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[LIBERATION DAILY editorial: "One of the Basic Experiences Is To Have Army Representatives"]

[Text] To have army representatives is one of the three basic experiences of revolutionary committees recently summed up by our great leader Chairman Mao. The great People's Liberation Army is an army, unmatched in the world, which was built up personally by Chairman Mao and which is under the personal command of Vice Chairman Lin. It is a main pillar of the proletarian dictatorship and a steel wall in defense of our socialist motherland. The direct participation by PLA representatives in the three-way-alliance organ of power, which means the protection of the seal of authority by gun barrels, will greatly strengthen the proletarian dictatorship and bring to a new stage the unity between the army and the people.

The army representatives' participation in revolutionary committees is a brilliant reflection of the development under new circumstances of Chairman Mao's ideology that the army is built to carry out political tasks. Even when the army was first built up, it was pointed out by Chairman Mao that "the Red Army should certainly not confine itself to fighting" and that, "besides fighting to destroy the enemy's military strength, it should shoulder such important tasks as doing propaganda work among the masses, organizing the masses, arming them, helping them to establish revolutionary political power, and setting up party organizations."

In the course of the great proletarian cultural revolution, Chairman Mao has again issued a great call to the effect that the PLA should support the broad masses on the left. In response to this call, the various PLA units have carried out the glorious task of "three help" and "two military." Chairman Mao has now reiterated and confirmed that one of the basic experiences of revolutionary committees is to have army representatives. This means that his ideology of building the army for political purposes has been further put into practice organizationally.

The PLA is an exemplary model in the creative study and application of Mao Tse-tung's thought. With the participation in revolutionary committees by army representatives, their boundless loyalty to Chairman Mao, their study-style of combining learning with practice, and their three-eight work-style have been introduced into the three-way-alliance organ of power. Together with the revolutionary masses and the representatives of revolutionary cadres, the army representatives have further studied, implemented, propagated, and defended Mao Tse-tung's thought. They have put Mao Tse-tung's thought in command of everything, insisted on the four first's, given prominence to proletarian politics, and enhanced the revolution of people's thinking--especially the thinking of leading groups--with remarkable success. By combining together the three-eight style of the PLA, the arduously struggling character of the revolutionary workers, and the fine tradition of the party in keeping contact with the masses, they have destroyed the old and established the new--including the new work-style and new order for the red political power, as well as some new systems that are beneficial to the people.

In this way, the PLA has acted as a main pillar for revolutionary committees and has turned them into combat commands that are full of revolutionary vigor and strict in discharging their duties based on proletarian politics.

The PLA is a mortal enemy of the handful of capitalist-roaders in the party and the monsters and demons in society. The PLA has resolutely struggled with all enemies, including those with guns and those without guns. With the PLA's participation, the revolutionary committees will have more powerful strength. With the representatives of the army, revolutionary masses, and revolutionary cadres working together, it will be possible to better arouse the masses, organize them, arm them, exercise omnipotent mass dictatorship over the class enemies, and completely smash any and all counterrevolutionary undermining activities.

At the same time, it will be possible to grasp more firmly the general orientation of struggle, spread more profoundly the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, and thoroughly overthrow the handful of top capitalist-roaders within the party, such as China's Khrushchev and his agents, as well as lead the masses to launch attacks against the class enemies. Thus, the PLA will be able to carry out its function as a main pillar in consolidating the proletarian dictatorship and defending the proletarian authority of revolutionary committees in order that the proletarian dictatorship may withstand any kind of storm.