

Strive to Win New Merit in Serving The People

Commanders and fighters of the three services of the Chinese People's Liberation Army and proletarian revolutionaries throughout the country were tremendously inspired when they learnt from the press and radio about the inscription written by Vice-Chairman Lin Piao, our great leader Chairman Mao's close comrade-in-arms, for the conference of activists in the study of Chairman Mao's works in the Peking Garrison Area. The inscription reads: "Hold aloft the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought and win new merit in the great proletarian cultural revolution." The P.L.A. men say that this is a fighting call for them to advance continuously and that it gives them infinite strength. They also say that they have the confidence as well as the determination to do a good job in the work of supporting the masses of the Left, assisting industrial and agricultural production, exercising military control and giving military and political training, and thus winning new merit in serving the people. Proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary young fighters in all parts of the country expressed their determination to raise the great banner of **"supporting the army and cherishing the people"** still higher. They pledged to co-operate closely with the P.L.A., and together carry the great proletarian cultural revolution to complete victory.

The Peking Garrison Communist Party Committee on August 10 issued a decision on resolutely carrying out Vice-Chairman Lin Piao's instruction.

The P.L.A. units of the Peking Garrison held a celebration meeting on the 11th at which 10,000 members enthusiastically responded to Vice-Chairman Lin Piao's call and pledged to win new merit in serving the people.

"Renmin Ribao," "Jiefangjun Bao" and "Guangming Ribao" all published editorials on the 11th about Comrade Lin Piao's inscription. Following is the text of "Renmin Ribao's" editorial. — Ed.

AT a time when the great proletarian cultural revolution is entering a new, victorious stage throughout the country, Comrade Lin Piao, the close comrade-in-arms of our great leader Chairman Mao, has issued a great call to the Chinese People's Liberation Army: **"Hold aloft the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought and win new merit in the great proletarian cultural revolution."**

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This shows the utmost solicitude for and faith in the P.L.A., and gives it the greatest encouragement.

It also expresses tremendous support and concern for the proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary people of the whole country and greatly inspires them.

Chairman Mao says: **"Without a people's army the people have nothing."**

The Chinese People's Liberation Army, personally founded and led by Chairman Mao and under the direct command of Comrade Lin Piao, is a great army infinitely loyal to our great supreme commander Chairman Mao, to the Party, the people and the revolutionary cause of the proletariat. It is the strongest pillar of the proletarian dictatorship in our country. It defends our impregnable proletarian motherland.

In the course of the world-shaking great proletarian cultural revolution, the P.L.A. has responded to the great call of Chairman Mao and shouldered the glorious task of supporting the masses of the Left, assisting industrial and agricultural production, exercising military control and giving military and political training. It has given powerful support to the proletarian revolutionaries, guaranteed the victorious advance of the great proletarian cultural revolution and made important contributions to the people in this new historical period.

The militant task facing the army commanders and fighters at the present time is to respond to deputy supreme commander Lin Piao's great call, continue to hold aloft the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, firmly stand on the side of the proletarian revolutionaries and fight shoulder to shoulder with them, and win new merit in serving the people in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

Chairman Mao teaches us that the main target of revolution under the proletarian dictatorship is the bourgeois representatives who have sneaked into the apparatus of that dictatorship, the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road. They are the most dangerous enemy of the workers, peasants, soldiers, revolutionary cadres and revolutionary intellectuals. The P.L.A. should always direct its spearhead of struggle against this handful. In the current campaign of revolutionary mass criticism and repudia-

tion, the P.L.A. should join with proletarian revolutionaries throughout the country in repudiating China's Khrushchev politically, ideologically and theoretically. They should thoroughly repudiate the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road and completely destroy the bourgeois headquarters. Only by successfully fulfilling this great historic task can we guarantee that our Party and state will never change political colour and that the great proletarian cultural revolution will be carried through to the end.

The P.L.A. should further implement Chairman Mao's directive to **support the masses of the Left**, and regard its work of supporting, cherishing, helping and relying on the proletarian revolutionaries as the most important part of the army's duty to **cherish the people**. During the last few months, the P.L.A.'s experience in "supporting the Left" demonstrates that in order to give genuine support to the Left it is imperative to keep to the stand of the proletariat, understand and master Chairman Mao's method of class analysis and correctly ascertain which are the Left forces. When we judge whether or not a mass organization represents the revolutionary Left, the most fundamental thing is to see whether or not it genuinely supports Chairman Mao and his proletarian revolutionary line and firmly stands on the side of his proletarian headquarters. If we talk about class analysis divorced from the struggle between the two lines, the proletarian and the bourgeois, we cannot possibly grasp the essence of problems, the main aspect of things and the general orientation of the struggle, and we will make mistakes.

In the course of fulfilling these new and arduous tasks of supporting the masses of the Left, assisting

industrial and agricultural production, exercising military control and giving military and political training, the P.L.A. has been greatly tempered and tested and has formed a deep, militant friendship with the proletarian revolutionaries. In order to defend the great proletarian cultural revolution and support the proletarian revolutionaries, the commanders and fighters are dauntless and weather all tests without faltering. When there are shortcomings and mistakes in their work they are able to place the interests of the revolution first, modestly listen to criticism from the masses, make serious self-criticism and quickly correct their errors. This confirms that they genuinely act in accordance with Chairman Mao's words: **"In the interests of the people, we persist in doing what is right and correct what is wrong."** It fully demonstrates the noble quality of our revolutionary fighters armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought.

Proletarian revolutionaries and the broad revolutionary masses must act in accordance with Chairman Mao's great teaching that we should **"have faith in and rely on the People's Liberation Army."** They must cherish the P.L.A. like their own eyes and closely cooperate with it in order that, together, they will carry out the great proletarian cultural revolution still better.

We believe that the P.L.A. which has gained rich experience over the last year or so in the course of the great proletarian cultural revolution, will certainly hold still higher the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, take big strides forward most determinedly and strive to win new merit so as to guarantee complete victory in the great proletarian cultural revolution.