

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE CANTON MILITARY DISTRICT

[The following public notice of the Canton Military District was contained in a handbill dated 18 February 1967.]

Just as the great proletarian cultural revolution of our country was about to move into an all-round class struggle to carry out the great alliance of the revolutionary Left and to seize power on a large-scale, our great leader Chairman Mao instructed the People's Liberation Army to resolutely support the masses of the revolutionary Left and, on 28 January personally signed and issued an order of the Military Commission of the Party Central Committee, clearly stipulating measures for the Army to carry out the great cultural revolution. This was a solemn combat order issued to the Army by the Supreme Commander Chairman Mao and the highest operational guidance for our Army to participate in and protect the great proletarian cultural revolution. The entire personnel of our military district must thoroughly and unreservedly carry it out.

But, an extremely small number of persons with ulterior motives openly and defiantly contravened the instruction of Chairman Mao and the order of the Military Commission of the Party Central Committee; such action was a deliberate violation.

--They incited certain masses ignorant of the real situation, and even borrowed the name of the Party Central's responsible comrades to arouse the masses to assault the military leadership organ in an attempt to direct the spearhead of the struggle against the Army;

--They ransacked homes, arrested people, insulted personalities, enforced physical tortures, and even trussed up people, forced them to go down on their knees, and subjected them to merciless beatings;

--They kindled resentment at certain units in charge of war-preparation activities which are, in accordance with instructions of the Military Commission of the Party Central Committee, temporarily not required to develop the "four-great" (great contending, great blooming, (great) big-character poster and great debate) campaign, and to carry out education through positive examples;

--They forced the masses and the leadership there to develop the "four-great" campaign without delay;

--They also set forth certain unreasonable demands, deliberately obstructed and intimidated the leadership cadres, and even maliciously slandered Chairman Mao's instruction and order of the Military Commission of the Party Central Committee.

It is an action of open defiance of the order of the Supreme Commander Chairman Mao, a serious violation of discipline, and an action of sabotaging the great proletarian cultural revolution and war-preparation.

Our Army is a people's army personally built and led by Chairman Mao. It is the main tool for enforcing proletarian dictatorship, the most loyal guardian of the people's interest, the most loyal guardian of the great proletarian cultural revolution, and the most loyal guardian of Mao Tse-tung's thought. Whoever contravenes Chairman Mao's order is also opposed to Chairman Mao. Whoever opposes Chairman Mao is also our enemy!

In order to safeguard the dignity of the order of the Supreme Commander, we have resolutely carried out disciplinary actions against an extremely small number of bad elements in the Army who disobeyed Chairman Mao's instructions and deliberately contravened orders of the Military Commission. If someone makes use of this situation to spread slanderous rumors, or to incite those people who are ignorant of the real situation to continue making assaults at the military leadership organ so as to uglify the People's Liberation Army, we most certainly will adopt all necessary actions in accordance with the order of the Supreme Commander.

With regard to Chairman Mao's order, everyone has the obligation of resolutely and unconditionally carrying it out, and everyone has the right to criticize, restrict, expose and struggle against anyone disobeying the order. We hope that the broad revolutionary masses will actively assist our Army in strengthening war preparation, in safeguarding national defense and the great mission of the great proletarian cultural revolution. It is hoped that the broad revolutionary masses will heighten their revolutionary vigilance, listen to no rumors, let no bad people make use of them, and draw a clear line between them and the bad elements.

The entire personnel of our military district must resolutely and thoroughly carry out the order of the Supreme Commander, firmly support the genuinely proletarian revolutionary Left, firmly oppose the Rightist clique, firmly suppress counterrevolutionary organizations and elements, strengthen

war preparation, and safeguard the great proletarian cultural revolution; firmly struggle and discredit the handful of persons in authority in the party and army who are taking the capitalist road, thoroughly denounce the bourgeois reactionary line, and carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end.

Resolutely support the genuinely revolutionary Left!

Resolutely smash to smithereens the bourgeois reactionary line!

Long live Chairman's revolutionary Line!

Long live the great proletarian cultural revolution!

Long live the proletarian dictatorship!

Long live the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung!

Long live, long long live our most respected great teacher, great leader, great commander and great helmsman Chairman Mao!