

HOPEI REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

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[Text] Shihchiachuang--Guided by the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung, the Hopei provincial revolutionary committee was inaugurated here yesterday.

A provisional organ of power, the committee was set up at a time when revolutionary people throughout China are striving for all-around victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution. This is a remarkable result of carrying out Chairman Mao's latest instructions and a brilliant victory of his proletarian revolutionary line.

The 43 million people of Hopei, who stand guard in close proximity to where Chairman Mao lives, have been nurtured in Mao Tse-tung's thought and have drawn inexhaustible wisdom and strength from Chairman Mao's solicitude and teachings.

In the past year and more, the people of Hopei have closely followed Chairman Mao's great strategic plan. With firm support from the People's Liberation Army, they have put up a heroic fight against the handful of party persons in authority taking the capitalist road, smashed the enemy schemes to undermine the cultural revolution from the right and the extreme "left," and won decisive victory in the cultural revolution. Through the test of struggle in the cultural revolution over the past year and more, the dictatorship of the proletariat in Hopei Province has been further consolidated and strengthened.

The inauguration of the Hopei provincial revolutionary committee is an event of great happiness not only for the people of Hopei but also for the people of north China and throughout the country. By now, revolutionary committees have been set up in all the provinces (Hopei and Shansi) and major cities (Peking and Tientsin) and in the Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region of north China. This not only declares the total bankruptcy of the intrigue by China's Khrushchev and his agents in Hopei to restore capitalism, but deals a fatal blow at China's Khrushchev and his agents in north China.

On 3 February, 400,000 proletarian revolutionaries, revolutionary people, and PLA commanders and fighters from all parts of the province celebrated the establishment of the Hopei provincial revolutionary committee at a rally in Shihchiachuang, a rising industrial city which has been approved as the new provincial capital of Hopei.

[A comparison of this NCNA English item with repeat versions in Peking Domestic in Mandarin at 2130 GMT on 4 February and Peking NCNA Domestic Service in Chinese at 2103 GMT on 4 February shows that no such reference is made to Shihchiachuang as the new capital in the latter two sources.]

They carried giant portraits of Chairman Mao, the great leader, and the red-covered "Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-tung," sang the song "Sailing the Seas Depends on the Helmsman," and burst into repeated cheers of "Long live the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung!" "Long live the victory of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line!" "Long live the great Chinese Communist Party!" and "Long live Chairman Mao, the great leader, a long, long life to him!"

Comrade Li Hsueh-feng, chairman of the Hopei provincial revolutionary committee, spoke at the celebration rally. "The present situation in Hopei Province is excellent," he said. "The campaign of the living study and application of Chairman Mao's works and his latest instructions has reached new heights throughout the province. A large number of study courses in Mao Tse-tung's thought have been set up, and 'fight self, repudiate revisionism' has become the common action of the revolutionary people. Revolutionary mass criticism is broadening and deepening on all fronts and so is struggle-criticism-transformation in each unit. By and large, a revolutionary great alliance has been brought about throughout the province and revolutionary three-way alliance is rapidly coming into being."

Li Hsueh-feng pointed out that industry and transport in the province had made new advances and that agriculture had registered all-around success in 1967. The province was now self-sufficient in grain, he added. "We owe all our achievements and successes to the wise leadership of the great helmsman Chairman Mao. They are the results of carrying out Chairman Mao's latest instructions and victories for the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung," he said.

"After the setting up of the revolutionary committee," Li Hsueh-feng stressed, "our most fundamental task is to hold high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, put proletarian politics to the fore, promote the revolutionization of people's ideology, broaden and deepen the great mass movement of the living study and application of Mao Tse-tung's thought, make Mao Tse-tung's thought command, transform, and promote everything, and turn the whole province into a great school of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

"The all-around implementation of Chairman Mao's latest instructions means all-around victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution. Every proletarian revolutionary fighter should set an example in the study, implementation, propagation, and defense of Chairman Mao's latest instructions. Revolutionary committees at all levels and all revolutionary mass organizations should continue to run various types of courses in Mao Tse-tung's thought in a big way. We should take Chairman Mao's latest instructions as the weapon and take 'fight self, repudiate revisionism' as the key link, broaden and deepen revolutionary mass criticism, and wipe out all pernicious influence of revisionism spread by China's Khrushchev and his agents.

"We should boldly arouse the masses to make a success of struggle-criticism-transformation in each unit, reform education, art and literature, office work and administrative work, and all those parts of superstructure not in conformity with the socialist economic base. We should destroy the ideology of the bourgeoisie and promote the ideology of the proletariat, resolutely get rid of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism, strengthen proletarian party spirit, consolidate and develop the revolutionary great alliance and revolutionary three-way alliance.

"We should conscientiously study and penetratingly propagate Chairman Mao's proletarian line on party-building and repudiate the revisionist line pushed by China's Khrushchev in this connection, rectify party organizations, and strengthen party-building.

"We should carry out Chairman Mao's great instruction 'Grasp revolution, promote production and other work, promote preparations against war' still further, and usher in a new upsurge of production in industry and agriculture."

Present at the rally were Comrade Cheng Wei-shan, leading member of the Peking PLA units; leading members of the Hopei Provincial military area command and of the Chinese People's Liberation Army units stationed in Hopei; Comrade Liu Tzu-hou first vice chairman, and Ma Hui, Tseng Mei, Chang Ying Ying-hui, Liu Tien-chen, and Keng Cheng-so, vice chairmen of the provincial revolutionary committee; and members of the committee. [Peking NCNA Domestic Service in Chinese at 2103 GMT on 4 February renders the last name above as "Keng Chang-so."]

On behalf of the party committee and all the commanders and fighters of the Peking PLA units, Comrade Cheng Wei-shan paid tribute and extended warm congratulations to the revolutionary people of Hopei. He pointed out that the founding of the Hopei provincial revolutionary committee was a great encouragement to the revolutionary people, a crushing blow to China's Khrushchev and his agents in north China and a heavy blow to the U.S. imperialists, Soviet modern revisionists, and all reactionaries. This great victory fully testifies to the brilliant prediction made by the great leader Chairman Mao during his recent inspection tour: "Given a few more months, the whole situation will become still better."

Ma Hui, commander of the Hopei provincial military area and vice chairman of the provincial revolutionary committee, and Chen Jen-hung, leading member of PLA units stationed in Hopei addressed the rally on behalf of the provincial military area command and for the commanders and fighters of the three services of the PLA stationed in Hopei respectively. They extended warm congratulations on the establishment of the Hopei provincial revolutionary committee.

Other speakers included representatives of revolutionary committees of a number of administrative regions and representatives of revolutionary workers, peasants, and Red Guards. They expressed their determination to hold the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought still higher and wrest all-around victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

Amid stormy applause and cheers, the rally adopted a message of salute to the most respected and beloved great leader Chairman Mao. The message says: "Every step forward we have taken, every achievement we have made, or every victory we have won is a great victory for your brilliant thought! We shall forever study your works, follow your teaching, act in accordance with your instructions and be good soldiers of yours, closely follow you in building up socialism and advancing toward the bright future of communism!

"The world has entered a new era with your brilliant thought as the great banner. Your thought has opened up a bright future before the revolution of oppressed people and nations of the world! On this grant occasion, we, 43,000,000 heroic sons and daughters of Hopei, give you this solemn pledge: we are not afraid to lose our lives or to shed our blood in defense of your great thought, our red hearts will forever remain loyal to you though the seas may dry and the rocks may crumble! Together with the people of the whole country and the revolutionary people of the world, we will forever take the road indicated by you! May the brilliance of Mao Tse-tung's thought illuminate the globe!"

The rally ended with a grand parade.