

Revolutionary "Three-in-One" Combination Is the Guarantee for Success in the Struggle to Seize Power

BY resolutely carrying out Chairman Mao's correct policy of revolutionary "three-in-one" combination in jointly seizing power, and after a sharp and intense class struggle, the proletarian revolutionaries in Shantung Province have gone through a fierce battle to foil a sham seizure of power by the class enemy. They have broken down all kinds of obstacles, recaptured the Party, government, financial and cultural power that had been usurped by a handful of persons who were in authority and taking the capitalist road in the Provincial Party Committee and Provincial People's Council, and formed the Shantung Provincial Revolutionary Committee.

This is another great victory for Mao Tse-tung's thought in Shantung Province! We extend our warmest greetings to the broad revolutionary masses and revolutionary cadres in Shantung Province and to the Chinese People's Liberation Army units stationed in the Shantung area!

Chairman Mao has taught us that the representatives of the exploiting classes, when finding themselves at a disadvantage, usually resort to the tactics of attack as a means of defence, to ensure their survival today and facilitate their growth tomorrow. They can make up something out of nothing and lie right in your face, or pick on a few superficialities as a means of countering the essence of a matter, or sing the praises of one group of people to attack another, or seize on an incident to "effect a breakthrough at some point" and to put

us in a fix. In short, they are always considering what tactics to use against us and "spying out the land" in order to achieve their end. As members of a revolutionary party, we must be alert to their tricks and study their tactics in order to defeat them. We must not behave like bookish scholars and oversimplify the complicated class struggle. The experience and lessons derived from the struggle to seize power in Shantung and other areas have fully testified to this brilliant thesis of Chairman Mao's.

The main experience of the proletarian revolutionaries in Shantung Province in their struggle to seize power is their reliance on the revolutionary "three-in-one" combination to smash the class enemy's plot to effect a sham seizure of power.

At the crucial moment of the class struggle, the handful of counter-revolutionary revisionists in the Shantung Provincial Party Committee and Provincial People's Council attempted to stage a farcical sham seizure of power, thereby digging their own graves. These reactionaries used all sorts of political and economic means to buy over a few ringleaders of certain organizations and turn them into their agents and protectors. They made secret transactions, reached "gentlemen's agreements" and negotiated "peaceful transfers of power" in an attempt to pull strings, to protect themselves and to retain their power. At the same time, they made use of those among the masses who were hoodwinked so as to bring pressure to bear upon the

genuine proletarian revolutionaries in their struggle to seize power, and tried to bring the machinery of work of various units to a standstill in an effort to disrupt the socialist economy. They audaciously launched surprise attacks on the public security departments and tried to break into local headquarters of the Chinese People's Liberation Army trying hard to undermine the dictatorship of the proletariat. These plots of theirs must be thoroughly exposed and dealt direct blows.

How can we smash the enemy's frenzied counter-attacks? The proletarian revolutionaries in Shantung Province have unswervingly carried out the correct policy, the policy put forward by Chairman Mao of joint seizure of power through a revolutionary "three-in-one" combination!

The broad revolutionary masses and revolutionary mass organizations in Shantung Province provided the foundation for the struggle to seize power. It is they who have exposed the handful of persons in the Party who were in authority and taking the capitalist road. It is they who have seen through the class enemy's plot to effect a sham seizure of power. And the great role they played manifested itself even more clearly at the critical moment of the decisive battle.

At this decisive moment one group after another of revolutionary leading cadres in Shantung Province boldly came forward to stand at the side of the proletarian revolutionaries and fight shoulder to shoulder with them. The revolutionary cadres, especially those leading cadres who for a long time have pursued the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao, played an important role in securing victory in the struggle to seize power.

The Chinese People's Liberation Army units stationed in the Shantung area firmly supported the proletarian revolutionaries when the struggle was sharpest and most complicated. Together with the revolutionary cadres and the masses of the revolutionary Left, the People's Liberation Army firmly implemented the principles and policies of the Party, of which Chairman Mao is the great representative. They took resolute measures, firmly suppressed the counter-revolutionaries, and at the same time, launched a powerful political offensive to win over those among the masses who had been hoodwinked. The P.L.A. played the decisive role at the most critical moment of the struggle to seize power; it made an outstanding contribution. This proved once again that the People's Liberation Army, founded and led by our great supreme commander Chairman Mao himself, was the most powerful mainstay of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the strongest prop of the proletarian revolutionaries.

The experience in Shantung has demonstrated fully that only through the revolutionary "three-in-one" combination can all sorts of schemes and intrigues of the class enemy be exposed in good time and co-ordination established between armymen and civilians so as to smash the enemy's criminal attempts to effect a sham seizure of power and a counter-seizure of power.

In the big, decisive battle between the two classes, everyone, every mass organization and every cadre is once again put to a severe test. Here, the key lies in holding high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, maintaining a firm proletarian stand, eliminating all selfish ideas and making wholehearted efforts to seize power for the proletariat. Those who assume airs of self-importance, regard themselves as the number one authority under heaven and are full of selfish ideas, will inevitably run counter to Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and to the correct policy of the revolutionary "three-in-one" combination; they will inevitably refuse to form such a combination but go it alone, refuse to unite but create splits, refuse to work for the "three-in-one" combination but exclude all leading cadres and all other organizations; they will even go so far as to direct the spearhead of attack against the Chinese People's Liberation Army; they will inevitably commit the gravest mistakes and play into the hands of the enemy of the proletariat. If they go on acting like this, even if they have made great achievements in the past, they will move over to oppose the proletarian revolutionaries at the crucial juncture in the struggle to seize power. This is a point which warrants special attention.

We must have faith in the overwhelming majority of the masses. There are some mass organizations which have been deceived into acting as tools of the enemy at the crucial moment in the struggle to seize power. We must be prudent in the attitude we adopt towards them and treat the different sections among them differently. We must relentlessly suppress the chief culprits, those few who stubbornly refuse to repent or correct their errors. As for those who do not know the truth, instead of discriminating against them, we must patiently educate them in order to win them over, to help them come to their senses and enable them to continue taking part in the revolution. In doing so we can expand the ranks of the Left, unite with the broad masses and isolate to the maximum that handful of the enemy of the proletariat. The proletarian revolutionaries in Shantung Province has set a very fine example in this respect.

On the eve of the decisive battle in the Chinese People's War of Liberation, Chairman Mao pointed out to the whole Party: **"Only when all the policies and tactics of the Party are on the correct path will it be possible for the Chinese revolution to win victory."** As we review with satisfaction the excellent situation that exists today, we see that Chairman Mao's great policy of revolutionary "three-in-one" combination in jointly seizing power and a series of other correct policies are being quickly grasped by the broad revolutionary masses. The proletarian revolutionaries' struggle to seize power is forging ahead victoriously along the road blazed by Chairman Mao, overcoming all resistance with a momentum that will topple the mountains and drain the seas!

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