

SUPPORT CORRECT PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONARY LINE
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On 26 July, the leading organ of PLA units in Wuhan issued a public notice openly examining the mistakes in orientation and line made in the work of supporting the left, and resolving to draw a clear-cut line with the handful of party and military persons in authority taking the capitalist road in the Wuhan area and resolutely strike them down. It also expressed a swift return to Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and resolute support for the proletarian revolutionaries in the Wuhan area so as to do well in the "three supports" [support the left, industry, and agriculture -- ed.] and "two militarys" [military training and military control -- ed.] work.

As the stand taken and policy adopted by PLA units in Wuhan are correct ones, they are warmly welcomed by the proletarian revolutionaries and the broad revolutionary masses in the Wuhan area. This is a staggering blow to the handful of party and military persons in authority taking the capitalist road in the Wuhan area. This is a new victory for Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line.

The broad revolutionary masses and the broad masses of commanders and fighters of the PLA are raising high the great banner of "Support the army and cherish the people" and are marching forward in triumph along Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line. The broad masses of commanders and fighters of PLA units in Wuhan who are close to the proletarian revolutionaries have stepped forward during the fierce struggle and at the crucial moment, firmly sided with Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, resolutely defended the proletarian headquarters led by Chairman Mao, firmly

supported and defended the broad leftist masses, and have made outstanding contributions in beating back the reactionary adverse current stirred up by the handful of party and military persons in authority taking the capitalist road in the Wuhan area and a handful of evil chieftains in the "One Million Brave Soldiers."

Some of the cadres and fighters who had been hoodwinked have received a thorough education in the course of the struggle; they have seen through the counterrevolutionary features of the handful of party and military persons in authority taking the capitalist road, and promptly returned to Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line. Facts have once again proved that our PLA is worthy to be called the people's army matchless in the world which is loyal to Mao Tse-tung's thought, loyal to Chairman Mao and his close comrade in arms Comrade Lin Piao. With such a strong and powerful backing, the proletarian revolutionaries will certainly be invincible.

The PLA has, since it intervened locally in the great proletarian cultural revolution in response to Chairman Mao's great call, made magnificent achievements and performed meritorious deeds in the service of the people in "three supports" and "two militarys" work. However, due to a lack of experience and because the revolution under the proletarian dictatorship is not well understood, it is unavoidable for shortcomings and mistakes to appear in one way or the other. This is not unfavorable, as long as a mistake, even a mistake in orientation or line, is corrected. The broad masses of fighters and majority of cadres are not responsible for the mistakes in orientation and line made by the leading organ of PLA units in Wuhan in the work of supporting the left.

Leading cadres who committed mistakes in orientation and line should be warmly welcomed since they have now honestly examined the mistakes and made serious efforts to correct them, and since they have completely broken away from the bourgeois reactionary line, resolutely supported the left, and waged a steadfast struggle against the handful of party and military persons in authority taking the capitalist road.

We hope that these comrades will perform new meritorious deeds in the service of the people in the work of supporting the left. The prevailing situation in Wuhan is excellent for the great proletarian cultural revolution. The proletarian revolutionaries must raise high the banner of revolutionary great alliance, strengthen unity, correctly handle their relations with the army, cooperate closely with them, and direct the spearhead of the struggle against the handful of top party persons in authority taking the capitalist road and their agents of the Wuhan area so as to carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end!