

GREAT CULTURAL REVOLUTION IN PROGRESS

Revolutionary Shanghai Workers Hold Conference

A DELEGATE conference of ten thousand revolutionary rebel workers of Shanghai last week reviewed their successes in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

The conference enjoyed the close attention of the most respected and beloved great leader Chairman Mao. The Cultural Revolution Group Under the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party sent a message of greetings addressed to "the Shanghai working class who has made splendid contributions during the great proletarian cultural revolution."

The conference proclaimed the determination of the Shanghai workers to establish the absolute authority of Chairman Mao, his thought and his proletarian revolutionary line; to implement Chairman Mao's latest instructions on the cultural revolution, carry that revolution "which cleans up all the dirt" through to the end, and build the Shanghai working class into a powerful revolutionary army armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought and inspired with ever youthful vigour and revolutionary militancy.

The revolutionary rebel workers, who have acted as a main force in the cultural revolution, declared from the rostrum of the conference that it was their greatest happiness that they had fought from the very beginning under the direct command of Chairman Mao.

They recalled that about this time last year, at a time when they were engaged in a ruthless struggle against China's Khrushchov and his agents in Shanghai and began to unite the then separate revolutionary rebel organizations into the Shanghai Workers' Revolutionary Rebel General Headquarters, they received the direct support of Chairman Mao.

During the world-shaking January Revolution, they allied with other proletarian revolutionaries to smash the bourgeois headquarters in the old Shanghai Municipal Party Committee, seize all power in the city and set up the Shanghai Municipal Revolutionary Committee.

As a powerful support of that committee, the Shanghai working class has most resolutely, promptly and successfully carried out the series of battle orders issued by Chairman Mao's proletarian headquarters on revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, the revolutionary great alliance, revolutionary "three-in-one" combinations and fighting self-interest, repudiating revisionism. They have set an example in the creative study and application of Chairman Mao's works, in

grasping revolution and promoting production, and in fighting self-interest and repudiating revisionism.

Shanghai's revolutionary rebel workers attribute their every success to Mao Tse-tung's thought and to Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line.

Wang Hung-wen, a leading member of the Shanghai Workers' Revolutionary Rebel General Headquarters, declared in a report to the conference: "We the working class will not only carry this great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end, but will consistently consolidate and develop this victory; we will not only carry the Chinese revolution through to the end, but will support the world revolution, and work for the liberation of all mankind and the worldwide victory of communism. To fulfil this great historic mission, there must be a revolutionized and militant working class force under the absolute leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought and filled with the vigour of youth."

He called upon the Shanghai revolutionary rebel workers to strengthen their ranks ideologically and organizationally, effectively resist the corrosion and influence of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois ideas, and wipe out the poisonous influence of the revisionist line advocated by China's Khrushchov and his like in the workers' movement.

He stressed that in building up the working-class ranks, Mao Tse-tung's thought is the soul. He called on the Shanghai working class, with its century-old militant tradition, to organize and educate itself further and turn its factories and enterprises into great schools of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

The conference unanimously adopted a message of salute to Chairman Mao.

Representatives of the three services of the Chinese People's Liberation Army stationed in Shanghai, of the poor and lower-middle peasants and of Red Guards of Shanghai addressed the conference. They pledged that they would unite together with the Shanghai revolutionary rebel workers and fight together with them for the complete victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution.

The whole nation is paying attention to this delegate conference of revolutionary workers in China's largest industrial centre. As *Renmin Ribao* pointed out in an editor's note, this conference "constitutes a landmark signifying that the revolutionary workers' movement in Shanghai has entered a completely new stage and has reached a still higher level under the illumination of Mao Tse-tung's thought and the guidance of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line."