

Salute to Our Red Guards!

A NY great revolutionary movement must of necessity be a mass revolutionary movement. No great revolution is possible unless the masses rise up and dare to speak, dare to act and dare to break through. This certainly applies also to the great proletarian cultural revolution.

The great cultural revolution is precisely to utterly destroy the old ideas, old culture, old customs and old habits of the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes and vigorously foster the new ideas, new culture, new customs and new habits of the proletariat and socialism. Unless the broad masses of the people are drawn into this movement, it will be impossible to destroy, or to foster, on a big scale.

History in general shows that cultural revolution always heralds political and economic revolution. It would be impossible for the development of China's great proletarian cultural revolution not to touch politics and economics; in fact it has already touched on them.

The great cultural revolution cannot be an affair of just a small number of people. It cannot concern itself simply with criticizing a few bourgeois academic "authorities" and a few representatives of the bourgeoisie. The law of the great cultural revolution has broken right through these limitations.

The great proletarian cultural revolution has become a revolutionary movement of the broad masses. This is a new and important indication that it has begun to win victories.

In this mass movement of the cultural revolution the Red Guards have taken on the role of a shock force that makes bold frontal attacks. We raise a cheer for the heroic Red Guards! We salute our Red Guards!

It is not long since the Red Guards took the field, yet they have indeed shaken the whole of society and the old world. The sharp blade of their struggle is

mowing down all resistance. The old customs and habits of all the exploiting classes are being swept out by the Red Guards like rubbish. None of the old parasites hidden in dark corners can escape the sharp eyes of the Red Guards.

The Red Guards are pulling out these bloodsuckers, these enemies of the people one by one. Their concealed gold, silver, valuables and other treasures are being taken out and put on exhibition, and their secret accounts, hidden to await the hoped-for restoration, and their various kinds of murderous weapons are being put on public show by the Red Guards. All these are meritorious deeds performed by our Red Guards.

The actions of the Red Guards are indeed fine!

As early as the eve of the nationwide victory, Chairman Mao pointed out: "The Chinese people will see that, once China's destiny is in the hands of the people, China, like the sun rising in the east, will illuminate every corner of the land with a brilliant flame, swiftly clean up the mire left by the reactionary government, heal the wounds of war and build a new, powerful and prosperous people's republic worthy of the name." The great proletarian cultural revolution we are now undertaking is yet another proof of the great foresight shown by Chairman Mao.

With Mao Tse-tung's thought as its great banner and the Red Guards as its shock force, the current great proletarian cultural revolution will not only fundamentally change the mental outlook of our whole society, but also greatly improve and consolidate our proletarian dictatorship and eliminate the host of remnant traces from the old society and the force of old habits which now still exist and which are incompatible with the proletarian dictatorship. It will inevitably bring about a big change in our socialist system, sweep the society clean of the remaining arrogance of the bourgeoisie and further eradicate the capitalist system of exploitation.

Of course, the Red Guards must constantly study in the course of the struggle. They must learn to conduct the struggle by reasoning and to think things through.

The most fundamental question is that, in the course of struggle, we must study still better the thought of Mao Tse-tung, master it and apply it, so as to temper ourselves as dauntless proletarian revolutionaries who

are well-versed in the art of revolution, and to become good pupils and fighters of Chairman Mao.

Long live the heroic Red Guards!

Long live Chairman Mao, our great teacher, leader, supreme commander and helmsman!

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