

PROLETARIAN IRON BROOM WILL SWEEP ENEMY AWAY

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[Commentary: "Sweep Away All Pests"]

[Text] The great proletarian cultural revolution, with the momentum of a landslide, is sweeping away all the dark forces and heading for a great historic stage of achieving the all-round victory. To achieve the all-round victory we should pursue the tottering foe. We should use the iron broom of the proletariat to make a clean sweep of all the bourgeois and revisionist rubbish and build a new world of the proletariat. However, the experience of class struggle tells us that the imperialists and domestic reactionaries will certainly not take their defeat lying down and they will put up a last-ditch struggle.

At present, the renegades and secret agents lurking in the revolutionary ranks, the party people in authority taking the capitalist road who stubbornly refuse to repent, and the ghosts and monsters in the society, in order to save themselves from their doom, are stepping up collusion to frenziedly attack us. Some old rightists, old national splittists, and old historic counterrevolutionaries have also waved the flag of "rebellion" to stir up trouble. The landlords, rich peasants, counterrevolutionaries, bad elements, and rightists who are not yet remolded sufficiently have taken the opportunity to engage in speculation, big gambling, poisoning, theft, and other criminal activities, in a vain attempt to turn back the wheel of history and restore capitalism.

Look! When the revolutionary iron broom barely touched them, this group of outlaws came out and made an hysterical outcry, saying "The general orientation of your movement is wrong--you should not direct the spearhead at the masses." This is sheer nonsense. What kind of "masses" are they? A group of scoundrels and despicable swine! They are nothing but human dregs supported by the handful of capitalist-roaders. They are precisely the ones who are defending the capitalist-roaders, undermining the revolution, and doing harm to the people. They deserve a myriad of deaths. They are revolutionaries and the target of our dictatorship.

Today, when the great proletarian cultural revolution has entered the stage of achieving the all-round victory, it is time for us to settle final accounts with them. Let us clearly tell them: Our spearhead is precisely directed at you, the handful of despicable swine; we will hit you hard and resolutely suppress you; this is fully in line with the general orientation of the present movement.

Chairman Mao has taught us: "A dictatorship means a dictatorship of the masses." The broad masses of the people in the Huhehot area consciously organized themselves and, with the help of the great Chinese PLA, closely coordinated with those organizations exercising the dictatorship and sweep away all the ghosts and monsters. What an excellent mass dictatorship it is! This indicates that the masses have been fully aroused. This is an important hallmark of the excellent situation. Let us shout at the top of our voice and acclaim the emergence of this red storm. It is excellent, excellent indeed!

We warn the handful of counterrevolutionaries and bad elements who are like cornered dogs: You must behave yourselves, admit your crimes, and give yourselves up, if you want lenient treatment. If you stubbornly refuse to repent, we will let you have a taste of the iron fist of the mass dictatorship. If you do not behave yourselves we will resolutely exercise the proletarian dictatorship on you.

The dictatorship of the masses is extremely powerful. The true bastion of iron is the millions upon millions of people who genuinely and sincerely support the revolution. Let us display our strength once again, fight valiantly, bring about red storms, and make a clear sweep of all pests and despicable swine who are harmful to the dictatorship of the proletariat and the revolution and who undermine production. Let this tremendous storm of the mass movement be fierce and heavy.