

Seize Power From Below From Those in Authority Who Are Taking the Capitalist Road

RENMIN RIBAO'S editorial "Proletarian Revolutionaries, Form a Great Alliance to Seize Power From Those in Authority Who Are Taking the Capitalist Road!" has sounded the bugle call for the proletarian revolutionaries to form such an alliance and launch an all-embracing mass struggle on a nationwide scale to seize power from those in authority who are taking the capitalist road. Proletarian revolutionaries in Peking, Shanghai, Tientsin and other places said enthusiastically that they would act immediately, form a great alliance under the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, launch a nationwide all-embracing struggle to seize power, recapture Party, political, financial and all other important powers from those in authority who are taking the capitalist road, let the great thought of Mao Tse-tung occupy all positions, establish a completely new proletarian order and fulfil the great, historic mission assigned proletarian revolutionaries throughout the country by our great leader Chairman Mao.

At the present time, the revolutionary rebels of all circles in **Peking** are entering into close alliance to form an onrushing torrent which is thrusting powerfully at those within the Party who are in authority and taking the capitalist road and those diehards who are obstinately clinging to the bourgeois reactionary line, and taking over the Party, political and financial power under the control of these people. The scene of a great decisive battle is unfolding and the situation is developing vigorously. Members of the Revolutionary Rebel General Headquarters of Workers and Staff of the Capital declared that the editorial had expressed what they felt in the depths of their hearts and that to form a great alliance and seize power from those in authority who were taking the capitalist road was just what they intended to do; this was the right of the broad revolutionary masses, a right given by Chairman Mao. They

declared that once they had seized power they would certainly follow Chairman Mao's teachings, serve the people still better, be their willing oxen and speed up socialist revolution and socialist construction. The revolutionary rebels in the field of trade and finance, who were the first in the country to form throughout their organizations a great alliance, said at a discussion that their foremost current task was to unite all revolutionaries in the field of trade and finance, thoroughly and completely seize all power, and firmly grasp the destinies of the great proletarian cultural revolution and of the socialist economy, take firm control of trade, finance and banking, and completely smash every type of counter-revolutionary revisionist economism. The revolutionary workers and cadres of the revolutionary rebel groups in Peking's publishing organizations elatedly pointed out that by forming a great trade-wide alliance of the revolutionary rebels they had recaptured the power to publish Chairman Mao's works and all other powers from those in authority who were taking the capitalist road and those who stubbornly pursued the bourgeois reactionary line. They declared that they would certainly print Chairman Mao's works in great numbers and at high speed, so that more revolutionary people in China and abroad could get the treasure houses of Chairman Mao's writings and the radiance of Mao Tse-tung's thought could shine all over the world. A vast number of Red Guards and revolutionary students and teachers have pledged their resolve to unite with the revolutionary workers, peasants and cadres in order to seize overall power from those in authority who are taking the capitalist road.

Full of revolutionary fervour, the revolutionary rebel groups and the broad revolutionary masses in **Shanghai** who are launching an all-embracing general offensive against those in authority who are taking the

capitalist road declared that all proletarian revolutionaries in Shanghai would unite in response to the great call of the great leader Chairman Mao, burst through all difficulties and obstructions in the revolutionary spirit of "Seize the day, seize the hour" and recapture all Party, political and financial power from those in authority who are taking the capitalist road. Recalling the struggles before and after the seizure of power, the revolutionary rebels of the state-owned No. 17 Cotton Mill and the Shanghai Glass Machinery Plant said: "The fundamental question of revolution is that of political power. With power, we have everything. Now that we revolutionary rebel groups have seized power, we will hold on to it and never give it up." The revolutionary rebel workers of the Shanghai Glass Machinery Plant also gained a deep understanding of the fact that the handful of persons within the Party who are in authority and taking the capitalist road and those who are stubbornly clinging to the bourgeois reactionary line, who have been deprived of their power, will never be reconciled to their failure and willingly step down from the stage of history. They will inevitably wage a desperate struggle and oppose the proletarian revolutionaries with redoubled fury. The only way to deal with these people is to resolutely exercise proletarian dictatorship over them. The revolutionary rebel groups and the revolutionary masses of *Wenhui Bao* and *Jiefang Ribao* enthusiastically acclaimed the *Renmin Ribao* editorial. From their own experience in struggle they gained a profound understanding that the essence of the struggle of the great proletarian cultural revolution is the seizure of power by the proletariat from the bourgeoisie. The only way is to strike down to the dust the counter-revolutionary revisionists and those diehards who stick to the bourgeois reactionary line and keep them there, exercise proletarian dictatorship and let Mao Tse-tung's thought firmly occupy all positions.

In **Tientsin** the very day the *Renmin Ribao* editorial appeared, the proletarian revolutionary rebel brigade jointly organized by over 30 revolutionary rebel groups at the Tientsin Jute Mill recaptured the leadership in the mill from the persons in authority who are taking the capitalist road. The workers beat drums and gongs to celebrate the mill's rebirth. Some cadres of the revolutionary rebels of the Tientsin Municipal Committee of the Chinese Communist Party declared that all leadership of Tientsin city must be truly grasped in the hands of the revolutionary rebels.

In **Shenyang**. The revolutionary rebels in the Shenyang Rolling Mill declared: "Chairman Mao understands very well the innermost beings of us revolutionary rebels. He has called on us proletarian revolutionaries to unite and seize back power from those in authority who are taking the capitalist road. This is very important and a very fine thing. We proletarian revolutionaries are wholeheartedly devoted to the Party, Chairman Mao and the proletarian revolutionary cause. Determined to prevent China from changing colour, we fear nothing in the heavens or on earth. We will resolutely act on Chairman Mao's order

—unite and seize the power! If the enemy do not surrender, they will certainly be wiped out! In order to seize power, five revolutionary rebel groups in this mill have united and established a command headquarters for united action."

In **Kwangchow**. In statements already published, the Revolutionary Rebels Red Guard Organization of the Chungshan Medical College, a Kwangchow peasant revolutionary rebel group—the Red-Peasant-Friends Group of Mao Tse-tung's Thought—and the general headquarters of the Shihching area on the outskirts of Kwangchow have expressed their determination to achieve a great alliance of the revolutionary rebels, to organize a mighty cultural revolutionary army and to recapture all the power from those in authority who are taking the capitalist road.

The revolutionary rebels on various fronts in **Sian**, Shensi Province, enthusiastically hailed as really excellent the great alliance of proletarian revolutionaries and the seizure of power from the persons in authority who are taking the capitalist road. Although it possessed very good modern equipment, when the Sian No. 1 Automobile Spare Parts Plant of Shensi Province was under the control of those in the Party who are in authority and are taking the capitalist road, it rejected any task entrusted to it by the state to manufacture automobile spare parts and arbitrarily limited its role as a manufacturing plant to that of a motor-car repair shop. In June last year, several revolutionary workers who put up a big character poster entitled "Whither the Automobile Spare Parts Plant?" exposing the crimes of the persons in authority in the plant who are taking the capitalist road were branded as "counter-revolutionaries."

Later, the revolutionary workers got organized and seized part of the power from the leadership, thus deflating the arrogance of those in authority in the plant who were taking the capitalist road. However, those in authority had not completely collapsed at that time. As late as the end of last year, they still worked hand in glove with those in authority in the Shensi provincial communications department who are taking the capitalist road. They rejected the state plan for the manufacture of automobile parts and accepted only 47 per cent of it. Recently, filled with great anger, the revolutionary rebel workers have risen up to seize all political, economic, and cultural power in the plant. They accepted the task of producing automobile parts in excess of the quota stipulated in the state plan. The revolutionary rebel workers in this plant said that only by seizing power in an all-round and thoroughgoing way from below was it possible to strike to the ground the handful of persons in the Party who are in authority and are taking the capitalist road and to guarantee the dictatorship of the proletariat, to guarantee that the enterprise would march along the socialist road and to guarantee that our socialist motherland will never change colour.

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Emulating the example of the Shanghai revolutionary rebels, the revolutionary rebel fighters on all fronts in **Chengtu** have recently waged a resolute counter offensive against the new counter-attack by the bourgeois reactionary line and unfolded a struggle for the seizure of power from the handful of persons in the Party who are in authority and are taking the capitalist road. In **Wuhan**. The proletarian revolutionary rebels of the Wuhan Light Industry Dies and

Moulds Plant who have recently seized power from those in the Party who are in authority and are taking the capitalist road, said that their recapture of the power from the hands of the agents of the bourgeoisie is the result of the great alliance of the revolutionary rebels, that it is a new victory for Mao Tse-tung's thought and that they, the revolutionary rebels, have the support of their most, most respected and beloved great leader Chairman Mao. They declared that they have both the resolve and ability to run their plant as a great school of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

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