

THE REBIRTH OF THE WEI-KUO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prior to the great Cultural Revolution, the Wei-kuo Primary School was a school of the aristocratic type, a revisionist collective boarding school for children of cadres. The persons in authority taking the capitalist road were opposed to Mao Tse-tung's thought, and tried by any and all means to give a very comfortable life to their students. They had made strict restrictions on recruiting new students. As a result, the children of workers and peasants were entirely barred from the school. Even those railway workers and poor and lower-middle peasants who were living right at the doorsteps of the Wei-kuo Primary School had to send their children a distance of several *li* to a general school. Why in these days of socialism do we still find

such a system of education? It's because we have the black headquarters of Liu Shao-ch'i and Teng Hsiao-p'ing. Under the domination of their reactionary line, the wise directive, issued by the State Council in 1955, to gradually abolish special schools for the children of cadres has never been enforced and has been pigeonholed for a long time. They have openly opposed Mao Tse-tung's thought, opposed the educational line of Chairman Mao, and tried hopelessly to drag the schools for children of cadres onto the side-track of revisionism and capitalism!

Our most respected and beloved leader Chairman Mao personally started the fire of the great proletarian Cultural Revolution. In these schools for children of cadres, the revolutionary teachers and students and staff members and personnel have stood up to rebel against the persons in the Party in authority taking the capitalist road, against the revisionist educational system, and have smashed to pieces the old educational system.

The storm of the January revolution has swept across the whole country. The spring of 1967 is a very unusual spring. This spring, the great Cultural Revolution has won a new victory. The Wei-kuo Primary School has gained a new life. It has shown boundless youth and vitality. The reborn Wei-kuo Primary School is a school of Mao Tse-tung's thought. It is a school belonging to the broad masses of workers and peasants. An invigorating new atmosphere is permeating the whole school.

The revolutionary rebels of the Wei-kuo Primary School have rebelled vigorously against the old system and have reopened classes to make revolution in response to the call of the Party. They have personally paid visits to the poor and lower-middle peasants and registered their names so that they may send their children to the school in the neighborhood. A railway worker said emotionally: "We are grateful to Chairman Mao! We are grateful to him for having started this great Cultural Revolution!" A poor peasant commune member said: "The Wei-kuo Primary School has taken on my child. I could never have believed it even in my dreams in the past!" One parent told his child: "You should thank Chairman Mao, and obey

his words! If Chairman Mao did not start this great proletarian Cultural Revolution, you could never step through the door of this school!"

At present, the Wei-kuo Primary School has enrolled more than 200 children of workers and peasants. Children of cadres living in the neighborhood are also attending the school.

When we approached the Wei-kuo Primary School, we could easily hear the clear and vigorous voices of the young students reading aloud passages from *Quotations from Chairman Mao* and singing songs from *Quotations from Chairman Mao*. When we entered the gate of the school, we saw at once a large poster on the wall: "Learn from Comrade Kuo Chia-hung! Pay respects to Comrade Kuo Chia-hung!" Here the revolutionary teachers and students and staff and personnel had posted their enthusiasm for learning from the hero. On the walls were pasted other slogans: "Resolutely crush the adverse current of restoring capitalism from top to bottom." Here the revolutionary teachers and students and staffs and personnel were launching a counteroffensive against the restoration of capitalism, and making a total revolution!

Soon after the school reopened its classes, the students, with the assistance of their revolutionary teachers, set up their own organization of Young Red Guards and immediately plunged into the fight by conducting struggle, criticism, and transformation. The revolutionary teachers, staff, and personnel warmly acclaimed and supported the students in their revolutionary action. The students also paid serious attention to the various different views of the teachers, staff, and personnel, and made careful investigation and study. One of the Young Red Guards said: "We will find out who are true proletarian revolutionaries and whose views correspond with Mao Tse-tung's thought, and then we will support them." In the course of making revolution together, a new revolutionary relationship between the teachers and the students is being built up.

After class, the students always repair their own desks and chairs and never hesitate to do sanitation work in and outside

the classrooms. They are living in a collective of labor and fraternity.

Here they are building up a new relationship among the students. Whoever can hold high the red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought and learn well Chairman Mao's works will receive general support. The children of cadres and the children of workers and peasants learn from each other, and make up their shortcomings by learning from the merits of others. For the first time, the children of cadres realize that the children of workers and peasants have true class sentiments and the fine qualities of diligence and frugality, and wish to learn from them. The children of cadres reflected: "In this school our fellow students are studying Chairman Mao's works very diligently. They study by carrying their class sentiments with them." "Here the students are not proud of the official ranks of their fathers. Whoever is good in political thought gets general support." "Here the students love to labor and always try to work before the others. When they find any chair broken, they repair it on their own initiative. It's not like in the past, when if I found my own chair broken I would use someone else's chair or wait till someone came to repair mine." "Here fellow students put on simple clothes, unlike in the past when I always wanted to have better food and better clothing." This new type of relationship among students helps greatly to eliminate the idea of enjoying special privileges among children of cadres, and they will then become one with the children of workers and peasants.

In short, at the Wei-kuo Primary School the new students have shown the victory of the proletarian educational line, and brought about a new appearance by turning our faces toward the workers, peasants, and soldiers in our educational enterprise. The new students at the Wei-kuo Primary School are the fruits of the great proletarian Cultural Revolution. The school will turn out large numbers of reliable successors to our proletarian revolutionary cause. The new students of the Wei-kuo Primary School are a great victory for Mao Tse-tung's thought. Under the great banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, a beautiful scene

of variegated flowers will surely appear on the educational front.

At the Wei-kuo Primary School, the educational revolution has broken the fetters of the revisionist educational system. It has made only the first step in the 10,000-*li*-long expedition. Hereafter, the road ahead is still very long, and our tasks are more difficult. The revolutionary rebels will continue to forge ahead bravely along the route of navigation opened by Chairman Mao. Though resistance may be very great, we will certainly sail upstream in face of the resistance. The law of history tells us that newly born things will eventually replace rotten things, and a few mantises can never stop the chariot of history with their feelers. Let us win our new victories under the guidance of the great and invincible Mao Tse-tung's thought, and turn the Wei-kuo Primary School into a school of Mao Tse-tung's thought like the Anti-Japanese University in Yen-an.

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