

CAPITALIST ROADERS TRY TO INCITE VIOLENCE
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[Full text of an editorial entitled "Lifting a Rock Only to Drop it On One's Own Feet."]

Chairman Mao has said: "'Lifting a rock only to drop it on one's own feet' is a Chinese folk tale to describe the behavior of certain fools. The reactionaries in all countries are fools of this kind. In the final analysis, their persecution of the revolutionary people only serves to accelerate the people's revolution on a broader and more intense scale."

At a moment when the class struggle has become very sharp and complicated, a handful of top party persons in authority taking the capitalist road and some counterrevolutionary revisionists are jumping out one after another to put on a performance and expose themselves in a big way and to carry out a fanatic counterattack against the proletarian revolutionaries. They have the smugness to think that by so doing they can put out the raging flame of the great proletarian cultural revolution.

The fact that the enemies of the proletariat insist on coming out to put on a performance is an objective law independent of the people's will. They always make a wrong assessment in regard to the class struggle.

During the great proletarian cultural revolution, which has no parallel in history, it is not a serious matter when a few clowns come out and put on a performance. They are actually all paper tigers and are very weak. Let them perform! The more they perform the more they will be exposed; and their downfall will come more rapidly and completely. It looks like a bad thing; in fact, it is a very good thing.

The great cultural revolution under the proletarian dictatorship is being directed by the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao. The proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao is the most authoritative, most respectable, and most correct headquarters of Marxism-Leninism. It represents the truth of the proletarian revolution, the basic interests of the broad masses, and the direction in which history will advance. Whoever dares to oppose this great revolutionary headquarters is bound to be dealt a merciless blow by the Chinese revolutionary people and the People's Liberation Army armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought. Like a rat running across the street and chased by all, he is doomed.

To trust the strength of the masses and to rely on it is what makes Mao Tse-tung's thought great. The proletarian revolutionaries armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought and holding the flag of truth in their hands, always openly express to the broad masses their own political attitudes and the direction of their political actions. They can carry out an open and solemn struggle against the main enemies they are facing. Their stand is firm and correct, while their actions are conscientious and with nothing to hide.

On the other hand, the handful of party persons in authority taking the capitalist road are engaged in activities contrary to the basic interests of the masses and contrary to truth; therefore, they can only maintain their existence by telling lies. Rumors are short-legged. The more fantastic rumors they spread, the sooner they will become bankrupt. They have vainly attempted to incite the masses to struggle by force. If they become more intense in their activities, they will drift farther away from the masses, who can recognize their true face. The masses who were once hoodwinked will certainly awake and, with the spearhead turned around, rise up and rebel against them.

We proletarian revolutionaries throughout the country and commanders and fighters of the PLA vow to give our lives to defend Chairman Mao, to defend Vice Chairman Lin, to defend the CCP Central Committee, and to defend the central cultural revolution group. Whoever opposes Chairman Mao, opposes Vice Chairman Lin, opposes the CCP Central Committee, or opposes the central cultural revolution group, will be struck down!

The historic current is rolling forward and the revolutionary situation is splendid. We proletarian revolutionaries always firmly believe in the wisdom and strength of the masses, firmly believe in the boundless power of Mao Tse-tung's thought, and firmly believe that Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line is invincible. Under the guidance of our great helmsman Chairman Mao, we can assuredly drag out the handful of persons in authority taking the capitalist road who have infiltrated into our party, our government, and our armed forces, hit them hard, completely pull them down, and discredit them politically and ideologically, thereby gaining a new greater victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution.