

Boldly Mobilize the Masses, Smash the Scheme for Counter-Revolutionary Restoration

by WANG HSIAO-YU*

THE great proletarian cultural revolution, personally initiated and led by our great leader Chairman Mao, is a great pioneering creation unparalleled in the world. The fundamental aim of this great cultural revolution is to thoroughly eradicate the root cause of capitalism and revisionism in China, and to solve the contradictions between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie and between the socialist and capitalist roads. The struggle to seize power is a decisive battle between the proletarian revolutionaries and the handful of Party people in authority taking the capitalist road in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

The victory by the proletarian revolutionaries in the struggle to seize power has dealt a fatal blow to the

handful of Party people in authority taking the capitalist road. However, the struggle between the two classes, two roads and two lines has not thereby ceased. That handful of Party people will certainly be in league with those landlords, rich peasants, counter-revolutionaries,

* Comrade Wang Hsiao-yu, former Deputy Mayor of the city of Tsingtao, in the previous stage of the great proletarian cultural revolution, bravely stood on the side of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and waged a valiant and stubborn struggle against the handful of persons who were in authority and taking the capitalist road in the Shantung Provincial Party Committee and the Tsingtao Municipal Party Committee. He is now a leading comrade in the Revolutionary Committee of Shantung Province—a provisional organ of power established after the seizure of power by the proletarian revolutionaries.

bad elements, Rightists and all kinds of ghosts and monsters in society who adhere to the reactionary stand; they will certainly resort to waging a life-and-death struggle against us in various new forms, in the vain attempt to recover their lost power, sabotaging the revolutionary "three-in-one" combination and attacking the proletarian revolutionaries. This is a new feature in their activities aimed at a counter-revolutionary restoration.

The revolutionary "three-in-one" combination put forward by Chairman Mao is the guarantee of both the victory in the struggle to seize power, and the consolidation of state power. The handful of Party people in authority taking the capitalist road have been doing all they can to distort the correct principle of the revolutionary "three-in-one" combination. They have vainly attempted to remove its revolutionary essence and turn it into a hotch-potch of "two combined into one." They have tried by every conceivable means to sow discord among revolutionary mass organizations and revolutionary leading cadres and the People's Liberation Army, and by means of their influence, to direct their own collaborators to worm their way into the revolutionary "three-in-one" organ of power. In the present circumstances, this is the class enemy's most cunning and vicious tactic of taking the fortress from within. Their goal is to recapture their lost leadership and to re-impose a counter-revolutionary bourgeois dictatorship over the proletarian revolutionaries.

How to treat the revolutionary masses and revolutionary mass organizations in the course of the great proletarian cultural revolution is a major issue of right and wrong. It was true before the seizure of power; it is also true now after the seizure of power.

After their victorious seizure of power, the revolutionary mass organizations in Shantung Province, with a view to carrying the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end, immediately set out to launch a rectification campaign centring around the creative study and application of Chairman Mao's works, to sum up their experience in struggle, straighten out their ideas, improve their working style and increase their fighting strength. This precious revolutionary consciousness and creativeness is very fine.

On the other hand, the handful of Party people in authority taking the capitalist road and some people harbouring ulterior motives seized the chance to make a great fuss and launch a vengeful counter-attack on the proletarian revolutionaries. They distorted facts, concocted stories, supported one section of the people in attacking another and incited people to struggle against each other. They did everything in their power to vilify the revolutionary path-breakers. Some of them went so far as to openly threaten those revolutionary mass organizations which had criticized, repudiated and struggled against them. They always tried to "spy out the land" and seek an opportunity to take class revenge on the proletarian revolutionaries in a vain attempt to

undermine the revolutionary mass organizations, quell the vigorous revolutionary mass movement initiated by our great leader Chairman Mao himself, and scuttle the great proletarian cultural revolution halfway.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "The imperialists and domestic reactionaries will certainly not take their defeat lying down and they will struggle to the last ditch. After there is peace and order throughout the country, they will still engage in sabotage and create disturbances in various ways and will try every day and every minute to stage a come-back. This is inevitable and beyond all doubt, and under no circumstances must we relax our vigilance." The present appearance of this adverse current aimed at a counter-revolutionary restoration is not strange. It is due to the workings of the objective law of class struggle and is independent of man's will. What is important is that we proletarian revolutionaries must always keep a cool political head, bear in mind Chairman Mao's teachings, be prompt in seeing through all plots and tricks of the handful of Party people in authority taking the capitalist road and carry out tit-for-tat struggle against them.

In order to smash this adverse current aimed at a counter-revolutionary restoration, the proletarian revolutionaries in Shantung Province, under the leadership of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee, have given full play to the revolutionary strength of the broad masses of the people. That we must trust the masses, rely on them, respect their initiative and let them educate and liberate themselves and let them rise to make revolution themselves in the course of the struggle is a long-standing teaching of Chairman Mao. Provided that we unswervingly carry out the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao and fully mobilize the broad revolutionary masses, the handful of Party people in authority taking the capitalist road who are attempting to effect a counter-revolutionary restoration will be exposed to the bright light of day and there will be no place for them to hide.

"Policy and tactics are the life of the Party."

In order to smash this adverse current aimed at a counter-revolutionary restoration, the proletarian revolutionaries of Shantung Province, under the leadership of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee, have made deep and intensive investigations and studies. On this basis, they have strictly differentiated between the two kinds of contradictions. They have sharply distinguished those people among the masses who have been deceived from the handful of Party people in authority taking the capitalist road who have schemed for a counter-revolutionary restoration. They have strictly distinguished the leading cadres who have really stepped out to make revolution from that handful of Party people in authority taking the capitalist road who have tried to fish in troubled waters and resorted to counter-attack in revenge. They have firmly grasped the general orientation of the struggle and are determined to turn

its spearhead directly at the handful of Party people in authority taking the capitalist road.

Mao Tse-tung's thought is the life-blood of the proletarian revolutionaries. The proletarian revolutionaries of Shantung Province, by relying upon the great invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung, have already won a great victory in the struggle to seize power. By acting according to the instructions of Chairman Mao, they will certainly be able to unite the broad revolutionary

masses so as to thoroughly smash this adverse current aimed at a counter-revolutionary restoration and be able to build the revolutionary "three-in-one" combination still more effectively and carry out the rectification campaign in the revolutionary organizations still more successfully, so as to carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end!

(Excerpts from an article in "Hongqi" No. 5, 1967.)