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Tsingtao, a stronghold of our seacoast, is now experiencing an earth-shaking great revolutionary struggle. On 22 January 1967, all revolutionary rebel groups in the city united together in their general offensive against the small number of people in power in the city who were following the capitalist road and won a great victory in seizing power in the city. A new Tsingtao was born while happy revolutionary people there were cheering "long live Chairman Mao!" Since this victory has scared the enemy, the small group in power, before their final annihilation, make a last effort in cooperation with local landlords, rich peasants, anti-revolutionaries, crooks, and leftists to plan a final counter-attack. These buzzing flies even tried to block the main stream of the great proletarian cultural revolution.

In answering firmly the great call of Chairman Mao, the Tsingtao Garrison has taken active action in supporting the revolutionary leftists and delivering a crushing blow to the people in power who were following the capitalist road.

FIRMLY DEFEND THE VOICE OF REVOLUTION

At midnight on 24 January 1967 the revolutionary employees of the re-born Tsingtao Daily were rushing out articles in support of the meeting for revolutionary rebels to seize power in the city. Suddenly a few leaders of reactionary organizations together with those people who were led astray, broke into the newspaper and threatened to close it. This sudden attack aroused a strong protest from the revolutionary employees of the paper. One editor told them sternly that a revolutionary newspaper can never be closed. However, the leader of the mob was beyond reasoning. He waved his huge bat and tried to resort to force. The revolutionary people could not be scared and amidst the sound of "defending the voice of revolution with our life", many revolutionary workers arrested the leader and delivered him to the police. The rest of the mob were not willing to admit defeat and they continued to create disturbances while blocking the work of the newspaper. It was really a critical moment when so many news items and instructions of the revolution were waiting to be communicated to the masses. It was obvious that our class enemy intended to strangle the voice of the revolutionary leftists, thus strangling the life of new Tsingtao.

At that critical moment, after learning the truth at the newspaper, the Tsingtao Garrison which has pledged to defend the great proletarian cultural revolution, immediately sent some units to support the struggle of the revolutionary leftists. As soon as one unit of the Liberation Army arrived at the newspaper, they posted sentry at the gate and announced that on order of the Tsingtao Garrison Headquarters, they were there to protect Tsingtao Daily. This encouraging news was like spring thunder shaking up the quiet night of Tsingtao. The revolutionary rebels kept cheering and held the hands of warriors. At first they were unable to say anything because of their extreme excitement and later they all raised their hands, shouting "Chairman Mao has sent his close comrades to support us!" Those trouble makers were very scared. All the revolutionary masses ran forward to welcome the Liberation Army, and they were so excited at finding their own troops arriving at such a critical moment. Chairman Mao, you are always concerned with people in struggle and now you are giving us the biggest support at our most difficult moment. One old worker shouted in tears: "Long live our most respected and beloved leader, Chairman Mao!"

The unit assigned to protect the newspaper was Company B of the Tsingtao Garrison. Recently they have repeatedly studied Chairman Mao's important instruction: "Liberation Army must support the vast leftist masses." Chairman Mao has spoken what warriors had wanted to say and warriors' heart was already in the new battlefield of class struggle. All cadres and warriors made the following pledge in front of Chairman Mao's picture: "Chairman Mao, we will fully support and respond to your instruction. We will carry them out and obey them. In defense of the proletarian revolutionary line represented by you, we will dare any mountain of swords and any sea of fire, even at the sacrifice of losing our heads and shedding our blood." Now, when they received the order to protect Tsingtao Daily, they immediately marched to the battlefield.

At that moment, a serious class struggle was developing. Facing the Liberation Army, some people who were fooled realized their mistake and got out of the newspaper building. Then the warriors of the unit and revolutionary comrades of the newspaper cooperated in their political offensive against those trouble makers. One editor, even though without sleep for four days and four nights, shouted in his hoarse voice courageously: "The power seizing meeting of January 22nd is a meeting of revolution. Even the Liberation Army is supporting us. Our true revolutionary comrades should not be fooled by the enemy and must withdraw from the newspaper now." Facing this political offensive, many people who were fooled withdrew and apologized to our warriors: "We are wrong and we want to apologize to Chairman Mao. We will firmly join the side of the revolutionary leftists." Those leading trouble makers lost control of the masses and became more scared. Some of them still tried to organize a counter-offensive. They asked the warriors of the Liberation Army: "Who sent you here?" The crooks could not find anything more to say. Then our warriors warned them: "The People's Liberation Army firmly supports the proletarian revolutionary groups and will

firmly suppress those anti-revolutionaries and the anti-revolutionary organizations that are against the great cultural revolution. We will fight and destroy those who dare to oppose Chairman Mao!" The voice of iron and steel caused the crooks to lose heart.

The struggle was not yet over. Another battle was being fought in the printing shop of the paper. When Company Commander, Chou Chung-tao (0719 1813 6670) arrived at the shop with the seventh squad, the shop was already occupied by the crooks. Commander Chou immediately answered: All revolutionary masses have the responsibility of protecting state property. Everybody should withdraw from this workshop except employees of the newspaper!" Watching the arrival of the Liberation Army, all revolutionary workers at the shop cheered: "Long live Chairman Mao! Learn from the Liberation Army!" In response to Company Commander Chou's call, many revolutionary masses voluntarily withdrew from the workshop and those who were fooled also withdrew. However, a few crooks surrounded Commander Chou and one crook asked him: "What is your official position?" Commander Chou answered sternly: "We in the Liberation Army have no official position. We are only the people's servants." That crook then faded away in the masses but another crook stepped forward to ask: "Who instigates you here?" Commander Chou answered: "I am here in response to Chairman Mao's call, people's instigation, and order of the Garrison Headquarters." At that time he remembered Chairman Mao's instruction: "This army has a dashing spirit. It will conquer its enemy and will never be conquered by the enemy." Thus strengthened by this instruction of Chairman Mao, he ordered the Seventh Squad to post sentries at the doors of the shop. In order to resume normal operation, together with revolutionary employees there, he cleared all trouble makers out of the shop.

In the midst of cheers, the new struggle against time started. All works of melting lead, choosing characters, arranging pages, and proof-reading were completed in the shortest possible time. After six o'clock in the morning the printing press started rolling and revolutionary newspapers were being printed.

More and more revolutionary masses were gathering at the newspaper while warriors were guarding the building and the printing press was rolling rapidly. The revolutionary employees of the Department of Posts and Telecommunications also sent their delivery trucks. The warriors and newspaper employees realized the importance of newspaper delivery in the unification of the masses and the expose of the enemy.

As soon as batches of the newspaper were out of the workshop, the voice of the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao was delivered to the people in the midst of chanting of the revolutionary masses in spite of all the obstacles. How can anyone not be moved by this exciting scene? Every batch of newspapers caused cheers of "long live Chairman Mao!" among the masses.

LET RED BROADCASTS FILL THE SKY

After a violent struggle, the new-born Tsingtao Daily crushed the conspiracy of a few people in power who were following the capitalist road and succeeded in printing the three following announcements by the Tsingtao Revolutionary Rebel Committee: "A letter to All People of Tsingtao," "General Order Number One," and "A Telegram to Chairman Mao in Expression of Respect." The few people in power were afraid that the voice of rebels might fill the sky. So they, in desperation, aimed their target at the new Tsingtao Broadcasting Station with the intention of strangling the voice of the proletarian dictatorship, thus creating their last chance of survival.

Thus a serious struggle again started. A small number of reactionaries instigated the masses to come to the radio station individually. Their leader hysterically asked the military representative who was participating in the work at the station: "Why do you support the meeting for seizing power in the city?" The military representative answered in a righteous manner: "The seizing of power by the unified proletarian revolutionary groups is the great combat call of Chairman Mao. We of the Liberation Army firmly answered this great call and firmly support the proletarian revolutionary groups!" Then the same reactionary leader said: "This meeting of seizing power is an unauthorized meeting. You cannot broadcast the three common accounts!" The military representative answered: "Nonsense! The direction of the struggle of the proletarian revolutionary groups is both correct and revolutionary. You have gone to the opposite side of the people. If you don't repent now, you will be crushed to pieces by the wheels of history." Under the stern and righteous condemnation of our military representative and the revolutionary masses, these crooks sensed the unfavorable situation and retreated quietly.

During this serious struggle for seizing power, the thought of Mao Tse-tung has guided our comrades in their actions and our comrades have studied over and over again the new combat call issued by Chairman Mao: People's Liberation Army Should Actively Support the Vast Revolutionary Leftist Masses. Our military representative said excitedly: "Chairman Mao's words expressed what was in our mind. In the past, Chairman Mao led us in bloody battles for ten years and succeeded in seizing political power in the country. Today, under Chairman Mao's great call to battle, we must support the proletarian revolutionary groups in their seizing power from a small number of people in power in the party who are following the capitalist road." All commanders pledged: "We will do whatever Chairman Mao says and fight wherever he asks us to go. We want to stand together with the revolutionary rebels during this struggle of seizing power, and crush the group of people in power who are following the capitalist road.

Our military representative solemnly announced to the revolutionary masses: "The Tsingtao People's Broadcasting Station will broadcast on time all the three announcements; one of them is 'An Announcement to the Tsingtao People' issued by the Tsingtao Revolutionary Rebels Committee." This announcement by the military had the effect of a spring thunder and the news

was spreading fast among the revolutionary masses who kept cheering: "Long live Chairman Mao!" Many shouted excitedly: "Pay respect to the Liberation Army!" One worker delivered the following letter of congratulations in tears to the station: "At this critical moment, the Liberation Army has announced its support of the Revolutionary Rebels Committee. This is Chairman Mao's support of us, as well as the strong support given us by the Liberation Army. We must firmly carry out Chairman Mao's revolutionary line." One member of the masses who was fooled tore away his arm band of a rightist organization and stepped on it. Then he shouted: "I want to destroy this reactionary organization and apologize to Chairman Mao!" Many revolutionary masses applauded him and one of them jumped on the platform shouting: "Welcome comrades who dare to surrender to the truth and comrades who join the revolutionary rebel groups!" At that time many members of the masses came out to expose the crimes committed by those in power who were following the capitalist road. Some said: "We want to stand on the side of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and join the organizations of revolutionary rebels." Some even joined immediately, thus strengthening the size of the proletarian revolutionary rebels.

Since ghosts are afraid to face the sun, our class enemy is afraid of the broadcasting of the three announcements by the revolutionary rebels. They also were afraid of the collapse of their conspiracy so they frenziedly made a last desperate struggle. The station was full of war atmosphere and commanders were "sharpening their knives" in preparation for combat. They repeatedly studied Chairman Mao's following instructions: "Enemies will not vanish automatically" and "They will not put down their butchers' knives and they will never become a Buddha. Thus our comrade understood better the class nature of enemies and were ready to meet the new challenge.

As expected, the small number of people in power who are following the capitalist road were not willing to admit defeat so they instigated more people to shout in a truck outside the station. Then more people came in two cars and attacked the military representative. One tried to say: "We want to fight the military representative. Let us drag..." Before he finished the words — "drag him out," the military representative was standing right in front of him saying sternly: "What do you want? You had better behave!" At that time warriors were ready and revolutionary masses were lining up in defense of the voice of the revolutionary rebels — the broadcasting station. The crooks immediately backed down but did not give up. They asked: "Why should the Liberation Army support the broadcasting of the three announcements?" The military representative said: "The support of the proletarian revolutionary rebels is Chairman Mao's great call to combat, as well as the duty of the Liberation Army. To let the red broadcasts fill the sky is the demand of all revolutionary people in Tsingtao." Then they asked: "Who authorized you to support the three announcements?" The answer was: "It was authorized by the Supreme Commander, Chairman Mao, and the revolutionary masses." These words hit the opponents like iron hammers and the latter tried to escape. Then all the revolutionary masses shouted at these crooks:

"We revolutionary rebels want every inch of the ground to be planted with the red flag of the thought of Mao Tse-tung and every space in the sky to be filled with the red broadcast of the thought of Mao Tse-tung. We will crush all those who dare to oppose our efforts and the Liberation Army!"

Facing the firm warriors of the Liberation Army and the strong condemnation of the masses, the small number of crooks lost heart. Many slipped away and some members of the masses who were fooled said quietly: "We should listen to the advice of the People's Liberation Army. The Liberation Army was personally established by Chairman Mao and they all obey him. We should not be fooled any more!" Some of these masses started to expose the reactionary conspiracy. One worker pointed at the leader of the crooks: "This crook wants to drive the military representative out of the station and dreams of the Liberation Army's withdrawing support of the revolutionary rebels. This is just a day dream; we will never let him get away with it. We fully trust the Liberation Army!" There were more and more revolutionary masses coming to the station. They hoisted Chairman Mao's picture and Chairman Mao's Sayings. The following slogans shook the sky: "Down with the capitalist reactionary line!", "Long live Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line!", and "Long live Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line!" and "Long live Chairman Mao!" The masses heartily cheered the Liberation Army exhorting them to support firmly and unswervingly the revolutionary leftists. Facing this huge stream of the revolutionary masses, the small number of reactionaries who attacked the broadcasting station had to admit defeat.

In the early morning, bright sunshine was over the entire new Tsingtao. With high revolutionary emotions announcers of the Tsingtao People's Broadcasting Station were broadcasting the following voice of seizing power by the unified revolutionary rebels of Tsingtao: "The East is red and the sun is rising. Facing the high morning sun, we solemnly announce the birth of the Tsingtao Revolutionary Rebels Committee. From now on, the political, economic, and cultural powers of Tsingtao are in the hands of the proletarian revolutionary rebels and the revolutionary masses..." All the three announcements were thus being broadcast. Red broadcasts filled the entire sky and reputed to Chairman Mao another victory of his proletarian revolutionary line. Millions of people cheered on the beaches of the Yellow Sea. After days of battles and complicated struggles, the voice of the thought of Mao Tse-tung was eventually broadcast. How can one refrain from excitement and cheers. Commanders guarding the station could hardly refrain from smiling, jumping, singing and cheering!

In order to deliver a further blow to the enemy's reactionary atmosphere and to support the revolutionary rebel groups, our Tsingtao Garrison then made an unprecedented demonstration of armed forces. Commanders hoisted a huge picture of Chairman Mao and a poster of "firmly support the Tsingtao Revolutionary Rebels Committee," and shouted revolutionary slogans amidst red flags and war drums. Silver grey planes flew over the masses with two red flags tied to the wings of each plane and many leaflets supporting the

revolutionary rebel groups were dropped from them. Watching these planes and watching warriors, the revolutionary masses were excited and kept cheering. Many of them climbed up to the roof and shouted: "The Liberation Army is a strong supporter of our revolutionary rebel groups!", "The Liberation Army is our closest family member!", and "The Proletarian rebels are right; long live the revolutionary rebels!"

The spring waves of the Yellow Sea are rising and the red sun is coming out from it. Those awe-inspiring warriors are guarding the broadcasting station. The coastal city, Tsingtao, is like a giant at the front of our coast defense guarding the eastern gate of our fatherland.