

CREATIVELY STUDY AND APPLY CHAIRMAN MAO'S WRITINGS  
IN SUPPORTING THE STRUGGLE OF PROLETARIAN  
REVOLUTIONARIES TO SEIZE POWER

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The great proletarian cultural revolution has entered the stage of fighting a decisive battle in the struggle to seize power from a tiny handful of power holders taking the capitalist road within the Party. Under the illumination of the radiance of the thought of Mao Tse-tung and the direction of the responsible comrades of the provincial military region, the cadres and fighters of our company firmly stand on the side of the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao and of the proletarian revolutionaries. They have gone through a course of steeling in the class struggle and been taught a graphic lesson in the thought of Mao Tse-tung. In the course of supporting the struggle of proletarian revolutionaries to seize power from a tiny handful of power holders taking the capitalist road within the Party and in the course of defending the struggle of the great proletarian cultural revolution, we have come to understand profoundly that Chairman Mao's writings can only be learned through study and application in the class struggle and the practice of revolution.

Our great leader Chairman Mao has said: "All revolutionary struggles in the world seek to seize and consolidate political power."

Through study, we have come to understand that the basic question of revolution is a question of political power. With political power, we have everything; without political power, we have nothing; the loss of political power means the loss of everything. Of all important things, the most important one is to grasp political power. The proletarian revolutionaries must firmly grasp political power in their own hands. As revolutionary fighters of the proletariat, we must defend with guns the red regime which our revolutionary predecessors brought into being with blood and sweat. Heads can roll and blood can be shed, but the revolutionary regime cannot be lost. This is our ironbound pledge.

Over a long period of time, a tiny handful of power holders taking the capitalist road within the Shansi Provincial Committee opposed and resisted the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Mao and enforced bourgeois dictatorship. In the great proletarian cultural revolution, they again openly opposed and resisted the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao, enforced White Terror, and branded many revolutionary cadres and the revolutionary masses as "counterrevolutionaries," "self-seeking careerists" and "ambitionists" in the vain attempt to put out the raging fire of the great proletarian cultural revolution so as to preserve their reactionary rule.

When the proletarian revolutionaries launched a violent attack against a tiny handful of power holders taking the capitalist road within the provincial committee, Liu Ke-p'ing and other revolutionary leading cadres of the provincial committee stood forth in the fierce struggle between the proletarian line and the bourgeois line. They firmly stood on the side of the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao, and on January 10, they put up a wall poster violently to open fire on a tiny handful of power holders taking the capitalist road within the provincial committee.

The cadres and fighters of our company circulated this revolutionary wall poster for everybody to read, and on the basis of an abundance of facts available since the great cultural revolution, they were of the opinion that the action of Liu Ke-p'ing and other revolutionary leading cadres was a revolutionary one. Meanwhile, the firm support given by Comrade Chang Jih-ch'ing of the provincial military region to the actions of the proletarian revolutionaries had greatly inspired us. We knew that with the proletarian revolutionaries of Shansi Province forming an alliance, the revolutionary storm to seize power from a tiny handful of power holders taking the capitalist road within the provincial committee was in the offing!

At that time, we studied again and again Chairman Mao's teachings: "The Chinese Red Army is an armed body for carrying out the political tasks of the revolution." "The sole purpose of this army is to stand firmly with the Chinese people and to serve them wholeheartedly." Our comrades deeply understood that the rise of proletarian revolutionaries to seize power from a tiny handful of power holders taking the capitalist road within the Party and thus to guarantee that our country would never change color for thousands of generations represented the most fundamental and the greatest political interests of the proletariat. By giving energetic support to the struggle of proletarian revolutionaries to seize power, we were carrying out the noble duties of the People's Liberation Army and were wholeheartedly serving the people.

While the struggle of proletarian revolutionaries to seize power was being victoriously prosecuted, we were shown our great leader Chairman Mao's wise directive: The People's Liberation Army should support

the broad masses of the Left. All comrades in our company jumped with joy, and they were unable to inhibit their feelings by cheering: Long live and a long, long life to Chairman Mao! Our comrades said: "What Chairman Mao says can best represent the aspiration of the revolutionary fighters, and Chairman Mao's fighters are best able to heed what he says at the most critical juncture." They proclaimed: Provided the proletarian revolutionaries need us, we will go into action at once to give them all-out support.

On the eve of the seizure of power by proletarian revolutionaries of Shansi Province, the men of our company carried out political mobilization. The evening in which the proletarian revolutionaries carried out struggle to seize power, we posted more sentries and carried out armed patrol in firm support of the proletarian revolutionaries' struggle to seize power.

In the course of supporting the struggle of proletarian revolutionaries to seize power, the quotations from Chairman Mao dealing with revolutionary heroism became our mottoes and the fountainhead from which we could draw unlimited strength. To meet the need of the struggle task, our rate of attendance increased by five to seven times compared with normal times. On one occasion, we worked continuously and took no rest for three days and nights, and ate nothing in twenty-four hours. However, the fighting spirit of our comrades was high, and they closely guarded their post.

Squad leader Chang Fu-so suffered from appendicitis, but when he was told to go to hospital for medical treatment, he said excitedly: "At this time our squad cannot go without a leader. I cannot leave the fighting post." He insisted on working for more than ten days before he went to hospital for operation.

When the struggle was most violent, the class enemies carried out terrorist activities. We reviewed Chairman Mao's teachings: "All men must die, but death can vary in its significance... To die for the people is heavier than Mount Tai." "Wherever there is struggle there is sacrifice, and death is a common occurrence. But we have the interests of the people and the sufferings of the great majority at heart, and when we die for the people it is a worthy death." This enabled us to intensify further our class hatred toward the class enemies and to raise our courage for struggle.

We made a solemn vow in front of Chairman Mao's portrait: "Even when dynamite is deposited by the side of us, we revolutionary fighters will not retreat a single step. We vow to defend until death Chairman Mao and the proletarian revolutionary line represented by him."

Chairman Mao has said: "The Red Army fights not merely for the sake of fighting but in order to conduct propaganda among the masses,

action to relocate all leading Party, government and military organizations in the midst of the people, what great effects it would have on promoting the rebellion of cadres of the organizations, uncovering the class struggle in various departments, advancing the cultural revolution of all systems and departments, and realizing the unity of all revolutionary rebels!

The relocation of the National Defense Science Commission in Peiping Aviation Academy is not the conclusion of the struggle, but the beginning of a penetrating struggle. Red Flag warriors and broad revolutionary warriors: let us continue and march into the National Defense Science Commission and unite with its revolutionary rebels. We shall not withdraw as long as the handful of power holders taking the capitalist road in it are not dragged out, the bourgeois reactionary line and revisionist educational and scientific research line are not smashed, and as long as it has not been transformed into a proletarian headquarters hoisting high the great red flag of Mao Tse-tung's thought!

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