

DECLARATION CONCERNING THE
SITUATION IN SZECHUAN

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Mao's teaching: "The enemy will not disappear by itself. Whether it is the reactionary party in China, or the aggressive force of American imperialism in China, neither will retire from the stage of history of its own accord."

The greatest group in the southwest, the "Production Army," the Chengtu 81st Combat Regiment (the Jung-fu Army), belonging to the group in power following the capitalist road, an imperial guard controlled by Li Ching-ch'uan (2621, 0064, 3123), has extended a bloody hand toward the great revolutionary rebel elements. During the month of April it continually created bloody incidents, and on May 6 it became even more atrocious, finally daring to use machine guns and submachine guns, and hand grenades, in the bloody slaughter of the warriors of the Szechuan revolutionary rebel group. It created incidents of stoppage of electricity and water, and of poisoning, and established a white terror. Li Ching-ch'uan persists in protecting the Production Army in its atrocious crimes, showing that the last days of a small group in power following the capitalist road are at hand. This surely strengthens the resolve of the great revolutionary masses to overthrow Li Ching-ch'uan, to defeat the Production Army, and to liberate the Great Southwest.

The grave situation in the southwest has once again drawn the close attention of the 3500 and more Red Guard warriors of our Academy. Consequently, the Combat Section of our Headquarters has issued the following declaration:

1. We firmly support the Szechuan University "8-26" and other revolutionary rebel organizations, and vow to give them strong support -- to unite with them, to fight in unity with them, and to join them in gaining victory.
2. We firmly support all the revolutionary activities of the "Red is East" group of the local Red Representative Council, and we vow to fight along with the warriors of the Red Representative Council of the capital's academic and special institutions and of southwest liaison centers connected with the Chinese Academy of Sciences. We vow not to stop until we have overthrown Li Ching-ch'üan and the revolutionary groups of the southwest are liberated!
3. We firmly demand that the Central Government send special representatives to handle the May 6 affair, a grave and bloody incident, to disband the Production Army, to execute the killers, to punish those in control behind the scenes, and to put down all counter-revolutionary murderous crimes!
4. We call on all Red Guard warriors to engage in solid activities to aid the revolutionary elements in Szechuan, to send letters of sympathy to the "8-26" group at Szechuan University, and to send letters of sympathy to the families of those who died as martyrs and to wounded revolutionary comrades in arms.

The wilder the enemy gets, the more clear it is that its last days are at hand, and that victory surely belongs to the ever-victorious thought of Mao Tse-tung. Those who belong to the group of proletarian revolutionaries who equip themselves with Mao Tse-tung's thought will repay blood debts with blood! Let us all, the revolutionary proletarian elements of the whole country, unite!

Overthrow Liu (0491), Teng (6772) and T'ao (7118)!

Execute the murderers in the Production Army!

Avenge the dead martyrs!

Vow unity in struggle with the Szechuan revolutionary element, and joint victory with them!

Long live the victory of the revolutionary line of Chairman Mao!

Long live our great leader Chairman Mao! Long, long may he live!

The Combat Section of the Red Guard Revolutionary Rebel Headquarters of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. 7 May 67.

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