other speeches followed by Nieh Yuan-chih, representative of Peking University, and by university and middle school students from Peking, Harbin, Changsha, Nanking and other places. With their infinitely profound and sincere love for our great leader



Revolutionary teachers and students from Peking and other parts of the country warmly acclaim Chairman Mao.

Chairman Mao, with the iron determination of several hundred million students and teachers throughout the country to carry the proletarian cultural revolution through to the end, they resolved to carry forward Mao Tse-tung's thought and pass it on, to ensure that socialist China will become an impregnable proletarian state that will never change colour. In the speeches, they said:

"Our country is in an unprecedented proletarian cultural revolution under the guidance of our great leader Chairman Mao. This is a revolution of world significance. We must smash the old world, create a new world, and carry through to the end the great proletarian cultural revolution."

"Sailing the seas depends on the man at the helm. The growth of all plants depends on sunlight. To carry on the revolution we must rely on Mao Tse-tung's thought. From the bottom of our hearts, we wish long life to our most beloved and respected great leader, Chairman Mao. We will follow Chairman Mao's teachings, pay attention to state affairs, and carry through to the end the great proletarian cultural revolution. We will fol-

low Chairman Mao's teachings to face the world and brave the storm of the mighty mass struggle, and become the most reliable successors to the cause of the proletarian revolution."

"Chairman Mao is the red sun in our hearts. The Chinese people's revolution has never been smooth sailing. We will always bear in mind Chairman Mao's instructions to steel and test ourselves in fierce storms and towering waves. We pledge our lives to defend the Central Committee of the Party, to defend Chairman Mao. We may face mountains of daggers and seas of flames, but we have Mao Tse-tung's thought as the shining beacon light. Under the guidance of Mao Tse-tung's thought, we will surely achieve victory."

"Chairman Mao is standing together with us. This is the most significant and happiest moment in our lives. We will study Chairman Mao's works, follow his teachings, act according to his instructions, and be his good students all our lives."

These fervent revolutionary speeches of students from many parts of the country brought forth

long and thunderous applause at Tien An Men Square.

After the rally, contingents of the proletarian cultural revolution, one million strong, passed in a great stream in front of Tien An Men Gate to be reviewed by our great leader Chairman Mao. Marching in high militant spirits were revolutionary university and middle school students from Peking and other parts of the country, workers, peasants, commanders and fighters of the People's Liberation Army, and government cadres in the capital. To Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee they pledged their resolute support of the decision of the Party Central Committee concerning the great proletarian cultural revolution and the Communiqué of the 11th Plenary Session of the 8th Central Committee of the Party. They pledged to be trailblazers in the great proletarian cultural revolution, and carry the proletarian cultural revolution and the socialist revolution through to the end.

During the parade, Chairman Mao, Comrades Lin Piao, Chou En-lai and others on the rostrum kept waving to and applauding the rev-

olutionary masses. The one million people repeatedly sang with great gusto "Sailing the Seas Depends on the Helmsman", and shouted at the top of their voices, "Long life, long, long life to Chairman Mao!"

Among the Party and state leaders on the Tien An Men rostrum were Tao Chu, Teng Hsiao-ping, Kang Sheng, Liu Shao-chi, Chu Teh, Li Fu-chun, Chen Yun, Tung Pi-wu, Chen Yi, Ho Lung, Li Hsien-nien, Tan Chen-lin, Hsu Hsiang-chien, Yeh Chien-ying, Po I-po, Li Hsueh-feng, Hsieh Fu-chih, Liu Ning-yi, Hsiao Hua, Yang Cheng-wu, Chiang Ching, Wang Jen-chung, Wu Teh, Wu Yu-chang, Tsai Chang, Hsu Teh-li, Teng Ying-chao, Liao Cheng-chih and others.

On the same day, mass rallies and parades took place in Shanghai, Shenyang, Sian, Canton, Chengtu and many other cities. Large crowds gathered under loudspeakers in the streets, in the grounds of factories and schools, in front of the people's reception centres of the Party committees in the provinces, cities and autonomous regions. From the moment the rally was put on radio and television, people listened with rapt attention. Along with the one million revolutionary masses in the capital, they heard the speeches made by Comrade Lin Piao, Comrade Chou En-lai, and the representatives of the revolutionary teachers and students. As though they, too, were being reviewed by our great leader Chairman Mao, they shouted slogans. Their hearts beat as one with the revolutionary masses in Tien An Men Square. The joyful shouts of the people throughout the country merged into one tremendous and resounding voice: "All the Chinese people are united in one resolve: Raise aloft the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, carry through to the end the great proletarian cultural revolution, build socialist China into an impregnable proletarian state and fulfil the glorious historic mission entrusted to us by the Chinese people and the revolutionary people of the world!"