

Kansu and Honan Provincial Revolutionary Committees Formed

TOWARDS the end of January and with an excellent situation prevailing in the great proletarian cultural revolution throughout the nation, Kansu Province in the northwest and Honan Province in central-south China both established revolutionary committees amidst the storms of the class struggle. This is a great victory for the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung and for Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line. It is a new song of victory of China's revolutionary people who, under the brilliant guidance of Chairman Mao's latest instructions, are advancing to achieve all-round victory in their great proletarian cultural revolution.

Kansu Province is a strategic base with glorious revolutionary traditions. Thirty-three years ago, during the world-famous Long March, our great leader Chairman Mao led the Workers' and Peasants' Red Army through the province. Since that time the great revolutionary practice of Chairman Mao has inspired the 13 million revolutionary people of Kansu and the hundreds of millions of the revolutionary people throughout the country.

Honan, with 50 million people, is another province with a glorious revolutionary history. It was in Chengchow, capital of Honan, that the Peking-Hankow Railway workers started their February 7, 1923 strike — a movement led by the Chinese Communist Party. In the course of the great battles in China's socialist revolution and socialist construction, Chairman Mao visited Honan many times to inspect the Yellow River and the rural people's communes there. To guide the victorious advance of the revolution, Chairman Mao

personally presided over two meetings at Chengchow during the years of the big leap forward.

During the present great and unprecedented proletarian cultural revolution, Chairman Mao has always shown concern for the revolutionary struggles of the people of Kansu and Honan and he inspected Honan himself. Boundlessly loyal to the great leader Chairman Mao, arming themselves with the great thought of Mao Tse-tung, developing their fearless revolutionary spirit and surmounting every difficulty, the proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary masses of these two provinces dragged out the handful of counter-revolutionary revisionists such as those agents of China's Khrushchov: Wang Feng in Kansu and Wen Min-sheng and Chao Wen-fu in Honan. With the firm support of the commanders and fighters of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, the proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary masses seized into the hands of the proletarian revolutionaries all the power usurped by these revisionists.

The present situation in the great cultural revolution is as excellent in Kansu and Honan as it is in the rest of the country. Mao Tse-tung's thought and Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line have gone deep into the hearts of the people. The proletarian dictatorship has been consolidated and strengthened. To win all-round victory in the great cultural revolution, the revolutionary masses are implementing every one of Chairman Mao's latest instructions. The establishment of the Kansu and Honan

Provincial Revolutionary Committees proclaims the complete bankruptcy of the criminal plots by which China's Khrushchov and his agents vainly attempted to restore capitalism in these two provinces. It also signifies the emergence of a new stage in the great cultural revolution in Kansu and Honan.

Celebration Rally in Kansu

There was great jubilation in Lanchow, capital of Kansu, on January 24. Carrying huge portraits of Chairman Mao and waving red-covered *Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-tung*, 250,000 proletarian revolutionaries, revolutionary people and commanders and fighters of the P.L.A. units under the Lanchow Command gathered from all directions at the rallying place and warmly celebrated the birth of the Kansu Provincial Revolutionary Committee. When the establishment of the revolutionary committee was announced at the rally, there was thunderous applause and mighty rounds of cheers: "Long live the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung!" "Long live the victory of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line!" "Long live Chairman Mao! A long, long life to him!"

Hsien Heng-han, Chairman of the Kansu Provincial Revolutionary Committee, speaking at the rally, said: "In the course of the great proletarian cultural revolution in Kansu Province, our great supreme commander Chairman Mao dispersed the mists and pointed out the way forward for us. The invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung has given us inexhaustible wisdom and strength. All our victories are great victories for Mao Tse-tung's thought!"

The Kansu Provincial Revolutionary Committee, a provisional organ of power, Comrade Hsien Heng-han stressed, should become a powerful headquarters for vigorously fostering Mao Tse-tung's thought, so as to win all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution and turn the whole province into a great red school of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

He continued: "We must strive hard to run different types of classes for studying Mao Tse-tung's thought well, place the study of Mao Tse-tung's thought ahead of all else, bring about a new upsurge in the great mass movement to creatively study and apply Mao Tse-tung's thought in the province and use the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung to command, remould and move everything forward.

"We must, by developing revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation in depth, continue to clear away all the revisionist poison spread by China's Khrushchov and his agents in Kansu, so that the great thought of Mao Tse-tung takes permanent root in the minds of the people and his proletarian revolutionary line always guides us in victorious advance."

The armymen and civilians in the province, Hsien Heng-han said, should redouble their revolutionary vigilance, continue to carry out the movement to "support the army and cherish the people," greatly

strengthen unity between armymen and civilians and the dictatorship of the proletariat, and resolutely smash all plots and sabotage by the class enemies in China and abroad and by the handful of capitalist roaders in the Party, so as to ensure the all-round victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution.

Speaking on behalf of all their commanders and fighters at the rally, Chang Ta-chih, commander of the P.L.A. units under the Lanchow Command, warmly hailed the establishment of the Kansu Provincial Revolutionary Committee and gave resolute support to the revolutionary political power of the proletariat. He said: We must warmly respond to Vice-Chairman Lin Piao's militant call "Hold aloft the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought and win new merit in the great proletarian cultural revolution movement," study and apply Chairman Mao's works in a creative way, put proletarian politics to the fore and do a better job of helping the Left, helping industry and agriculture, exercising military control and giving military and political training, with the support and help of the proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary masses. We should redouble our revolutionary vigilance, strengthen preparedness against war and be ready at all times to smash war provocations by U.S. imperialism and its lackeys and strive hard to defend the security of our motherland and win all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

Hu Chi-tung, Vice-Chairman of the Kansu Provincial Revolutionary Committee and a revolutionary leading cadre, and representatives of the conferences of workers, poor and lower-middle peasants and congresses of college and middle school Red Guards and of other revolutionary mass organizations in Lanchow also addressed the rally.

Amidst stormy applause and cheers, the rally adopted a message of salute to the most respected and beloved great leader Chairman Mao.

The message says: "Oh, Chairman Mao, Chairman Mao! Your brilliant thought is the beacon guiding our way forward and our weapon in battle. All our lives we will study your writings, follow your teachings, and act according to your instructions. We will engrave your brilliant thought on our minds and put it into practice. We will fill the skies above, and flood the earth of Kansu with the radiance of Mao Tse-tung's thought; we will arm the people of Kansu with Mao Tse-tung's thought! We will keep the banner of your brilliant thought flying for ever over Kansu for endless generations!"

The rally also adopted a message to the people of the whole province.

The rally ended with a celebration parade.

Celebration Rally in Honan

On January 27, a mass rally was held in Chengchow, capital of Honan Province, to celebrate the

founding of the Honan Provincial Revolutionary Committee.

The rally opened with the song *The East Is Red*. When the birth of the Honan Provincial Revolutionary Committee was proclaimed, 250,000 revolutionary people and commanders and fighters of the People's Liberation Army present raised their copies of the red-covered *Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-tung* and shouted again and again: "Long live the victory of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line!" "Long live the victory of the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung!" "Long live Chairman Mao, our most respected and beloved great leader! A long, long life to him!" "A long, long life to Chairman Mao, the very red sun that shines most brightly in our hearts!"

Liu Chien-hsun, Chairman of the Honan Provincial Revolutionary Committee, addressing the rally, declared: "Sailing the seas depends on the helmsman; making revolution depends on Mao Tse-tung's thought. All the victories won in the great proletarian cultural revolution in Honan are great victories for Mao Tse-tung's thought and for Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. Chairman Mao's series of latest instructions are the beacon lighting the way of our advance; they are the basic guarantee for all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution. We can recall many experiences in the course of our struggle over the past year and more, but the deepest and most fundamental is that closely following our great supreme commander Chairman Mao means victory!"

Comrade Liu Chien-hsun pointed out that the most important and fundamental task in the new year was to develop in a still more extensive and deep-going way the great mass movement for the study of Mao Tse-tung's thought in which the key link was the creative study and application of Chairman Mao's latest instructions. In implementing these instructions, "**fight self, repudiate revisionism**" must be taken as the guiding principle, and it was necessary to get rid of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois factionalism, strengthen proletarian Party spirit; eliminate anarchism and strengthen the revolutionary spirit, scientific approach and sense of organization and discipline of the proletariat. The revolutionary committees at all levels and all the revolutionary mass organizations must make a really good job of running the various types of Mao Tse-tung's thought study classes and develop the splendid revolutionary style of study — linking theory with practice — advocated by Chairman Mao himself.

Comrade Liu Chien-hsun continued: "Fierce class struggle continues after victory in the struggle to seize power. We must heighten our revolutionary vigilance and never forget the class struggle, never forget the dictatorship of the proletariat, never forget to keep proletarian politics to the fore and never forget to hold high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought. In seizing power, we relied on Mao Tse-tung's thought. We must also rely on Mao Tse-tung's thought in holding and exercising power. Members of revolutionary

committees at all levels must make a determined effort to revolutionize their own thinking, destroy self-interest, foster devotion to the public interest and make great efforts to remould their world outlook. They must be vigilant against attacks with sugar-coated bullets, always maintain the fine tradition of modesty, prudence, plain living and hard work, never for a moment divorce themselves from the masses, serve the people wholeheartedly and, together with the revolutionary masses throughout the province, strive to build Honan into a great red school of Mao Tse-tung's thought."

Wang Hsin, second political commissar of the Honan Provincial Military Area Command and a vice-chairman of the provincial revolutionary committee, speaking on behalf of the Provincial Military Area Command and all commanders and fighters of the P.L.A. stationed there, extended warm congratulations, declared their support for the new-born revolutionary committee and pledged firm resolve to uphold its revolutionary authority. In the course of the new year, he said, they would carry out with still greater determination Chairman Mao's great call to "**support the army and cherish the people**," and with greater firmness trust and rely on the revolutionary masses, to be modest and prudent, guard against conceit and impetuosity, modestly learn from the masses, be their students, enthusiastically propagate Mao Tse-tung's thought among them, carry out ideological and political work in a deep-going, meticulous and patient way, strengthen army-civilian unity, do a still better job of helping the Left, helping industry and agriculture, exercising military control and giving military and political training, and win new merit in the great struggle to achieve all-round victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

Speeches were also made at the rally by representatives of the Honan Provincial Revolutionary Great Alliance Committee and of workers, poor and lower-middle peasants and young Red Guards. All enthusiastically greeted the birth of the provincial revolutionary committee.

The rally adopted a message of salute to our most revered and beloved great leader Chairman Mao. It says: "Respected and beloved Chairman Mao, we will firmly bear in mind **your teaching 'You must concern yourselves with state affairs and carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end!'** We will hold the great red banner of your brilliant thought still higher, **take your latest instructions as our guiding principle, go all out, aim high, advance from strength to strength and achieve all-round ideological, political, economic and organizational victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution.**"

A parade in celebration followed the rally.

The *Renmin Ribao* and *Jiefangjun Bao* published joint editorials warmly greeting the founding of the revolutionary committees of the two provinces.