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Song of Triumph on Chinghai Plateau

ENJOYING the solicitous care of our great leader Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the Chinghai Provincial Revolutionary Committee has proclaimed its establishment. This comes at a time when an excellent situation exists in the great proletarian cultural revolution throughout the country, and an upsurge is taking place in the movement of mass criticism, repudiation and struggle by hundreds of millions of the revolutionary people to completely smash the bourgeois headquarters. This is a great new victory in the struggle of the proletarian revolutionaries to seize power following the stormy "January Revolution." This is a song of triumph for the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao thundering over the Chinghai plateau.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "All revolutionary struggles in the world are aimed at seizing political power and consolidating it. The desperate struggles waged by counter-revolutionaries against revolutionary forces are likewise solely for the sake of maintaining their political power."

The proletarian revolutionaries in Chinghai Province, with the Left organization of "August 18" as their core, have passed severe tests in sharp, tense class struggles in order to seize power from the handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road in the province. Holding high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, and with vigorous support and help from the People's Liberation Army units stationed in the province, they have seized Party, government, financial and cultural power from the hands of the class enemy. They are worthy of the name of steeled fighters loyal to Chairman Mao, to Mao Tse-tung's thought and to his proletarian revolutionary line.

The People's Liberation Army units in Chinghai have held high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, stood firmly on the side of Chairman Mao and his proletarian revolutionary line, carried out all the directives of Chairman Mao's proletarian headquarters resolutely and fully and, with a clear-cut stand, supported and protected the proletarian revolutionaries. They have played an important role in the proletarian revolutionaries' struggle to seize power.

There have been twists and turns in the great proletarian cultural revolution in Chinghai Province. This appears to be a bad thing but actually it is a very good thing because it has resulted in fuller exposure of the bourgeois reactionary line, demonstration of the mettle of the revolutionary forces and a clear-cut differentiation between the two lines. This is often the law of things: Under certain conditions a bad thing is turned into a good thing. As a result of twists and turns, a problem is perceived more clearly and thus a solution is arrived at. The more fully the contradictions are exposed, the more thoroughly are they resolved. This is indeed the case in Chinghai.

Experience in the struggle for the seizure of power by the proletarian revolutionaries of Chinghai Province once again proves that so long as we act according to Chairman Mao's instructions we can be invincible everywhere.

It tells us that the establishment of the great alliance of proletarian revolutionaries is the most important guarantee of victory in the struggle for the seizure of power. The proletarian revolutionaries of Chinghai Province formed such a revolutionary alliance in the struggle to seize power and consolidated it in the course of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation. And this provided a solid mass basis and ideological basis for their struggle to seize power.

Chinghai's experience shows that the formation of the revolutionary "three-in-one" combination is the political and organizational guarantee for victory in the proletarian revolutionaries' struggle to seize power. Chairman Mao has said: "In those places and organizations where power needs to be seized, the policy of the revolutionary 'three-in-one' combination must be carried out in establishing a provisional organ of power that is revolutionary and representative and has proletarian authority. This organ of power should preferably be called a revolutionary committee." The proletarian revolutionaries of Chinghai Province formed a revolutionary "three-in-one" combination in their struggle to seize power and consolidated it in the course of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation. This has ensured that the Chinghai Provincial Revolutionary Committee is a provisional organ of power which is revolutionary and representative and has proletarian authority.

Chinghai's experience also shows that it is necessary at all times to maintain a firm grip on the general orientation of the struggle, to carry out mass criticism, repudiation and struggle politically, ideologically and theoretically against the handful of top Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road. We cannot allow this mass criticism, repudiation and struggle to slacken off while we strive for a revolutionary alliance and revolutionary "three-in-one" combination, while we struggle to seize power, and while we hold and exercise

power. Only so is it possible to consolidate and strengthen the dictatorship of the proletariat and carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end.

Chinghai's experience shows that it is necessary to bring into full play the role of revolutionary leading cadres as the nucleus and backbone. A number of revolutionary leading cadres have come forward in the struggle to seize power in Chinghai Province. They have stood staunchly on the side of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and have fought alongside the proletarian revolutionaries. In the course of revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, they have clarified their position still further. Chairman Mao has said: "Veteran cadres performed meritorious service in the past, but they must not rest on their past glory; they should temper and remould themselves well in the great proletarian cultural revolution, win new merit and make new contributions."

Chinghai's experience shows that in the great proletarian cultural revolution it is necessary to carry out the policies of the Party's Central Committee in an exemplary way. It is an important policy of the Party to win over and educate the masses who have been misled and help them change their stand and rapidly return to the side of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line. The proletarian revolutionaries of Chinghai have not asked the misled masses to make self-criticisms and clear themselves one by one and are not taking revenge on them. On the contrary, their attitude is one of responsibility to the revolution and to the people. Patiently and carefully they are helping and educating those among the masses who were misled, and enabling them to enhance their political consciousness in the course of the campaign of mass exposure, accusation, criticism and repudiation and mass struggle, so that these people can hit back at those who misled them and fight alongside the proletarian revolutionaries against the common enemy.

The situation in Chinghai is excellent and it is getting better and better. The founding of the Chinghai Provincial Revolutionary Committee shows that the great proletarian cultural revolution in that province has embarked on a great new voyage along the route opened up by Chairman Mao. The proletarian revolutionaries of Chinghai Province must hold still higher the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought and give primary importance to the creative study and application of Chairman Mao's works. Along with their seizure of power from the capitalist roaders, they must relentlessly fight "self-interest" in their own minds and revolutionize their thinking. For only in this way will they be able to hold and exercise power for the proletariat successfully, conduct the great proletarian cultural revolution still better and create a new red Chinghai resplendent with the brilliance of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

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