

SHANGHAI REVOLUTIONARY REBELS LAUNCH MAJOR
ATTACK ON BOURGEOIS REACTIONARY LINE

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Under the correct direction of the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao, great victories have been achieved for the proletarian cultural revolution in Shanghai. The situation of the revolution is excellent. Enthusiasm has reached a high peak and triumphant songs are being sung. The situation is improving all the time.

The revolutionary rebels, united as never before, and the broad masses of revolutionary people are thoroughly repudiating the bourgeois reactionary line while holding aloft the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, grasping the revolution, and promoting production. They have launched a general offensive against those in positions of authority in the party in Shanghai who are taking the capitalist road and against those diehards who are clinging to the bourgeois reactionary line. These people now face total ruin. In a deathbed struggle these people are resorting to more covert and malicious measures. The great cultural revolution of Shanghai is now entering a more profound and extensive stage.

The first significant indication of the excellent situation of the great cultural revolution in Shanghai is that the broad masses of workers and peasants have arisen in rebellion. Eliminating all handicaps, they have set up their own revolutionary organizations for their own emancipation and revolution. The millions of production workers with their glorious revolutionary tradition have organized themselves into a gigantic cultural contingent and with irresistible force they have surmounted various obstacles and given a strong impetus to the cultural revolution movement in industrial and mining enterprises.

The rebels of these enterprises are resolutely acting in accordance with Chairman Mao's teaching that "rebellion is justified." They are not afraid of being attacked or suppressed. They have finally broken through all kinds of obstacles. They have all along held fast to the principle of getting a firm hold on the revolution and promoting production, and have frustrated the plot of the small handful of people in the party who are persisting in their bourgeois reactionary line and have tried to suppress revolution on the pretext of promoting production. They have dealt telling blows against these people.

They have also frustrated the vicious plot of these people in undermining the work of production and the great cultural revolution by permitting workers who have been deceived to desert their working posts. While carrying on their struggles in exposing these people, many revolutionary rebels of the factories are maintaining their positions in production in order to smash the fresh onslaught of the small handful of people. Their revolutionary action has gradually won the support of the masses, and many who have been deceived are now awakening. The ranks of the revolutionary workers are becoming stronger daily and one brilliant victory after another is being achieved.

The peasants in the suburbs are also actively joining the main current of the great cultural revolution. Revolutionary organizations have sprung up like mushrooms. The broad masses of poor and lower-middle peasants, along with the revolutionary people, are determined to overthrow those in positions of authority in the party taking the capitalist road in the countryside and to thoroughly exterminate all remnants of capitalism and revisionism.

Recently many counties have held rallies, attended by tens of thousands of people, to launch fierce attacks against the small handful of people in power in the party who are taking the capitalist road and against diehards who are clinging to the bourgeois reactionary line. They have whipped up a fervent upsurge in the peasants movement.

The second significant indication of the excellent situation of the great cultural revolution in Shanghai is that the revolutionary rebels in party and state organs of the municipality have broken through. They have broken down the various barriers such as those separating them from the outside, joined the workers and revolutionary students in repudiating the bourgeois reactionary line, and are waging struggles against those in power in the party who are taking the capitalist road. Their revolutionary action is exerting a strong influence on workers at various levels in the party and state organizations of Shanghai.

The revolutionary rebels in the field of journalism in Shanghai have taken over the management of the Liberation Daily and Wen-hui Pao. With the tools of propaganda in their hands, these revolutionary rebels are with the greatest enthusiasm disseminating Mao Tse-tung's proletarian revolutionary line. This greatly strengthens the will of the

revolutionary rebels and deflates the arrogance of the bourgeois overlords, much to the joy of the broad masses of revolutionary people.

The third significant indication of the excellent situation of the great cultural revolution in Shanghai is that the ranks of the revolutionary rebels are strengthening daily. Furthermore, their methods of struggle are becoming more mature. They have learned to swim by swimming; they have learned to struggle by struggling; they have tempered and steeled themselves in the teeth of storms and waves and along the arduous, complex, and tortuous path of class struggle.

They have unswervingly held high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, persisted in the revolutionary line of Chairman Mao, firmly grasped the general orientation of the revolutionary struggles, put daring above all things, fearing neither heaven nor earth, neither ghosts nor death, and forged ahead, giving full play to the spirit of Lu Hsun's unyielding integrity.

The revolutionary rebels units, whether they belong to the working class, colleges or middle schools, or state or party organizations, all have a glorious and praiseworthy past. They fully understand that the most fundamental guarantee of success for their work is the great invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung, which is the guide for action in the proletarian cultural revolution. Therefore, they perseveringly study and apply Chairman Mao's works creatively in the course of their struggles.

Particularly since the great call of Comrade Lin Piao to advance to a new stage the mass drive for the creative study and application of Chairman Mao's works, they have studied all the more conscientiously, treating the "three much-red articles" as permanent reminders. They have completely eliminated selfishness and rigorously fostered devotion to the public; they have waged struggles painstakingly and bravely, and have fiercely opened fire on the bourgeois reactionary line and the small handful of people in power in the party who are taking the capitalist road. In the course of their struggle they are further consolidating their unity, and this unity has even been extended to embrace the majority of the masses.

It is particularly heartening that many revolutionary youths of the colleges and middle schools are participating in the work of the factories and the countryside in accordance with Chairman Mao's instructions. They are learning from the workers and the poor and lower-middle peasants, participating in the proletarian cultural revolution, disseminating Mao Tse-tung's thought, and beginning to integrate themselves with the workers and peasants. Many revolutionary rebels from the factories have also sent representatives to the schools, thereby exchanging experience and advancing the proletarian cultural revolution through mutual encouragement.

For over a month, by means of several struggles on a municipal scale and several rallies for repudiating the bourgeois reactionary line, the revolutionary rebels from factories, countryside, schools, and organizations have formed extensive, closely knit alliances. Sharing a common goal, they have united as one, fought together, and won victories together. At the same time, they have carried out extensive political and ideological work after each struggle and each rally so that many people who have been deceived can come to know the real features of those persisting in the bourgeois reactionary line. Anyone who is in doubt can thus see what is right and what is wrong and come over to the side of the revolutionary rebels.

The fourth clear indication of the excellent situation of the great cultural revolution in Shanghai is that the bourgeois reactionary line is now approaching total collapse. The ugly features of those in power in the party who are taking the capitalist road under the protection of the bourgeois reactionary line is being exposed to broad daylight. In the course of their fierce attack on the bourgeois reactionary line, the revolutionary rebels and the masses have come to see more clearly that some of the small handful of people in Shanghai clinging to the bourgeois reactionary line and taking the capitalist road are also in power in the party.

The commentary lists a large number of facts showing how this small handful of people have used various mean tricks to undermine the proletarian cultural revolution. It points out: It is by no means incidental that they persist in this bourgeois reactionary line. Some of them have committed many crimes against the party, socialism, and Mao Tse-tung's thought. They have desperately clutched the straw of the bourgeois reactionary line just because of the desire to protect themselves and their jobs. However, the torrent of the proletarian cultural revolution is irresistible. Faced with the revolutionary rebels and masses armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought, no monster can avoid being exposed no matter how cleverly he may hide or what tactics he may use. "With power to spare, we must pursue the tottering foe and not ape Hsiang Yu, the conqueror seeking idle fame."

The revolutionary rebels and masses are well aware that, despite the present excellent situation, there are still zigzags and reverses in the course of the struggle in view of the profound effects and prevalent virulence of the bourgeois reactionary line. The revolutionary rebels and masses still face an arduous task. They must therefore cast away all illusions, continue the struggle, and carry the proletarian cultural revolution through to the end.

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