

Firmly Support the Revolutionary Peasant Movement, Thoroughly Smash Counter-Revolutionary Economism

— A Message to All Shanghai People

To all revolutionary workers, revolutionary peasants, revolutionary students, revolutionary cadres and comrades and comrades-in-arms of revolutionary rebel organizations of Shanghai:

The revolutionary peasants of Shanghai are rising in rebellion!

The great proletarian cultural revolution in the Shanghai area has advanced to a new stage, having been tremendously inspired by the message of greetings sent to Shanghai revolutionary rebel organizations by the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, the State Council, the Military Commission of the Party's Central Committee and the Cultural Revolution Group under the Party's Central Committee. The revolutionary rebel groups are rapidly gaining in strength; they are counter-attacking the bourgeois reactionary line with ever stronger fire. The situation is getting better and better! Amid the thunder of the innumerable guns bombarding the bourgeois reactionary line of the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee, the more than 3 million peasants of Shanghai's outskirts are plunging into the mighty revolutionary torrent in a gigantic rebellion against the handful of persons in the Party who are in authority and are taking the capitalist road, against the landlords, rich

peasants, counter-revolutionaries, bad elements and Rightists, and against the bourgeois reactionary line. Wherever their spearhead is directed, their force is irresistible. This rising of the revolutionary peasant movement is a major event in the great cultural revolution in the Shanghai area, an event worthy of hearty rejoicing. Its revolutionary actions are splendid! Its general orientation is entirely correct. All revolutionary comrades must support the revolutionary peasant movement with the utmost resolution.

The revolutionary poor and lower-middle peasants have risen in rebellion. The revolutionary rebel groups have allied their forces in rebellion. They are seizing back, completely and resolutely, the power of leadership which has been usurped by the handful of persons in the Party who are in authority and are taking the capitalist road, and by the very small number of diehards who cling to the bourgeois reactionary line. This revolutionary action has thrown these reactionary elements into a panic. Nevertheless, they are making a desperate struggle. They are trying in a hundred and one ways to sow confusion and stir up disputes within the ranks of the revolutionary rebel groups in order to undermine the great alliance of the revolutionary rebel groups and disrupt their struggle to seize

power, a struggle of great strategic importance. At present, they are attempting to hold on to their positions in the countryside by turning the evil wind of counter-revolutionary economism from the cities to the villages, thereby further increasing the differences between worker and peasant and between town and countryside. They are trying their utmost to create contradictions between the workers and peasants and incite the peasants to oppose the workers so as to undermine both the socialist economy in the countryside and the worker-peasant alliance—the foundation of the proletarian dictatorship. On January 9, one of the principal leading members of the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee flagrantly told representatives of peasant rebel groups from the ten counties on the city's outskirts: "Those workers are out to rebel against you, you should rebel right back against them." These words fully reveal their political intrigue. It is just as Chairman Mao has said: "Make trouble, fail, make trouble again, fail again . . . till their doom; that is the logic of the imperialists and all reactionaries the world over in dealing with the people's cause, and they will never go against this logic." We revolutionary rebel fighters must heighten our vigilance a hundred-fold lest they shift the general orientation of the struggle, and we must be ready at any moment to deal head-on blows against any new counter-offensive of the bourgeois reactionary line!

We must always remember this instruction from Chairman Mao: "We should support whatever the enemy opposes and oppose whatever the enemy supports." Since the handful of people in the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee are creating contradictions between the workers and peasants, we broad masses of poor and lower-middle peasants must even more resolutely unite with the revolutionary workers, revolutionary students, revolutionary cadres and other revolutionary people, defend with our lives the dictatorship of the proletariat, the worker-peasant alliance and Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, and firmly grasp in our hands the destiny of the dictatorship of the proletariat, the destiny of the great proletarian cultural revolution and the destiny of the socialist economy!

The struggle between the two lines has reached a crucial point. All-round class struggle is developing. We must continue our triumphant advance and launch an all-round attack on the bourgeois reactionary line! At a time when the peasant movement is rising, we appeal to all revolutionary organizations, revolutionary workers, revolutionary students and revolutionary cadres to give it their vigorous support.

1. Of late many revolutionary peasants have come out to criticize and repudiate the bourgeois reactionary line of the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee, repulse the onslaught of the evil wind of counter-revolutionary revisionist economism, and smash the latest counter-offensive of the bourgeois reactionary line. We express our most resolute support for their revolutionary actions! We appeal to all revolu-

tionary rebel organizations to take prompt action in resolute support of their revolutionary actions. The fighters of all revolutionary rebel groups must give prominence to politics, make great efforts to propagate Mao Tse-tung's thought, and exchange revolutionary experience, so that all our peasant brothers who have come to the city can take back to the rural areas as soon as possible the experience of the revolutionary rebel groups in the great proletarian cultural revolution. At the same time, we must also be on guard against the new scheme "to lure the tiger out of the mountain" of the handful of persons in the Party who are in authority in the rural areas and are taking the capitalist road. Wishing to evade the masses struggle, shift the general orientation of the struggle and muddle through by glossing over their mistakes, they instigate large numbers of peasants to leave their production posts and stream into the city in order to increase pressure on the city. The revolutionary rebel groups must set an example in "taking firm hold of the revolution and promoting production" both in the factories and in the rural areas.

2. With the intention of sabotaging the great proletarian cultural revolution, the handful of persons in the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee who are in authority and are taking the capitalist road and the few diehards in the Municipal Party Committee who cling to the bourgeois reactionary line signed away things indiscriminately and squandered the sweat and blood of the working people. They tried to sabotage production, sabotage the great cultural revolution and shift the general orientation of the revolutionary struggle by increasing wages and material benefits, altering the enterprises' administrative systems, and merging factories and changing the nature of their ownership. They are creating contradictions, widening differences and provoking the masses to struggle against each other over the matter of the distribution of income in collectively owned rural enterprises, and also that which concerns worker-peasant commune members and workers who have returned to the villages but do outside work. Thus, they obstruct the normal distribution at year's end and seriously affect the commune members' work enthusiasm. In order to repulse the onslaught of the evil wind of counter-revolutionary economism, we hereby solemnly declare: the signatures of the handful of persons in the Party who are in authority and are taking the capitalist road on papers relating to economic matters are declared null and void as from today. The situation should be handled firmly in accordance with the relevant directive against economism issued by the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party. As to the question of the year-end distribution of rural income, it is necessary to mobilize the masses fully, give prominence to proletarian politics, correctly handle relations between the state, the collective and the commune members, scrupulously implement the distribution policy and resolutely oppose any decision not to set aside funds for production and collective accumulation, or to reduce the funds set aside for this purpose, and to pursue a

one-sided policy aimed purely at increasing immediate distribution.

3. In order to effect the great alliance and great unity of our proletarian revolutionary rebel organizations and to give active support to the rise of the revolutionary peasant movement, in accordance with the demand of the masses, it is decided that the chief criminals within the Municipal Party Committee who carried out counter-revolutionary economism should be handed over to the masses in the suburban counties for criticism and struggle so as to further expose and smash the latest counter-offensive of the bourgeois reactionary line and thoroughly wipe out the noxious influence of counter-revolutionary economism.

4. Revolutionary students and revolutionary cadres should take energetic action, go to the villages in an organized and planned way, integrate themselves with the peasant masses, make great efforts to propagate Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and sweep away the evil influence of economism. Workers and young intellectuals who have gone to the villages to participate in agricultural production over the past several years should settle down in their present work, take an active part in the great proletarian cultural revolution in the rural areas and carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end.

Let the working class and the poor and lower-middle peasants, revolutionary teachers and students, and revolutionary cadres unite!

Let us launch all-round class struggle throughout the country!

Long live the revolutionary workers' movement, peasants' movement and students' movement!

Thoroughly smash the latest counter-offensive of the bourgeois reactionary line!

Long live the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung!

Long live the great Chinese Communist Party!

Long live Chairman Mao, the great teacher, the great leader, the great supreme commander and the great helmsman! A long, long life to him!

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The Preparatory Committee of the Shanghai Peasants' Revolutionary Rebel General Headquarters

The Revolutionary Rebel General Headquarters of Shanghai Agricultural Management Organizations

The Revolutionary Rebel General Headquarters of Shanghai Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Service

The "Bombard the Headquarters" United Corps of Shanghai

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