

# A New Era of Vigorously Establishing The Complete Ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's Thought

**O**N November 25 and 26 in Peking, the centre of the great proletarian cultural revolution, our great teacher, great leader, great supreme commander and great helmsman Chairman Mao Tse-tung once again reviewed revolutionary teachers and students and Red Guards from all parts of the country; this time they numbered 2.5 million. Since August 18 this year, Chairman Mao has altogether reviewed contingents of the cultural revolution totalling over 11 million people on eight occasions. This latest review was the biggest.

Armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought, the millions of the cultural revolutionary army in the past few months have written with their own outstanding revolutionary exploits a new chapter in the annals of the proletarian revolution:

**China today is a China that works energetically to achieve the complete ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's thought.**

**The world today is a world in which Mao Tse-tung's thought shines in all its splendour.**

**The great, unparalleled proletarian cultural revolution is a great revolution to vigorously achieve the complete ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's thought.**

**A new era of energetically establishing the complete ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's thought has begun!**

**Only With Mao Tse-tung's Thought Can There  
Be a New World**

In these world-shaking months which have just gone by, our most, most respected and beloved great leader Chairman Mao personally initiated and led the great proletarian cultural revolution. It came with an irresistible swiftness and force. Its achievements are immortal. Never has a revolution on such a scale and of such profound depth been seen in history.

In a little over three months, Chairman Mao received the revolutionary masses eight times. Such unity of heart between the leader and the people, too, has never before been witnessed in revolutionary history.

Each review shows the triumph of the vigorous efforts to establish the complete ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

Each review is a solemn pledge to strive vigorously to establish the complete ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

**Comrade Lin Piao, Chairman Mao's close comrade-in-arms, said of the great proletarian cultural revolution: "In a word, we will work with great energy so that Mao Tse-tung's thought achieves complete ascendancy."**

Today, the Chinese people and the people of the world see more and more clearly the profound and far-reaching significance of this great revolution to vigorously establish the complete ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

**It is a great revolution affecting the success or failure of the proletarian revolution! It is a great revolution that affects what road a socialist country takes! Only by vigorously working to achieve the complete ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's thought, by carrying through to the end the socialist revolution on the ideological and cultural fronts, can we build our great motherland into an impregnable proletarian state that will never change colour.**

**To energetically establish the complete ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's thought is the greatest need of our people and the urgent demand of the world's revolutionary people.**

Revolutionary teachers and students from the old revolutionary base area of northern Shensi Province came to Peking and to the Tien An Men Square exultantly singing *The east is red, the sun rises; Mao Tse-tung appears in China*. . . . Over twenty years ago, the old poor peasant Li Yu-yuan in northern Shensi first sang this ode. Since then, the song — *The East Is Red* — has spread throughout China, throughout the Asian, African and Latin American continents and throughout the whole world. As the teachers and students sing the song today, their hearts swell. They say with feeling: **"In the past, we relied on Mao Tse-tung's thought to turn all China red in a very short time. Today, by working together with the world's peoples to achieve the complete ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's thought, a red world will swiftly come into being!"**

Fighters from the anti-revisionist front, as they stood on the reviewing stands or walked past the Tien An Men gate, looked up to Chairman Mao with tears in their eyes. They exclaimed: "Long live Chairman Mao! Long, long life to him!" These included the children of poor herdsmen who had dwelt by the side of the Ili River for generations, and Chinese students who had been compelled by the leading group of the Soviet revisionists to leave the Soviet Union recently. They saw most clearly that, with this great cultural revolution personally initiated and led by Chairman Mao, China will never become revisionist like the Soviet Union and that the Chinese land will never change colour. The great proletarian cultural revolution is the greatest revolutionary mass movement in history. Only Chairman Mao, the greatest proletarian revolutionary, has the tremendous courage and determination to mobilize the revolutionary masses to completely uproot re-

visionism. They could not help singing from the depths of their being: With the reddest of all red suns in our hearts, we march on the broad road of the cultural revolution. May socialism and communism flourish through the ages. . . .

In all corners of the globe, all revolutionary people warmly praise the great proletarian cultural revolution in China as a great creation in human history. They hail Chairman Mao for revealing to the hundreds of millions of revolutionary people this inevitable law of historical development.

China's great proletarian cultural revolution proclaims to the world: Victory belongs to the revolutionary people who vigorously establish the complete ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's thought. A new world without imperialism, without capitalism and without the exploitation system will be born!

### **Extensive Popularization of Mao Tse-tung's Thought**

**"We shall turn heaven and earth into realms of Mao Tse-tung's thought and arm all the people with it."** Such are the heroic words of revolutionary young fighters bent on fostering the complete ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's thought and also a vivid portrayal of the mental outlook of China's revolutionary people today.

Groups for exchanging revolutionary experience and Long March groups formed by millions of revolutionary students and teachers have toured every corner of the motherland. They are at once the fighting corps, study corps and propaganda corps for Mao Tse-tung's thought. They spread Mao Tse-tung's thought wherever they go. All urban and rural areas of the country are a great classroom of Mao Tse-tung's thought and also an examination room for it; every worker, peasant, soldier, revolutionary student or teacher is a student and at the same time a teacher; and practice in the three great revolutionary movements of class struggle, the struggle for production, and scientific experiment is both the result of the people creatively studying and applying Chairman Mao's writings and the living material for them to study Mao Tse-tung's thought. **Throughout the vast expanse of our great motherland, Mao Tse-tung's thought has never before won people's hearts so completely as today; people's mental outlook has never before been so radiant as today; and the material force generated by Mao Tse-tung's thought has never before been of such incalculable power as today!**

How has Mao Tse-tung's thought been popularized so rapidly? Why has it won people's hearts so completely? The basic reason is that the great proletarian cultural revolution has really mobilized the masses; it has further awakened their revolutionary consciousness, heightened their consciousness in creatively studying and applying Chairman Mao's writings, and turned the

movement to study and apply Chairman Mao's writings creatively into a genuine and great mass movement.

In China, hundreds of millions of the revolutionary people have boundless love for and faith in and veneration for Chairman Mao. They know clearly that it is Chairman Mao who has elevated Marxism-Leninism to a completely new stage, so they have incomparably deep class feeling for Chairman Mao's works. They declare: "We can do without food or sleep, but we must study Chairman Mao's writings." "We are willing to be beheaded or to shed our blood, but we shall never cast away Mao Tse-tung's thought." "The sun is the brightest thing in the sky, but it is not as bright as Chairman Mao's writings. The sun can only shine on one's body, whereas Chairman Mao's writings light up one's heart."

The great proletarian cultural revolution which has no parallel in history is the best classroom for creatively studying and applying Chairman Mao's writings. The extensive democracy whereby the masses freely air their views, write big-character posters, engage in great debates and extensive exchange of revolutionary experience is a new form of integrating Mao Tse-tung's thought with the masses which has been born in the storm of revolution. Hundreds of millions of the revolutionary masses study and apply Chairman Mao's writings in the struggle. The more they study the more enthusiastic they become and this has promoted the extensive popularization of Mao Tse-tung's thought; it is also a characteristic feature of the new upsurge of the mass movement for creatively studying and applying Chairman Mao's writings.

In China, the great cultural revolution has touched everyone to the depths of the soul, and this compels one to uproot bourgeois ideas and implant proletarian ideas in one's mind, to cast away the old world outlook of "woe for those who do not seek self-interest" and foster the new world outlook of "utter devotion to others without any thought of self." To promote devotion to the public interest and destroy self-interest — the nucleus of remoulding one's world outlook — has been consciously put on the agenda for themselves by an increasing number of people. This is another characteristic feature of the extensive popularization of Mao Tse-tung's thought. Chang Szu-teh and Norman Bethune have become models for the broad revolutionary masses advancing on the road of ideological revolutionization.

**"We shall exert effort to study and apply Chairman Mao's writings creatively and study the 'three constantly read articles' [Serve the People, In Memory of Norman Bethune and The Foolish Old Man Who Removed the Mountains] as maxims."**

**"We shall regard ourselves as a motive force in the revolution and take ourselves as a target of revolution, constantly criticize and revolutionize ourselves."**

**"We shall sweep self-interest out of our homes and let devotion to public interest settle down for ever."**

Such is the music to which the revolution marches!

Such are the most powerful notes of our times!

**Educating, remoulding and arming people with Mao Tse-tung's thought is opening up a new era. In the great cultural revolution, hundreds of millions of the revolutionary masses have taken up the sharp weapon of Mao Tse-tung's thought to liberate and educate themselves. Mao Tse-tung's thought is being popularized extensively.**

### **A Generation of New People Nurtured by Mao Tse-tung's Thought**

New people are needed for the founding of a new society. The building of socialism and communism relies on new, communist people who are devoted wholeheartedly to the public interest. The young revolutionary fighters who have been reviewed by Chairman Mao in recent months are a generation of new people who are growing up rapidly.

Our most, most respected and beloved great leader Chairman Mao has placed most ardent hopes in the young people. Living up to these hopes, the young revolutionaries have now come to the side of Chairman Mao, filled with lofty aspirations and bringing with them the abundant fruits reaped in the great cultural revolution. The song composed from a quotation from Chairman Mao — **The world is yours, as well as ours, but in the last analysis, it is yours. You young people, full of vigour and vitality, are in the bloom of life, like the sun at eight or nine in the morning. Our hope is placed on you** — resounded throughout the city of Peking. Haven't the imperialist gentlemen who invariably indulge themselves in day-dreaming always cherished the illusion about China changing colour with the coming generation? Now our young generation has replied to them, saying that they are indeed changing, but are changing into people with still higher socialist consciousness, people who are more revolutionary and more militant.

With a reverberating uproar, the young revolutionary fighters who have been reviewed by Chairman Mao, have declared to the world:

"Revolution is rebellion. Rebellion is the soul of Mao Tse-tung's thought." "We are out to rebel against the bourgeoisie, against imperialism, against revisionism, against all ghosts and monsters and against the ideologies of all exploiting classes!"

"You say we are too high and mighty? We are 'high and mighty.' Chairman Mao has said: **'And those in high positions we counted no more than dust.'** Revolutionaries take upon themselves the transformation of the world as their own duty. How can we not be 'high and mighty'?"

"You say we are going too far? To put it bluntly, your 'avoid going too far' is reformism, it is 'peaceful

transition.' You are day-dreaming! We are going to strike you to the ground and keep you there."

"Revolutionaries are Monkey Kings, their golden rods are powerful, their supernatural powers far-reaching and their magic omnipotent, for what they possess is none other than the great invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung. We wield our golden rods, display our supernatural powers and use our magic to turn the old world upside down and smash it to pieces!"

These courageous pathbreakers fear nothing in heaven or on earth and defy all ghosts and gods. They take immediate action to enforce their decisions. They have one by one pulled out the handful of persons inside the Party who are in authority and who are taking the capitalist road and all ghosts and monsters. They have put on exhibition the old blood-suckers' secret accounts, hidden to await the hoped-for restoration, and the gold, silver, and valuables which they robbed the people of and their other filthy lucre. Each time when a review takes place, letters reporting successes achieved arrive like snow-flakes flying into Tien An Men.

No wonder that all revolutionary people are cheering the Red Guards. How can the masses of workers, peasants and soldiers not cheer when they see behind them such staunch and reliable successors to the revolutionary cause, such strong young shoots!

No wonder that the spokesman of the reactionary classes, Pope Paul VI, had to confess that the Red Guards' revolutionary actions are for the reactionaries "a sign of death and not of life." It is indeed a sign of the final extinction of class enemies both at home and abroad. All the enemy's illusions have been thoroughly shattered!

The communist world outlook which is characterized by its wholehearted devotion to the public interest has taken deep roots in the soul of the new generation. Tsai Yung-hsiang [see *Peking Review*, No. 49, 1966], a staunch defender of the great proletarian cultural revolution is typical of that generation which is growing up quickly. He was just eighteen years old and had been in the People's Liberation Army for only eight months, but thanks to the vigorous efforts he made to foster the complete ascendancy of Mao Tse-tung's thought and remould his world outlook in the spirit of "seize the day, seize the hour," he became within a short period a communist fighter in the great cultural revolution. Now countless fighters of the Tsai Yung-hsiang type are fast growing up.

The new maturing people of the young generation nurtured by Mao Tse-tung's thought represent the future and the hope of the proletarian revolution. Given such a revolutionary young generation, our socialist motherland will definitely be able to maintain a bright-red colour for all generations to come! Let us hail our

new people, wishing them that they mature even more rapidly in the great proletarian cultural revolution!

### **Learn, Learn and Learn From Chairman Mao**

*The East Is Red* sounds out loudest and clearest,

**The greatest leader is Mao Tse-tung!**

This is the voice of the young revolutionary fighters when they are being reviewed, the voice of the Chinese people and the voice of the revolutionary people all over the world!

Oh Chairman Mao, Chairman Mao! In the great proletarian cultural revolution personally initiated and led by you, you have received us many times, and again and again pointed out for us the road of advance, cleared away the obstacles and given us more strength.

You have summed up the experience and lessons of the international communist movement and led 700 million people to a completely new stage of socialist revolution.

You supported the Marxist-Leninist big-character poster by Nieh Yuan-tzu and six others [see *Peking Review*, No. 37, 1966] and thus turned the great proletarian cultural revolution into a prairie fire.

You presided over the charting of the proletarian revolutionary line and thereby declared the bankruptcy of the bourgeois reactionary line.

You put on a red arm band and became the supreme commander of the Red Guards, a revolutionary organization that shakes the whole globe.

You gave us the instruction: **"You should pay attention to state affairs and carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end!"**

You told us: **"I give you my firm support!"**

You highly appraised our revolutionary actions: **"This is a movement of a momentous scale. It has indeed mobilized the masses. It is of very great significance to the revolutionization of the thinking of the people throughout the country."**

You taught us: **"You should put politics in command, go to the masses and be one with them and carry on the great proletarian cultural revolution even better."**

You grasped the newborn thing of exchanging revolutionary experience on a big scale and pushed the great cultural revolution forward to a new high tide.

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Where is the greatest proletarian revolutionary of the present era? He stands by our side and before our eyes, and he is our most respected and beloved great leader Chairman Mao!

Chairman Mao is always with us the revolutionary masses, showing full confidence in the masses, sharing the same fate and breathing the same air as the masses, and giving wholehearted support to the revolutionary mass movement. The great revolutionary practice of Chairman Mao sets the most brilliant

example for all the comrades in the Party, all the Chinese people and the young generation.

**To learn from Chairman Mao, study his great theory and learn from his brilliant practice — this is the common determination of the millions upon millions of revolutionary teachers and students being reviewed. They say: Chairman Mao's teachings are embodied in his great works, and we should study and apply them throughout our lives and always act according to Chairman Mao's instructions; at the same time, there is much of Chairman Mao's "works" not published in the books — his brilliant practice, from which we should learn still more. We shall take Chairman Mao's great teachings as our guide and his brilliant practice as our**

**example, and we will do whatever Chairman Mao tells us to do; we will do things the way he does them!**

With the support and encouragement of the great leader Chairman Mao, more and more young revolutionary fighters have begun to exchange revolutionary experience with other places by going there on foot, leaving the school room for the classroom of society and tempering themselves in the big storm of class struggle. They are learning from the brilliant example set by the great leader Chairman Mao and advancing along the road pointed out by him!

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