

## STEADFASTLY STAND BEHIND THE PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONARIES

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The torrent of the great proletarian cultural revolution is rushing onward with unequal might along the direction pointed out by Chairman Mao, the helmsman and the greatest genius in human history.

The Chinese People's Liberation Army personally built and led by our great leader Chairman Mao and under the direct command of Vice Chairman Lin Piao is the strong cornerstone of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the great proletarian cultural revolution in China. It is good at fighting not only against the enemy armed with gun but also against the enemy armed with pen. This is really a revolutionary army of the proletariat -- an army of both literary accomplishment and military proficiency -- that knows no equal in the world. Under an environment in which the class struggle is acute and complicated at home and abroad, without such a great wall as the People's Liberation Army armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought, there cannot be any solid national defense, any strong proletarian dictatorship, any socialist extensive democracy, and any great proletarian cultural revolution.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "The Chinese Red Army is an armed body for carrying out the political tasks of the revolution. Especially at present, the Red Army should certainly not confine itself to fighting; besides fighting to destroy the enemy's military strength, it should shoulder such important tasks as doing propaganda among the masses, organizing the masses, arming them, helping them to establish revolutionary political power and setting up Party organizations."

During the great proletarian cultural revolution, according to Chairman Mao's teaching, our army is energetically engaged in the work of "supporting the Left, industry and agriculture" "exercising military control and giving military training." These "three kinds of support"

and "two kinds of military work" are the glorious tasks given our army by Chairman Mao under new historical conditions; they show his greatest faith in, as well as his greatest concern and loving care for our army. The broad masses of the commanders and fighters of our army, holding high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, closely standing together with the proletarian revolutionaries, and in solidarity with the broad masses, have made an heroic onslaught against a handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road and dealt a devastating blow at the bourgeois command post. Meanwhile, through energetically implementing Chairman Mao's great guiding principle, "Grasp revolution, stimulate production," they have given a great impetus to the development of industrial and agricultural production.

Vice Chairman Lin Piao has said: "The surging mass movement has in turn greatly inspired and educated the armed forces and become the revolutionary smelting furnace for steeling and raising the political consciousness of the armed forces." The fiery struggle of the great proletarian cultural revolution has given the broad masses of the commanders and fighters of our army the greatest and best steeling. It has greatly strengthened their class struggle viewpoint and mass viewpoint and greatly stepped up the close relationship between the army and the people. It has greatly heightened consciousness in carrying out Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, and greatly speeded up the progress of extraordinary proletarianization and militancy. It has impelled the building of our army onto a new stage and greatly strengthened the fighting power of our army.

In work to "give support to the Left, industry and agriculture," "exercise military control and give military training," our army has accumulated a wealth of experience. The focus of such experience is that we must hold high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, steadfastly stand on the side of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, and steadfastly stand behind the proletarian revolutionaries.

The proletarian revolutionaries constitute the hard core in the great proletarian cultural revolution and the vanguard of opposition to a handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road. Without them, the dynamic power of the revolution cannot be brought into play, and the victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution cannot be won. Rejecting them means rejecting the revolution and striking a blow at them means striking a blow at the revolution. Their general orientation in revolution is at no time wrong.

The attitude adopted toward the proletarian revolutionaries is in substance the attitude adopted toward the great proletarian cultural revolution. One must be boundlessly loyal to Chairman Mao and the thought of Mao Tse-tung before one can see clearly the political orientation of the various mass organizations in the struggle between the two

classes, the two roads and the two lines, and really stand on the side of the proletarian revolutionaries. Those who are loyal to Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line will be close to the proletarian revolutionaries, and regardless of the number of the latter and how great the difficulties may be, they will stand forth with the revolutionary courage of the proletariat, and unwaveringly and resolutely support the proletarian revolutionaries.

Our support for the proletarian revolutionaries will necessarily be opposed and undermined by the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road. They will incite a part of the deceived masses, exert all kinds of pressure on the armed forces, and vainly attempt to drag us away from Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line either from the Right or from the "Left" or from both sides at the same time, split and undermine our revolutionary forces, and sabotage the great proletarian cultural revolution. A line is the concentrated expression of class interests. "It is either the East wind prevailing over the West wind or the West wind prevailing over the East wind, and there is no room for compromise in the question of line." We are convinced that so long as we steadfastly stand on the side of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, we shall stand high, see far, stand firm and hold our ground. Steadfastly supporting the proletarian revolutionaries is an important expression of firm adherence to Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line.

The use of Mao Tse-tung's thought to arm the proletarian revolutionaries is the root of all roots, the key to all keys, and the center of all centers in work to "support the left, industry and agriculture," "exercise military control and give military training." The thought of Mao Tse-tung is the most powerful spiritual force, the fountainhead of all victories. The process of "three kinds of support" and "two kinds of military work" is the process of propagating the thought of Mao Tse-tung. It seeks to help the broad revolutionary masses creatively study and apply Chairman Mao's works, and enable the thought of Mao Tse-tung to strike root in the minds of the broad masses.

Vice Chairman Lin Piao has said: "Having mastered the thought of Mao Tse-tung, the masses of the people will become the wisest and bravest, and will be able to bring their infinite strength into play." "They will carry all before them, become invincible, and win a complete victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution."

"Who are our enemies? Who are our friends? This is a question of first importance for the revolution, and is also a question of first importance for the great cultural revolution." In the intricate class struggle, we must creatively study and apply Chairman Mao's works together with the proletarian revolutionaries, distinguish the orientation, know the enemy, strictly differentiate and correctly handle the two kinds of

contradiction of different character, grasp the general orientation of the struggle, unfold revolutionary criticism and repudiation on a large scale, direct concentrated fire at the concentrated target, politically, ideologically and theoretically topple and discredit by criticism the handful of top Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road headed by China's Khrushchev, and help the proletarian revolutionaries make a success of struggle, criticism and transformation in their own units.

When dealing with the revolutionary mass organizations holding different views, according to Chairman Mao's teaching, we should explain to them that the basic interests of the proletariat are one and the same, and bring about their great revolutionary alliance. We should not draw close to one faction and estrange ourselves from another, or win over one faction and hit at another one. We should support those in the right and dissuade those who are in the wrong. We should help the proletarian revolutionaries handle correctly those organizations which are in disagreement with them. We should correctly handle the masses who have been deceived and the cadres who have made mistakes. Through the exemplary actions of the proletarian revolutionaries and their penetrating and delicate politico-ideological work, we should unite the broad masses and the majority of the cadres, "strive to unite all people who can be united," and organize a mighty revolutionary army. In the course of making revolutionary criticism and repudiation on a large scale, we should realize and consolidate the great revolutionary alliance and the revolutionary "threeway alliance," and consolidate and strengthen the dictatorship of the proletariat.

In work to "support the Left, industry and agriculture," "exercise military control and give military training," helping the proletarian revolutionaries build a revolutionary leading group of a representative character and with proletarian authority is a very important question.

Chairman Mao has taught us: "Cadres are a decisive factor, once the political line is determined. Therefore, it is our fighting task to train large numbers of new cadres in a planned way."

Vice Chairman Lin Piao has also pointed out: "Political power is the question of such a group. With a good group, the implementation of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and the interests of the proletariat can be guaranteed."

We should help the leading group of the proletarian revolutionaries intensify the study of Chairman Mao's works, strictly require themselves to observe the five conditions set for successors to the revolutionary cause of the proletariat, eradicate bourgeois ideas in a big way, and establish the thought of Mao Tse-tung on a large scale. We should propagate among them the experience of the People's Liberation Army in

making creative study and application of Chairman Mao's works, bringing proletarian politics to the fore, persisting in the four firsts, promoting the "three-eight" style of work in a big way, and making a success of political and ideological work. We should help them lay a good grip on and make good use of power.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "We must have faith in the masses and we must have faith in the Party. These are two cardinal principles. If we doubt these principles, we shall accomplish nothing."

We must follow the lead of those at a higher level and rely upon those at the lower level before we can implement Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, and fulfill the glorious tasks entrusted us by Chairman Mao.

By following the lead of a higher level, we mean closely following the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao and his great strategic dispositions. Chairman Mao is the greatest genius; he is farsighted and sure of himself. In regard to Chairman Mao's instructions and dispositions which we understand, we must firmly carry them out. As to those which we do not understand for the time being, we also must firmly carry them out. We must never depart from or interfere with them under whatever circumstances. We must ask for instructions more often and make more reports. At all times we must place ourselves under the absolute leadership of Chairman Mao's proletarian headquarters.

Relying upon those at the lower level means having faith in and relying upon the broad revolutionary masses. The core of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line is to have faith in the masses, to rely upon them and respect their initiative. In the course of "supporting the Left, industry and agriculture," "exercising military control and giving military training," we must unswervingly support the revolutionary action of the broad masses. We must show enthusiasm for and take good care of the new things emerging in the movement. We must listen in earnest to the views of those who disagree with us. We must painstakingly lead them to see and correct their own shortcomings and mistakes. When problems are come across, we must not adopt the method of doing things on their behalf, but must boldly arouse them to do things themselves, so that they may steel themselves in actual work and grow and mature in the fire of class struggle.

The process of "supporting the Left, industry and agriculture," "exercising military control and giving military training" is also the best process for us to learn from the proletarian revolutionaries, the revolutionary young fighters of the Red Guards and the revolutionary masses. The proletarian revolutionaries are our best teachers. Their boundless devotion to Chairman Mao, their revolutionary rebel spirit, their heroic deeds in the struggle between the two lines, have profoundly educated us and have strengthened our determination to defend

Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end. In front of the revolutionary masses, we are forever pupils due for graduation.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "It is hard for any political party or person to avoid mistakes, but we should make as few as possible. Once a mistake is made, we should correct it, and the more quickly and thoroughly the better."

The "three kinds of support" and "two kinds of military work" constitute a brand new lesson, and in the intricate class struggle, due to our lack of experience, it is hard to avoid this or that kind of shortcomings and mistakes. Having made mistakes, we must welcome their being criticized and pointed out by the masses. We must frankly admit having committed such mistakes, openly make a self-examination, and resolutely, quickly, promptly, earnestly and thoroughly correct them. So long as we earnestly correct our mistakes, we shall be able to gain experience and win the confidence and support of the revolutionary masses. As our great leader Chairman Mao has said: "So long we are good at persisting in the interests of the people and correcting mistakes for the interests of the people, this army of ours will surely prosper."

The People's Liberation Army supports the proletarian revolutionaries to the utmost, and the proletarian revolutionaries cherish most their own army. The broad revolutionary masses firmly bear in mind Chairman Mao's teaching that we must have faith in and rely upon the People's Liberation Army, and they support all revolutionary actions of the Liberation Army. They always warmly help us correct our shortcomings and mistakes in work. They regard cherishing and protecting the Liberation Army and safeguarding its prestige as safeguarding the great proletarian cultural revolution, the dictatorship of the proletariat and the basic interests of hundreds of millions of the revolutionary people. The support and faith of the broad revolutionary masses constitutes the source of strength for us to overcome the class enemy and is the most important guarantee for the success of the "three kinds of support" and "two kinds of military work."

Our great leader Chairman Mao's call for "supporting the army and cherishing the people" is the strategic slogan for impelling the great proletarian cultural revolution, the general principle for correctly handling the relationship between the army and the people, and a stupendous force that inspires us to seize new victories. We cherish the people to the maximum by faithfully carrying out Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, firmly supporting the proletarian revolutionaries, and bravely defending the great proletarian cultural revolution. We must forever stand on the side of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, fulfill our responsibility to the utmost, take good care of and support all proletarian revolutionaries, all revolutionary young fighters of the Red Guards and all of the revolutionary masses,

closely unite with them, fight and win together with them, closely follow Chairman Mao's great strategic dispositions, thoroughly topple the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road headed by China's Khrushchev, and take actual action to respond to Vice Chairman Lin Piao's call: "Hold high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, and perform new deeds of merits in the great proletarian cultural revolution movement."

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