

REBELS IN CHAO-CH'ING SUPPRESSED

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In order to smash bourgeois dictatorship and go to the rescue of the comrades-in-arms of the Capital Red Guard Congress (middle schools) and with

a view to giving assistance to the revolutionary rebels in the Chaoch'ing area and carrying the great proletarian cultural revolution in the Kwangtung region through to the end, we entered the heroic city of Chaoch'ing on June 17.

The people of Chaoch'ing viewed our arrival differently; one section of the population welcomed us but another group hated us and wanted to expel us from the city. On the day we entered Chaoch'ing, a small bunch of rotten eggs of the preparatory committee, under the direction of a handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road, had not stopped shadowing us and attacking us from all sides. These people were scared stiff because we came to Chaoch'ing to rebel against bourgeois dictatorship. Guided by the instinct of the reactionary classes, they sensed that once the revolutionary rebels from the outside joined forces with local rebels, all their sinister attempts and plots to turn Chaoch'ing into an independent kingdom of bourgeois dictatorship would fall through. Therefore, they schemingly devised ways and means to persecute us, such as constantly inciting large numbers of the misled masses to attack us from all sides.

In the course of several days, for instance, large-scale bloody incidents and armed clashes erupted on three separate occasions (June 21, June 22 and June 25), the counter-revolutionary uprising of June 25 being the most frenzied and reaching the peak of brutal persecution!

In this counter-revolutionary uprising, more than one hundred of our revolutionary rebels who came from Canton to Chaoch'ing were wounded, including dozens of fighters missing. On that day white terror reigned over the entire city of Chaoch'ing, without any trace of the "four major democratic principles" and extensive democracy. In the streets and alleys of Chaoch'ing, groups of the misled masses were incited to attack the fighters of the Canton Red Guard Headquarters. Once they spotted our comrades, they would surge forward, brutally beating up our comrades-in-arms with their fists until they were swollen all over and unconscious. The place where we were put up was encircled by several thousand people. Many of our fighters were dragged out by the hooligans and given a good beating until they were unconscious. As soon as they regained consciousness, they again were beaten up.

We saw with our own eyes the incident which occurred on June 25 when certain cadres of the public security bureau of Chaoch'ing Public Security Department and those of the district and hsien Party Committees took part in the beating of young revolutionary fighters. They did their best to incite the masses, falsely claiming that the Canton Red Guard Headquarters had beaten four persons to death (a rumor pure and simple because later they also denied any casualties in a public notice.) They did so to inflame the misled masses. Consequently, large numbers of the hoodwinked masses shouted the slogan "Blood debts must be paid in blood!" Swinging whips and wooden sticks or using their bare fists, they sprang on us, hitting us with all their strength. The sound of the whipping, mingled with frenzied shouts for

making the kill, reverberated over Chaoch'ing while the blood of the revolutionary rebels was splashed over the streets of Chaoch'ing!

Here, we want to indict the small bunch of Chao Yung-fu-type characters of the Chaoch'ing Military Sub-District and what role they played in the June 25 incident! Instead of following Chairman Mao's teachings to the effect that the People's Liberation Army should support the revolutionary Left and stop struggle by violence, they have done just the opposite thing. What follows is an account of the June 25 incident.

When we were pursued by the misled masses to the gate of the military sub-district, we entered the compound for the purpose of averting large-scale struggle by violence. We didn't expect that the moment a person resembling the "commander" of the military sub-district arrived, he told us to get out. We told him that the misled masses were gathering at the gate and demonstrating against us and that if we were driven out of the compound we would be killed in a bloody tragedy. Although we kept stressing the possibility of bringing about dire consequences, he replied coldly: "Since you have killed people and the masses insist on capturing the killers, we have no power to insure your safety!"

We were very angry and asked: "Has anybody been killed at all?" The "commander" resembling Chao Yung-fu said with his tongue in his cheek: "Of course, people have been killed! We have received reports by telephone from time to time."

At that moment, a small bunch of rotten eggs of the preparatory committee incited the misled masses to shout threateningly in front of the gate of the military sub-district, spreading word that they would beat us to death. Instead of pacifying the yelling demonstrators, the commander of the military sub-district ordered several guards to expel us. We tried to reason with them, telling them that they would be acting contrary to Chairman Mao's teachings. One of the rotten eggs shouted: "We couldn't care less about the thought of Mao Tse-tung. We have to drive you people out!"

Seeing that the guards hesitated to push us out, the "commander" resembling Chao Yung-fu turned to a crowd of people of the preparatory committee and directed scores of tough guys to pounce upon us and forcibly drag our fighters out one by one for a good beating. Beholding the tragic sight, a small bunch of the military sub-district clapped their hands and applauded. We could not help asking: "What after all is this for?"

"None but heroes dare to drive away tigers and leopards and only the valiant is unafraid of bears and boars." Fighters of the Canton Red Guard Headquarters are dauntless heroes! In the grip of a white terror, we remember Chairman Mao. Peking is not far away and Chairman Mao is close to us! With Chairman Mao's backing and the support of the revolutionary rebels, we have nothing to fear. Burning with deep-seated hatred for those Party persons in power taking the capitalist road, we firmly believe that victory

will be ours! Victory will certainly be with the proletarian revolutionaries of Chaoch'ing!

We have now returned to Canton under the protection of the rebels of Chaoch'ing. But whenever we think of Chaoch'ing in the grip of white terror, of our comrades-in-arms in Chaoch'ing continuing to make revolution at the risk of losing their lives, our blood boils! In order to protect us, they have been brutally beaten, attacked from all sides, sentenced to imprisonment and their homes have been searched. Party persons in power taking the capitalist road deeply hate them and have resorted to all inhuman means against them.

It will be recalled that the first victim of the June 25 counter-revolutionary uprising was a worker-comrade in Chaoch'ing. He was stoned until his face was smeared with blood! A responsible member of a rebel organization was seized and given a good beating by more than a hundred people. The hooligans poured boiling water on his body and denied him medical care. With bruises all over his body, he was dragged away and paraded in the street. The small bunch of ruthless and inhuman beings of the preparatory committee even spread word that he would be put in jail! How vicious are their counter-revolutionary features brought to the light of day!

Under the direction of their behind-the-scenes manipulators and in order to brutally suppress the great proletarian cultural revolution in Chaoch'ing, the small bunch of rotten eggs of the preparatory committee expelled all revolutionary rebels from outside provinces before hitting hard at the local revolutionary rebels. On the day following the June 25 incident, for example, they held a rally of ten thousand people to denounce the Canton Red Guard Headquarters. The rally was followed by a city-wide hunt for and persecution of practically all those who had shielded our Chaoch'ing comrades. The leaders of rebel groups were seized by them while all the students of No. 1 Middle School identified with the designation "Tung Hsin Kan" [meaning working together wholeheartedly] were arrested. On the other hand, once those students who had pledged support of the Canton Red Guard Headquarters were spotted in the street, they would always be given a good beating. Even those among the masses who were sympathetic toward us were brutally beaten up until they bled, fell to the ground and suffered fractured skulls and bones because they had shouted: "Struggle by reasoning, not by force or coercion."

Dear comrades, you will hardly believe it! When our comrades were compelled to seek refuge in hillside caves where coffins were kept and to pass the night there, they found gun-carrying militiamen combing the hills!

Revolutionary comrades, when you have learned of such appalling, bloody incidents in Chaoch'ing and when you link this with bloodshed and dire events that have recently occurred in Kuangning, Tsunghua and Ch'ingyuan, don't you have the impression that the bunch of devils of the vicious T'ao family gangster inn are sharpening their knives and turning against the rebels? In the face of these bloody facts, try to think of Chairman Mao's

teaching: "Bourgeois representatives who have wormed their way into the Party, government institutions, army units and cultural circles are a bunch of counter-revolutionary revisionist elements. Once the moment is ripe, they will seize political power and turn proletarian dictatorship into bourgeois dictatorship."

Let us always bear closely in mind Chairman Mao's teachings and never forget class struggle!

Revolutionary rebel comrades-in-arms! Pay close attention to the bloody storm which is sweeping the Chaoch'ing area and thoroughly smash the plot of Kwangtung's T'an Chen-lin to bring about a capitalist restoration by means of using the "villages to surround the cities."

We pledge to defend Chairman Mao's revolutionary line with our lives and blood!

We pledge to carry the great proletarian cultural revolution in the Kwangtung area through to the end!

June 25 Sanguinary Combat Detachment of the  
Canton Red Guard Headquarters