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A QUOTATION FROM
CHAIRMAN MAO TSE TUNG

The force at the core leading our cause forward is the Chinese Communist Party.

The theoretical basis guiding our thinking is Marxism-Leninism.
Our great leader Chairman Mao and his close comrade-in-arms
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FULLY 50 years have elapsed since the Communist Party of China held its First National Congress in Shanghai on July 1, 1921.

The birth of the Communist Party of China ushered in a new epoch in the development of Chinese history. For more than 70 years from the Opium War of 1840 to the May 4th Movement of 1919, the long-suffering Chinese people had waged heroic struggles to resist oppression by imperialism and feudalism. But all these struggles, including the large-scale revolutionary movements led by Hung Hsiu-chuan and Sun Yat-sen, had failed. Let us thank the great Lenin—the 1917 Russian October Socialist Revolution led by him brought the Chinese people Marxism-Leninism. The integration of Marxism-Leninism with the Chinese revolutionary movement gave birth to the Communist Party of China, the vanguard of the Chinese proletariat. As Chairman Mao said, "In China, the Communist Party was born, an epoch-making event."

At the time of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party there were only a few dozen members organized in a few communist groups. But they represented a new force, and new forces are always invincible by nature. Nothing could wipe out the Chinese Communist Party, neither the aircraft and guns of the imperialists and the Kuomintang, nor white terror and the tyranny of secret agents, nor the machinations and sabotage of renegades and hidden traitors. On the contrary, in half a century's arduous struggle it has grown into the Party leading the People's Republic of China. Semi-colonial and semi-feudal old China has been transformed into socialist New China with its first steps on the road of prosperity.

The 50-year history of the Chinese Communist Party proves that the success or failure of a political party depends on whether its line is correct or not. A wrong line will lead to the loss of political power even if it has been seized. A correct line will enable a party which has not attained political power to achieve it. However, a correct line does not drop from the skies or emerge and develop spontaneously and peacefully; it exists in contrast to erroneous lines and develops through struggle against them.

In his report to the Ninth National Congress of the Communist Party of China Comrade Lin Piao said: "The history of the Communist Party of China is one in which Chairman Mao's Marxist-Leninist line combats the Right and 'Left' opportunist lines in the Party. Under the leadership of Chairman Mao, our Party defeated Chen Tu-hsiu's Right opportunist line, defeated the 'Left' opportunist lines of Chu Chiu-pai and Li Li-san, defeated Wang Ming's first 'Left' and then Right opportunist lines, defeated Chang Kuo-tao's line of splitting the Red Army, defeated the Right opportunist anti-Party bloc of Peng Teh-huai, Kao Kang, Jao Shushih and others and, after long years of struggle, shattered Liu Shao-chi's counter-revolutionary revisionist line. Our Party has consolidated itself, developed and grown in strength precisely in the struggle between the two lines, especially in the struggles to defeat the three renegade cliques of Chen Tu-hsiu, Wang Ming and Liu Shao-chi which did the gravest harm to the Party." It is precisely Chairman Mao's Marxist-Leninist line that has guided our Party and the Chinese people on the tortuous road of revolution in surmounting danger, developing from a small and weak force into a big and strong force.

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and advancing from defeat to victory and to such a great victory as we enjoy today.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "We have won great victory. But the defeated class will still struggle. These people are still around and this class still exists. Therefore, we cannot speak of final victory. Not even for decades. We must not lose our vigilance."

In celebrating the 50th birthday of the Chinese Communist Party, the whole Party faces the task of following Chairman Mao's teachings, carrying out the line laid down by the Ninth National Congress of the Party, Unite to win still greater victories, and fulfilling the fighting tasks set by the Congress and the First and Second Plenary Sessions of the Ninth Central Committee of the Party. At present, it is particularly necessary for the whole Party to launch the movement of criticizing revisionism and rectifying the style of work, carry out education in ideology and political line, conscientiously study Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, and study and sum up the historical experience of inner-Party struggle between the two lines. This is the fundamental guarantee of further great victories for the cause of our Party.

Persistently Follow the Road of Seizing Political Power by Armed Force

Marxism-Leninism holds that the fundamental question of revolution is political power and that the seizure of power by armed force is the central task and the highest form of revolution. This is the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism. Whoever denies this or admits it in words but denies it in deeds is not a genuine Marxist-Leninist. But specific conditions vary in different countries. And in what way could this task be carried out in China? On the basis of the great practice of the October Revolution, Lenin, in his Address to the Second All-Russian Congress of Communist Organizations of the Peoples of the East in November 1918, told the Communists of the Eastern peoples that they must see the characteristics of their own areas and that, relying upon the general theory and practice of communism, they must adapt themselves to peculiar conditions which do not exist in the European countries. Lenin stressed that this was "a task which until now did not confront the Communists anywhere in the world." Obviously, the seizure of political power and the victory of the revolution are out of the question if the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism is not integrated with the concrete revolutionary practice of a specific country.

On the basis of the unity of the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism and the concrete practice of the Chinese revolution, Chairman Mao analysed the history of China, its existing conditions and the main contradictions in contemporary Chinese society and gave correct answers as to the targets, tasks, motive forces and character of the Chinese revolution and its perspectives and transition. Chairman Mao pointed out: The Chinese revolution is a continuation of the October Revolution and part of the world proletarian-socialist revolution. The Chinese revolution must take two steps. First the new-democratic revolution and then the socialist revolution. These are two essentially different revolutionary processes which are at once distinct and interrelated. The second process, or the socialist revolution, can be carried through only after the first process, or the revolution of a bourgeois-democratic character, has been completed. The democratic revolution is the necessary preparation for the socialist revolution, and the socialist revolution is the inevitable sequel to the democratic revolution. Chairman Mao pointed out: A Communist Party built on Marxist-Leninist revolutionary theory and in the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary style; an army under the leadership of such a Party; a united front of all revolutionary classes and all revolutionary groups under the leadership of such a Party — these are the three main weapons with which we can seize political power and consolidate it. It is precisely along this course that the Chinese revolution has advanced.

The new-democratic revolution led by the Chinese Communist Party went through four historical periods—the First Revolutionary Civil War, the Agrarian Revolutionary War, the War of Resistance Against Japan and the People's War of Liberation. It took 28 years in all, from 1921 to 1949, to solve the problem of seizing political power by armed force.
Our Party was still in its infancy during the period of the First Revolutionary Civil War. In the early and middle stages of that period the Party's line was correct: Analysis of the Classes in Chinese Society, Report on an Investigation of the Peasant Movement in Hunan and other works published by Comrade Mao Tsetung in that period represented the Party's correct line. On the basis of thorough and systematic investigation and study, Chairman Mao made a concrete analysis of the economic status and political attitudes of the various classes in Chinese society. He clearly pointed out: "Our enemies are all those in league with imperialism — the warlords, the bureaucrats, the comprador class, the big landlord class and the reactionary section of the intelligentsia attached to them." He further pointed out: "The leading force in our revolution is the industrial proletariat. Our closest friends are the entire semi-proletariat and petty bourgeoisie." Chairman Mao paid particular attention to the question of arousing and arming the peasants, indicating that "without the poor peasants there would be no revolution." At the same time, he indicated that the national bourgeoisie was a vacillating class; their Right-wing might become our enemy and their Left-wing might become our friend, and we must constantly be on guard and not let them create confusion within our ranks. Thus, he solved the question of first importance for the revolution, namely, "Who are our enemies? Who are our friends?" He opposed both Right opportunism represented by Chen Tu-hsiu that wanted only the Kuomintang and not the peasants, and "Left" opportunism represented by Chang Kuo-tao that was concerned only with the labour movement and likewise did not want the peasants.

Chen Tu-hsiu, then General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, was actually a radical bourgeois democrat. He knew nothing about Marxism-Leninism. He ever held that there had been no slave society in China and negated the universal truth of Marxism. He maintained that since the Chinese revolution at that stage was a bourgeois-democratic revolution in character, it could lead only to the founding of a bourgeois republic and be led by the bourgeoisie. He clamoured that the Chinese proletariat was not "an independent revolutionary force" and could not be the leading class and he slandered the peasants as being "loose," "conservative" and "unlikely to join the revolution." He flatly rejected Comrade Mao Tsetung's correct views and gave up leadership over the peasants, the urban petty bourgeoisie and the middle bourgeoisie, and particularly leadership over the armed forces. He advocated "all alliance and no struggle" in the united front. When the masses of workers and peasants arose, he was very much afraid that they would terrify the bourgeoisie. Chen Tu-hsiu and his follower Lin Shao-chi went so far as to order the workers' pickets in Wuhan to hand their arms over to the Kuomintang. When Chiang Kai-shek and Wang Ching-wei, representatives of the big landlord class and the big bourgeoisie, successively betrayed the revolution and slaughtered the workers and peasants, the broad masses of the people were unarmed and the dynamic great revolution ended in failure. Later, Chen Tu-hsiu clung to the reactionary stand of Trotsky and asserted that the establishment of the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek government marked the completion of the bourgeois-democratic revolution and that all the proletariat could do was to engage in legal parliamentary struggles and wait until capitalism had developed in China and then make a so-called socialist revolution. This meant liquidating the Chinese revolution.

The Chinese Communists were not cowed by Chiang Kai-shek's massacres. Chiang Kai-shek, Wang Ching-wei and Chen Tu-hsiu, those teachers by negative example, made us understand that "without armed struggle neither the proletariat, nor the people, nor the Communist Party would have any standing at all in China and that it would be impossible for the revolution to triumph," and they made us understand this Marxist-Leninist truth: "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun." To save the revolution, the Nanchang Uprising was staged on August 1, 1927. The firing of the first shot at the Kuomintang reactionaries was the correct aspect of the Nanchang Uprising. Its mistake lay in not going to the countryside to arouse and arm the peasant masses and set up base areas, but taking the city as the centre and relying on aid from abroad. The Central Committee of the Party held an emergency meeting in Hankow on August 7, at which Chen Tu-hsiu's capitulationist line was corrected, and he was removed from his leading post. After the August 7th Meeting, Chairman Mao himself led the Autumn Harvest Uprising, organized the first contingent of the Workers' and Peasants' Red Army, founded the first rural revolutionary base area in the Chingkang Mountains and ignited the spark of "an armed independent regime of workers and peasants." In April 1928, the troops preserved after the Nanchang Uprising arrived in the Chingkang Mountains. Under Chairman Mao's leadership, the Workers' and Peasants' Red Army successfully smashed the first, second and third counter-revolutionary campaigns of "encirclement and suppression" launched by the Kuomintang against the Central Red Base Area. And guerrilla warfare also made progress in Kiangsi, Fukien, Hunan, Hupeh, Honan,
Anhwei, Kwangsi, Kwangtung, Szechuan, Shensi and other places. Chairman Mao summed up the experience in good time and wrote *Why Is It That Red Political Power Can Exist in China?*, *The Struggle in the Ching-kung Mountains*, *On Correcting Mistaken Ideas in the Party, A Single Spark Can Start a Prairie Fire* and other important works. In these works, he explained on a theoretical plane that in China the seizure of political power by armed force could be accomplished only by taking the road of setting up rural base areas, encircling the cities from the countryside, and finally seizing the cities, and not by taking the cities first and then advancing into the countryside, as in the capitalist countries.

Chairman Mao pointed out: "The history of our Party shows that Right deviations are likely to occur in periods when our Party has formed a united front with the Kuomintang and that 'Left' deviations are likely to occur in periods when our Party has broken with the Kuomintang." Shortly after our Party had broken with the Kuomintang and corrected Chen Tu-hsiu's Right opportunist line, there occurred Chu Chiu-pai's "Left" putschist line between the end of 1927 and the beginning of 1928, Li Li-san's "Left" opportunist line between June and September 1930, and Wang Ming's "Left" opportunist line between 1931 and 1934. During this period, although Chen Tu-hsiu's liquidationism, Lo Chang-lung's Right splitism and other Right deviations with their pessimism over the future of the revolution made their appearance, the "Left" opportunist line which occurred on the three above occasions was the main deviation. In particular, Wang Ming's "Left" opportunist line which dominated the Party for four years did the greatest damage and gave us the most serious lessons.

Wang Ming usurped the leadership in the central leading body of the Party at the Fourth Plenary Session of the Sixth Central Committee in January 1931. Wang Ming called himself a "100 per cent Bolshevik." While hoisting the banner of "opposition to the Li Li-san line," he alleged that the former central leading body "did nothing to expose and attack the consistently Right opportunist theory and practice of the Li Li-san line," and maintained that "the Right deviation is still the main danger in the Party at present." He in fact pushed an opportunist line even more "Left" than the Li Li-san line. Like other "Left" opportunists, Wang Ming knew nothing about the theory and practice of the revolution in China. They confused the distinction between the democratic and socialist-revolution. They knew nothing about the workers and peasants, about how to fight a war, or about the unevenness and the tortuous and protracted character of the Chinese revolution. They made absolutely no investigation or study of class relations in China, but alleged that the intermediate groups were "the most dangerous enemy" and advocated opposing the whole bourgeoisie and upper petty bourgeoisie. They enforced many "Left" policies characterized by "all struggle and no alliance." As regards military line, they first practised adventurism and then turned to desperate recklessness and flightism. As regards organizational line, they practised sectarianism and deprived Chairman Mao of his power. They resorted to "ruthless struggle and merciless blows" against those who disagreed with their erroneous line. Acting as an all-powerful emperor, Wang Ming placed himself above the Party and the people and pushed his erroneous line everywhere. As a result, our Party suffered a loss of 90 per cent in the Red areas and almost 100 per cent in the White areas, and the Red Army was compelled to leave and embark on the Long March.

The two lines with their two outcomes educated the whole Party, both positively and negatively. When Chairman Mao's revolutionary line was followed, an army was founded and revolutionary base areas were established where previously there were none. When Wang Ming's "Left" opportunist line was pursued, revolutionary base areas were lost and the Workers' and Peasants' Red Army was placed in a most dangerous position. Repeated testing in revolutionary practice proved that Chairman Mao's revolutionary line is the only correct line. Wang Ming who put "me at the core" and styled himself "100 per cent" correct turned out to be a sham Marxist. In January 1935 when the Red Army on the Long March reached Tsunyi in Kweichow, an enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee was called, i.e., the great historic Tsunyi Meeting. The meeting put an end to the domination of Wang Ming's "Left" opportunist line in the central leading body, established the leading position of Chairman Mao in the whole Party and switched the Party line on to the correct Marxist-Leninist track. At what a high price and after what bloodshed!

The Tsunyi Meeting marked the growth of our Party from childhood to maturity. Under the leadership of our great leader Chairman Mao after the Tsunyi Meeting, the world famous 25,000-li Long March was concluded victoriously. During the Long March, the First Front Army of the Red Army was formed into an anti-Japanese detachment advancing northward and marched to northern Shensi; inspiring the people of the whole country with the determination to resist
Japanese imperialist aggression. Our Party then smashed Chang Kuo-tao’s line of establishing another central committee and splitting the Red Army. In October 1936 the Second and Fourth Front Armies arrived in northern Shensi and succeeded in joining forces with the First Front Army and the Red Army of that area. By that time, the Red Army had decreased from 300,000 men to less than 30,000. Quantitatively the strength of our Party was reduced for the time being, but qualitatively our Party became stronger than before, thanks to the correct line.

In 1937 the Chinese revolution entered the period of the War of Resistance Against Japan. Our Party brought about a successful change from the period of Agrarian Revolution to that of the Anti-Japanese National United Front. But the sharpening of the national contradiction and the formation for the second time of a united front of the Kuomintang and the Communist Party, which were like a surging tide, turned some people’s heads. This found expression within the Party in the struggle between our Party and the Right opportunist line represented by Wang Ming.

Early in the War of Resistance Against Japan, the renegade Wang Ming jumped from the extreme “Left”, to the extreme Right. On the pretext of establishing the Anti-Japanese National United Front, he placed more confidence in the Kuomintang than in the Communist Party, completely abandoned the Communist Party’s principle of independence and initiative and put forward the idea “everything through the united front” and “everything must be submitted to the united front.” This meant in essence that everything had to go through the Kuomintang and be submitted to it, and it meant not daring to wage resolute struggle against the Kuomintang’s reactionary policies and not daring to boldly arouse the masses, or develop the revolutionary armed forces, or expand the anti-Japanese base areas in the Japanese-occupied areas. This meant handing over the leadership of the anti-Japanese war to the Kuomintang. Thus Wang Ming returned to the erroneous line of “all alliance and no struggle” advocated by Chen Tu-hsiu in 1927. Meanwhile, Liu Shao-chi went to the revolutionary base areas from the White areas. He opposed the Wang Ming line and supported Chairman Mao’s correct line in appearance, and boosted himself as the representative of the correct line in the work in the White areas and concealed his true features. Actually, he had long been a renegade, hidden traitor and scab and he had carried out an entirely erroneous line in the White areas. In his sinister book Self-Cultivation, Liu Shao-chi did not touch at all upon the questions of defeating Japanese imperialism and of waging struggle against the Kuomintang reactionaries, nor did he touch upon the question of seizing political power by armed force; on the contrary, he urged Communist Party members to depart from the great practice of revolution, study “the ways of Confucius and Mencius” and indulge in idealistic “self-cultivation.” What he preached was again a capitulationist line. The “literature of national defence” and the “philosophy of national defence” which cropped up during this period were in reality a literature of national betrayal and a philosophy of capitulation. They were products of Wang Ming’s capitulationist line and of Liu Shao-chi’s wrong line in the work in the White areas as well.

Our great leader Chairman Mao systematically and thoroughly criticized the Right capitulationist line represented by Wang Ming. In his work The Situation and Tasks in the Anti-Japanese War After the Fall of Shanghai and Taiyuan written in November 1937, Chairman Mao warned the whole Party against Wang Ming’s Right capitulationism: “In 1927 Chen Tu-hsiu’s capitulationism led to the failure of the revolution. No member of our Party should ever forget this historical lesson written in blood.” Chairman Mao once again raised the question of the struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie for leadership and stressed that it was necessary to insist on proletarian leadership and “closely adhere to the principle of independence and initiative in all our united front work.” But Wang Ming opposed Chairman Mao’s line and continued to push his opportunist line. In his report and concluding speech at the Sixth Plenary Session of the Sixth Central Committee of the Party held in October 1938, Chairman Mao put forward the question of the role of the Chinese Communist Party in the national war, refuted Wang Ming’s opportunist line and laid down the Party’s line and policy of leading the armed struggle independently and with the initiative in its own hands. The session adopted Chairman Mao’s report and concluding speech. Later, in his On Policy and other works, Chairman Mao repeatedly taught the whole Party that the united front policy “is neither all alliance and no struggle nor all struggle and no alliance, but combines alliance and struggle.” Our Party defeated the Kuomintang’s repeated anti-Communist campaigns and took firm hold of the leadership of the Anti-Japanese National United Front because Chairman Mao’s revolutionary line had already attained the predominant position in the whole Party, and because we had thoroughly criticized Wang Ming’s
Right capitulationist line, corrected the "Left" deviation in the struggle against the Kuomintang, adhered to the correct policy of developing the progressive forces, winning over the middle forces and isolating the die-hard forces and carried out the principles of making use of contradictions, winning over the many, opposing the few and crushing our enemies one by one and of waging struggles on just grounds, to our advantage, and with restraint in the struggle against the anti-Communist die-hards. Receiving no aid from outside but relying on our own efforts, we developed production, overcame difficulties, resisted the bulk of the Japanese invading forces and practically all the puppet troops, and developed and strengthened the Eighth Route Army, the New Fourth Army, the South China Anti-Japanese Guerrilla Column and the anti-Japanese base areas.

Comrade Mao Tsetung has attached great importance to building the Party ideologically since its early days. The Kuetien Meeting Resolution drawn up by Chairman Mao and his On Practice, On Contradiction and other philosophical works have played a tremendous role in educating the whole Party ideologically. In the early 40s, when the War of Resistance Against Japan was in the stage of stalemate, the Central Committee of the Party grasped the excellent opportunity to launch the rectification movement throughout the Party in order to raise its Marxist-Leninist level. Chairman Mao published a series of works on the rectification movement such as Reform Our Study, Rectify the Party’s Style of Work, Oppose Stereotyped Party Writing and Talks at the Yenan Forum on Literature and Art, calling on the whole Party to “fight subjectivism in order to rectify the style of study, fight sectarianism in order to rectify the style in Party relations, and fight Party stereotypes in order to rectify the style of writing.” Chairman Mao pointed out: “Though the majority in our Party and in our ranks are clean and honest, we must in all seriousness put things in order both ideologically and organizationally if we are to develop the revolutionary movement more effectively and bring it to speedier success. To put things in order organizationally requires our first doing so ideologically; our launching a struggle of proletarian ideology against non-proletarian ideology.”

The Yenan rectification movement personally led by Chairman Mao was a great, widespread movement of Marxist education. Through the study of works by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, of Chairman Mao’s works, and of dialectical and historical materialism and the exposure of the anti-Marxist-Leninist essence of the various “Left” and Right opportunist lines, the whole Party learnt to distinguish between the correct and incorrect lines and between proletarian and non-proletarian ideologies and gained a great deal. The policy of learning from past mistakes to avoid future ones and curing the sickness to save the patient was adopted in the rectification movement. Through criticism and self-criticism, the cadres throughout the Party arrived at a new unity on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought.

Presided over by our great leader Chairman Mao, the Seventh National Congress of the Party was victoriously convened in April 1945. At the Congress Chairman Mao made the political report On Coalition Government and laid down the political line of the Party, that is, “boldly to mobilize the masses and expand the people’s forces so that, under the leadership of our Party, they will defeat the aggressors and build a new China.” The Seventh Party Congress was a congress of victory, a congress of unity; it encouraged hundreds of millions of people throughout the country to fight with a will like the Foolish Old Man, who removed the mountains, and strengthened their confidence in victory. By the time of the victory in the War of Resistance Against Japan, the army led by our Party had grown to one million men and the Liberated Areas had expanded to embrace a population of 100 million. The revolutionary strength of the Chinese people was greater than ever.

The victory in the War of Resistance Against Japan brought about a drastic change in the situation and in class relations, both at home and abroad. With the assistance of U.S. imperialism Chiang Kai-shek, bent as always on destroying the Communist Party, decided to launch a counter-revolutionary civil war. Did we dare to struggle and win victory? “To build a new-democratic country of the broad masses of the people under the leadership of the proletariat? Or to build a semi-colonial and semi-feudal country under the dictatorship of the big landlords and the big bourgeoisie?” This was the question confronting the whole Party, the whole army and the people of the whole country. At that moment Liu Shao-chi came out with his capitulationist line, preaching that “China has entered the new stage of peace and democracy.” He loudly proclaimed that “the main form of struggle of the Chinese revolution should change from armed struggle to non-armed mass parliamentary struggle” and “all the work of our Party should be reorganized.” Liu Shao-chi wanted our Party to hand over the army
and the revolutionary base areas to Chiang Kai-shek, seek official posts in the reactionary Kuomintang government and "build the country in co-operation" with the U.S.-Chiang reactionaries. This line was a continuation of the Chen Tu-hsiu and Wang Ming lines and an echo in China of the revisionist line of Browder; the renegade from the Communist Party of the United States of America. Chairman Mao resolutely opposed Liu Shao-chi's capitulationist line. He sharply pointed out: "Chiang Kai-shek always tries to wrest every ounce of power and every ounce of gain from the people. And we? Our policy is to give him tit for tat and to fight for every inch of land." "The arms of the people, every gun and every bullet, must all be kept, must not be handed over." Chairman Mao further pointed out: "How to give 'tit for tat' depends on the situation." If they wanted to fight, we would wipe them out completely, and this was tit for tat. If they wanted to negotiate, sometimes not going to negotiations was tit for tat, and sometimes going to negotiations was also tit for tat. In the light of the situation, Chairman Mao worked out plans and had operational preparations made to defeat offensives by the Chiang troops, and he went to Chungking in person for negotiations and thus exposed Chiang Kai-shek who paid lip service to peace but actually went in for civil war. In view of the prevailing morbid fear of the United States, Chairman Mao put forward the thesis, All reactionaries are paper tigers, exposing the nature of U.S. imperialism and all reaction. After Chiang Kai- shek started the all-round civil war, Chairman Mao, with revolutionary fearlessness, issued the great and timely call "Overthrow Chiang Kai-shek and liberate all China," and led the people of the whole country in defeating counter-revolutionary war by revolution- ary war and in seizing state power by armed force. Chairman Mao laid down the general line and general policy of our Party at this historical stage, namely, a new-democratic revolution against imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat-capitalism waged by the broad masses of the people under the leadership of the proletarian; he laid down the principle of fighting by concentrating a superior force to destroy the enemy forces one by one; and in accordance with the progress of the revolution in different parts of the country he laid down a series of specific lines for work and specific policies regarding land reform, the consolidation and building of the Party and of the army, and other work. The Party issued the Outdoor Land Law of China in conformity with the wishes of the peasants throughout the country; it corrected both the Right-deviationist error of not daring to boldly arouse the masses and not meeting the peasants' demand for land and the line represented by Liu Shao-chi in land reform and Party consolidation, which was "Left" in form but Right in essence and characterized by encroaching on the interests of the middle peasants and private industry and commerce, regarding large numbers of Party cadres as "stumbling-blocks" and removing them wholesale, gathering a few "trustworthy" people through secret contacts instead of arousing the masses and, in disregard of Party policy, simultaneously unfolding the movement everywhere and beating people and struggling against them at will, and so on. Under the leadership of Chairman Mao and with the support and assistance of the people in the Liberated Areas and the masses in the areas under Chiang Kai-shek's control, the great Chinese People's Liberation Army wiped out 8,000,000 Chiang bandit troops armed by U.S. imperialism, liberated all Chinese territory with the exception of Taiwan Province and a number of sea islands and buried the Chiang dynasty, and the People's Republic of China was founded. The Chinese people stood up!

Persist in Continuing the Revolution Under The Dictatorship of the Proletariat

The founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949 marked the basic conclusion of the stage of the new-democratic revolution and the beginning of the stage of the socialist revolution. Back at the Second Plenary Session of the Seventh Central Committee of the Party on the eve of countrywide victory, Chairman Mao explicitly pointed out that the principal internal contradiction after the liberation of our country was "the contradiction between the working class and the bourgeoisie." The focus of the contradiction was on
the socialist road versus the capitalist road and on the dictatorship of the proletariat versus the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie.

Both the title of our Party and our Marxist-Leninist world outlook unequivocally demonstrate that the basic programme of our Party is the complete overthrow of the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes, the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat in place of the bourgeois dictatorship and the triumph of socialism over capitalism, and that the ultimate aim of the Party is the realization of communism. Our 28 years of heroic struggle represented only the first step in the long march of 10,000 li towards this ultimate goal. The seizure of political power by the proletariat was not the end of the revolution but the beginning of the second step.

The vast territory of our country was liberated gradually. The several million troops of the People's Liberation Army served both as a fighting force and as a working force. Our Party relied on its own army which aroused the masses while fighting battles and, together with the masses, resolutely carried out the Party's line and policies, smashed the state machinery of the dictatorship of the big landlords and big bourgeoisie and established the people's regime, which confiscated all bureaucrat capital comprising 80 per cent of modern industry and transformed it into socialist state enterprises. And boldly arousing the masses, we launched on a large-scale the land reform movement, the movement for the suppression of counter-revolutionaries and the movement to resist U.S. aggression and aid Korea. In a space of three years, we rehabilitated the national economy and strengthened the people's democratic dictatorship, namely, the dictatorship of the proletariat.

In 1953, after the frantic attacks of the bourgeoisie had been repelled in the movement against the "three evils" (corruption, waste and bureaucracy) and the movement against the "five evils" (bribery of government workers, tax evasion, theft of state property, cheating on government contracts, and stealing economic information from government sources for private speculation), Chairman Mao, in accordance with Lenin's theory on the transition period and our own practice, set forth the Party's general line for the transition period: "Bring about, step by step and over a fairly long period, the socialist industrialization of China and the socialist transformation of agriculture, handicrafts and capitalist industry and commerce by the state."

The essence of the Party's general line for the transition period was to solve the problem of the ownership of the means of production, making socialist ownership, that is, ownership by the state and collective ownership by the working masses, our country's sole economic base. This was an important step in further consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat. We tackled this problem firmly, yet gradually. In agriculture, this was done by proceeding through mutual-aid teams, which contained some embryonic elements of socialism, and the elementary co-operatives of a semi-socialist character, to the fully socialist advanced co-operatives. In capitalist industry and commerce, it was done first by the state placing orders with private enterprises to process and manufacture goods, purchasing and marketing all their products and using private enterprises as commission agents to purchase and sell goods for the state, and then by transforming private enterprises into joint state-private enterprises and paying a fixed rate of interest on the basis of an appraisal of the assets in accordance with the policy of redemption. Some people afflicted with impetuousity found this process not to their satisfaction and thought the transition period far too long; they wanted the problem to be solved overnight. This "Left" deviation was overcome relatively quickly through education.

The socialist revolution is a struggle to bury capitalism; it has been acclaimed by the labouring people throughout the country but has met with reckless sabotage by Liu Shao-chi and company. Peng Teh-huai, Kao Kang, Jao Shu-shih and others formed an anti-Party bloc in a vain attempt to split the Central Committee and subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat. Their scheme was smashed by the Central Committee of the Party in good time. Liu Shao-chi all along opposed socialist transformation. As early as 1949, wherever he went he preached the fallacy "exploitation is a merit" behind the Central Committee's back and in violation of the Resolution of the Second Plenary Session of the Seventh Central Committee. At the beginning of the 50s, he put forward the slogan "consolidate the new-democratic system." This meant "consolidating" and developing the forces of capitalism and taking the capitalist road instead of carrying out the socialist revolution. Chairman Mao promptly criticized this slogan, pointing out that it was an error in the nature of a bourgeois programme. He published On the Question of Agricultural Co-operation and other brilliant works to criticize the Right-deviationist error committed by Liu Shao-chi and his gang of smashing the number of co-operatives and criticize their fallacies of realizing "mechanization before co-operation" and of expanding the rich-peasant economy. This immensely inspired the masses of the poor and lower-middle
peasants with socialist enthusiasm for co-operation. In
the year or so from the second half of 1955, the
500 million peasants of our country were all
jubilantly taking the broad road of socialism. Because
the proletariat had captured the positions in the vast
rural areas, the bourgeoisie, now under cross-fire from
the workers and peasants, was isolated and compelled
to accept transformation. By 1956, the socialist trans-
formation of capitalism industry and commerce and of
handicrafts had in the main been completed in our
country with respect to the system of ownership.
Instead of suffering any damage, industrial and agricul-
tural production progressed in the course of this great
change and the Party's general line for the transition
period was crowned with great victory.

With the basic completion of the socialist transform-
ation of the ownership of the means of production,
China's socialist revolution and the dictatorship of the
proletariat were confronted with a new problem. What
was the principal internal contradiction? Were there
still classes, class contradictions and class struggle?
What were the future tasks of the Chinese revolution?
Liu Shao-chi and his gang replied: "In China, the
question of which wins out, socialism or capitalism, is
already settled," "the contradiction between the pro-
letariat and the bourgeoisie has been basically resolved,"
and the principal internal contradiction "is the con-
tradiction between the advanced socialist system and
the backward social productive forces." This was a
refurbished version in new circumstances of the "theory
of productive forces" advocated by Bernstein and
Kautsky. And it was a means by which the bourgeoisie
waged class struggle against the proletariat. In the
period of the democratic revolution they said that the
proletariat could not seize political power until capital-
ism was highly developed; at the approach of socialist
transformation, they wanted to "consolidate the new-
democratic system"; and after the three great trans-
formations of agriculture, handicrafts and capitalist
industry and commerce were completed in the main,
they again dished up the above-mentioned fallacies,
trying to stop the proletariat from continuing the rev-
olution. In their opinion, class struggle died out when
the question of ownership was settled, and there was
no need to consolidate the socialist system, and all that
was necessary was to grasp production; the socialist
system was too "advanced" to suit the needs of China
today and it was necessary to turn back and develop
capitalism. Moreover, behind Chairman Mao's back,
Liu Shao-chi and his gang inserted this sinister trash
into the Resolution of the Eighth National Congress
of the Party in their attempt to impose on the whole
Party the line of taking the capitalist road.

Chairman Mao at that time pointed out that the
words Liu Shao-chi and his gang had stuffed into the
Resolution were wrong and anti-Marxist. Shortly
afterwards, Chairman Mao made public his brilliant
work On the Correct Handling of Contradictions
Among the People and, for the first time in the history
of the development of Marxism-Leninism, systemati-
cally answered the question of classes, class contradic-
tions and class struggle in socialist society after basic victory
in the socialist transformation of the system of owner-
ship. He pointed out: "In China, although in the main
socialist transformation has been completed with respect
to the system of ownership... there are still remnants
of the overthrown landlord and comprador classes,
there is still a bourgeoisie, and the remoulding of the
petty bourgeoisie has only just started. The class
struggle is by no means over. The class struggle be-
tween the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, the class
struggle between the different political forces, and the
class struggle in the ideological field between the
proletariat and the bourgeoisie will continue to be long
and torturous and at times will even become very acute.
...the question of which will win out, socialism or
capitalism, is still not really settled." He said: "The
present social system of our country is far superior to
that of the old days. If it were not so, the old system
would not have been overthrown and the new system
could not have been established." He pointed out: "To
sum up, socialist relations of production have been
established and are in harmony with the growth of the
productive forces, but they are still far from perfect,
and this imperfection stands in contradiction to the
growth of the productive forces. Apart from harmony
as well as contradiction between the relations of pro-
duction and the developing productive forces, there is
harmony as well as contradiction between the super-
structure and the economic base." Therefore, "Time
is needed for our socialist system to become established
and consolidated." "We must continue to resolve all
such contradictions in the light of our specific condi-
tions. Of course, new problems will emerge as these
contradictions are resolved. And further efforts will
be required to resolve the new contradictions." With
the invincible theory of dialectical and historical
materialism, Chairman Mao thoroughly refuted Liu
Shao-chi's revisionist fallacies and armed our Party
with the theory of continuing the revolution under the
dictatorship of the proletariat.

The development of class struggle at home and
abroad constantly provides fresh facts to prove the cor-
rectness of Chairman Mao's theory of continuing the
revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat.
The wild attacks of the bourgeoisie Rightists in 1957 and,
particularly, the gravity of the capitalist restoration in Lenin's homeland by the Khrushchov-Brezhnev renegade clique which occurred after the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union have taught us a very profound lesson — the socialist system will not be consolidated if there is only a socialist revolution in the ownership of the means of production without a thoroughgoing socialist revolution on the political and ideological fronts. Just look at history to see how capitalism rises, grows and heads for its doom, and you will understand that the capitalist system, too, was not established at one stroke. Since the proletarian revolution is a revolution for the complete elimination of all exploiting classes, it necessarily involves more acute and tortuous class struggle than the previous revolutions that replaced one system of exploitation by another. Taking the proletariat of the Soviet Union and the world unawares, the Khrushchov-Brezhnev renegade clique restored the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. This is a bad thing, but a bad thing can be turned into a good thing. It has educated the Soviet people and the proletariat of the world. In the development of history as a whole, the restoration of the bourgeoisie in the Soviet Union is only a temporary phenomenon. The proletariat and the people of all nationalities of the Soviet Union are sure to vanquish the Khrushchov-Brezhnev clique, re-establish the dictatorship of the proletariat and continue to take the road of the October Revolution charted by Lenin and Stalin. Socialism is sure to triumph throughout the world. This is an objective law independent of man's will.

The struggle against the bourgeois Rightists in 1957 was a great battle between the Chinese proletariat and bourgeoisie on the political and ideological fronts. Throughout the country the masses were aroused to speak up boldly, air their views freely, put up big-character posters and hold great debates. The controversy centred mainly on such major questions as whether our work in revolution and construction was correct, whether we should take the socialist road, whether we should uphold the leadership of the Communist Party, the dictatorship of the proletariat and democratic centralism, and whether our foreign policy was correct. The great debates enabled the broad masses to make a clear distinction between the enemy and ourselves and between right and wrong, isolated the bourgeois Rightists and refuted Liu Shao-chi's revisionist fallacies. This was an immense contribution to deflating the arrogance of the bourgeoisie, boosting the morale of the proletariat, enhancing the enthusiasm of the people of the whole country for socialism and pushing forward China's socialist revolution and construction. In 1958, Chairman Mao laid down the general line of going all out, aiming high and achieving greater, faster, better and more economical results in building socialism. He formulated this general line on the basis of summing up the experience of our Party in building the revolutionary base areas, the experience in carrying out the First Five-Year Plan for the Development of the National Economy and the lessons of Khrushchov's restoration of capitalism, and of criticizing the revisionist line of Liu Shao-chi and his ilk, and on the basis of repeated investigation and study. This general line stresses putting proletarian politics in command and integrating Party leadership with the masses and is a new development of the Party's mass line. It stipulates that we take agriculture as the foundation and industry as the leading factor, and it lays down a series of principles summed up as "walking on two legs," such as giving play to the initiative of both the central government and the localities, speeding up industrial construction in the interior while making full use of industry in coastal areas, simultaneously developing industry and agriculture, light and heavy industries and modern and indigenous methods, and building small, medium-sized and big enterprises at the same time. Under the guidance of the general line, our people created the people's commune as a form of organization in the rural areas. An invigorating great leap forward occurred in industry and agriculture all over the country. This was a great victory for the Party's general line.

In the excellent situation in which revolution and construction were advancing rapidly, Liu Shao-chi and company changed their tactics. Acting in an extreme "Left" manner at first, they opposed Chairman Mao's correct thesis that the rural people's commune is a system of socialist collective ownership, negated the law of value and commodity production and attempted to sabotage the revolutionary mass movement. Chairman Mao criticized their mistakes in good time, defended the revolutionary enthusiasm of the broad masses and took concrete measures to guide the mass movement on to the correct path. At the Eighth Plenary Session of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party held in August 1959, Peng Teh-huai came out with vicious attacks from the Right on the Party's general line; he frantically opposed the great leap forward, the people's communes and the revolutionary mass movement. Later, Liu Shao-chi also levelled repeated attacks from the Right on the Party's general line. They and their gang did their utmost to exaggerate the temporary economic difficulties caused by three years of natural calamities and the tearing up of contracts and withdrawal of experts by the
Soviet revisionist renegade clique. They denied the fact that, led by Chairman Mao and adhering to the Party’s general line, the people of the country could overcome the difficulties and had already won initial successes. They openly put forward and pushed a counter-revolutionary revisionist line in domestic and foreign affairs, namely, san zhi yi bao (the extension of free markets and of plots for private use, the promotion of small enterprises with sole responsibility for their own profits or losses, and the fixing of output quotas on a household basis) and san he yi shao (the liquidation of struggle in relations with imperialism, revisionism and reactionaries, and reduction of assistance and support to the world revolution). They were no longer waving “red flags” to oppose the red flag, but were waving white flags to oppose the red flag.

The fact that the Liu Shao-chi renegade clique was running rampant was an indication not of their strength, but of their panic in the face of the deepening proletarian revolution. Historical experience proves that, invariably, the activities of domestic counter-revolutionaries and the opportunists in the Party are not only political struggles in character but are co-ordinated with those of foreign reactionaries. Liu Shao-chi and company regarded the rabid anti-China campaign launched by the U.S. imperialists, the Soviet revisionists and the Indian reactionaries as their golden opportunity to restore capitalism. Facts prove just the opposite. The proletariat and the people of China are never afraid of difficulties. The imperialists, revisionists and reactionaries cannot harm us in the slightest with their blockades, embargoes, armed aggression and subversion from within, which, on the contrary, encourage us all the more to maintain independence and initiative, rely on our own efforts and work hard for the prosperity of the country and transform society with soaring revolutionary drive. It is not the Chinese people who are isolated, but imperialists, revisionists and reactionaries, including their running dogs Liu Shao-chi and his pack.

The Tenth Plenary Session of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party in September 1962 was of great historic significance. It marked the start of a new attack against the bourgeoisie by the Chinese proletariat and working people under the leadership of the Communist Party of China. At this session, Chairman Mao issued the great call “Never forget class struggle” to the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country, summed up the experience of China and the international communist movement and more comprehensively put forward the basic line of our Party for the entire historical period of socialism, which has now been written into our Party Constitu-

tion. He also pointed out: “To overthrow a political power, it is always necessary first of all to create public opinion, to do work in the ideological sphere. This is true for the revolutionary class as well as for the counter-revolutionary class.” After this session, Chairman Mao wrote the celebrated essay Where Do Correct Ideas Come From? in which he criticized the bourgeois idealism and metaphysics of Liu Shao-chi. Under Comrade Lin Piao’s guidance, the Quotations From Chairman Mao Tsetung was compiled and published, and this promoted the widespread development of the mass movement for the living study and application of Mao Tsetung Thought. At Chairman Mao’s call, our Party launched attacks in such ideological fields as Peking opera, the ballet and symphonic music, that had long been controlled by Liu Shao-chi’s bourgeoisie headquarters; as a result, the heroic figures of workers, peasants and soldiers began to appear on the stage. At the same time, the Party started the socialist education movement throughout the country. In the course of this movement the Liu Shao-chi renegade clique used the power they had usurped to launch a fierce counter-attack against the proletariat and opposed the policy clearly set forth by Chairman Mao: “The main target of the present movement is those Party persons in power taking the capitalist road.” They hit hard at the masses of cadres and people and protected the handful of capitalist roaders by methods which were “Left” in form but Right in essence; they openly attacked the scientific Marxist method of investigating and studying social conditions advocated by Chairman Mao, branding it as “outdated”; and they opposed the mass movement for the living study and application of Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed the revolution in literature and art and opposed criticism of the bourgeoisie. In November 1965, Chairman Mao initiated the criticism of Hai Jui Dismissed From Office, and in 1966 Liu Shao-chi and company produced the “February Outline” to oppose it. The twists and turns in the struggle further exposed Liu Shao-chi as the arch representative of the capitalist roaders in the country, the Khrushchov of China. The Circular of May 16, 1966 worked out under Chairman Mao’s guidance called on the whole Party to guard against “persons like Khrushchov . . . who are still nestling beside us.” The Cultural Revolution Group Under the Central Committee of the Party, which was set up in accordance with the Circular, firmly carried out Chairman Mao’s proletarian revolutionary line in the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. At the Eleventh Plenary Session of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party in August 1966, Chairman Mao presided over the adoption of the Decision Concerning the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and put up his big-character poster “Bombard the Headquarters,”
formally taking the lid off Liu Shao-chi’s revisionist line. And so came the high tide of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

This revolution which Chairman Mao personally initiated and has been leading with the boldness and vision of a great proletarian revolutionary, and in which the revolutionary masses in their hundreds of millions have been taking part is “a great political revolution carried out by the proletariat against the bourgeoisie, and all other exploiting classes; it is a continuation of the prolonged struggle waged by the Chinese Communist Party and the masses of revolutionary people under its leadership against the Kuomintang reactionaries, a continuation of the class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie.” It may also be called China’s second revolution. At first many of our comrades had a very poor understanding of this revolution. When the masses rose and split into two groupings, and even struggle by force occurred, everything under heaven seemed to be in chaos for a time. Some people ask: Since Liu Shao-chi and his handful usurped part of the power of the dictatorship of the proletariat, it needs only an order from Chairman Mao to dismiss them from office. Why should the present method be adopted? Practice shows that the other method, dismissal from office, could not solve the problem, though it was adopted on many occasions. This revolution is not merely about the dismissal of a few people from office; it is a great revolution in the realm of the superstructure. Liu Shao-chi not only had a revisionist political line but also had an organizational line which served his political line. The leadership in quite a number of our units was not in the hands of Marxists and the worker and peasant masses. Only by arousing the broad masses to expose our dark aspects openly, in an all-round way and from below would it be possible to clean out the Liu Shao-chi renegade clique, temper hundreds of millions of people in class struggle, educate them in the struggle against revisionism and enable them to gain experience in seizing back that portion of power which had been usurped by a handful of capitalist reactionaries. Speaking of chaos, it occurred because there were firstly counter-revolutionaries and secondly capitalist reactionaries engaged in sabotaging and creating disturbances under flags of all descriptions. But they could only hoodwink some of the people for some of the time. Armed with Quotations From Chairman Mao Tsetung, the masses took part in debates and gradually learnt how to distinguish between good and bad people and between the proletarian revolutionary line and the bourgeoisie reactionary line, and how to carry out Chairman Mao’s proletarian revolutionary line and policies correctly. In this way the whole country became a great school for the living study and application of Mao Tsetung Thought, and the broad masses learnt in the stormy struggle what they could not have learnt in normal times. Therefore, in the final analysis, the chaos threw only the enemy into disorder but tempered the masses. The Chinese People’s Liberation Army has made new contributions in the service of the people by taking part in the “three supports and two militarys” (i.e., support the broad masses of the left, support the army and support agriculture and military control and political and military training). Since the day of its founding, our People’s Liberation Army has been a fighting force and at the same time a working force and a production force, and it has more than 40 years’ experience in doing mass work. That is why our army could easily become one with the masses and help to bring about a speedier development of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in different places, and this has enabled our army to further steel itself. The revolutionary committees at all levels, born in the storm of class struggle, constitute a double three-in-one combination in the sense that they comprise representatives of the army, the cadres and the masses and of old, middle-aged and young people. Members of the Party committees at all levels elected after Party consolidation include not only proletarian revolutionaries of the older generation but also middle-aged and younger ones. All this has created favourable conditions for training millions of successors to the revolutionary cause of the proletariat, and given our Party and country more vitality than ever. As Chairman Mao said, “The current Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution is absolutely necessary and most timely for consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, preventing capitalist restoration and building socialism.” Under Chairman Mao’s personal guidance, the Ninth National Congress of the Party was convened in April 1969, when the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution had won great victories. The Congress adopted Vice-Chairman Lin’s political report and the Constitution of the Communist Party of China and elected the new Central Committee with Chairman Mao as its leader and Vice-Chairman Lin as its deputy leader. In his political report, Vice-Chairman Lin systematically expounded Chairman Mao’s theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and summed up the basic experience of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. Therefore, in this article, we will not go into detail about this revolution.

Since the Ninth National Congress of the Party, the development of class struggle at home and abroad has proved that the line of the Congress is completely correct. The tasks and policies defined at the First and
Second Plenary Sessions of the Ninth Central Committee of the Party are also completely correct. Though splendid victories have been won in the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, the tasks ahead are still arduous in carrying out struggle-criticism-transformation on various fronts and particularly in the superstructure, including all spheres of culture. We still have to wage a protracted struggle to fulfill the task of further consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat politically, ideologically, economically and organizationally. Chairman Mao teaches us that no one must think that everything will be all right after one or two great cultural revolutions, or even three or four. For socialist society covers a considerably long historical period. Throughout this historical period, there are classes, class contradictions and class struggle, there is the struggle between the socialist road and the capitalist road, there is the danger of capitalist restoration and there is the threat of subversion and aggression by imperialism and social-imperialism. These contradictions can be resolved only by depending on the Marxist theory of continued revolution and on practice under its guidance. Our whole Party must keep Chairman Mao's teachings firmly in mind and recognize that this struggle is protracted and complex. We must resolutely carry out the fighting tasks laid down at the Ninth National Congress of the Party and the First and Second Plenary Sessions of the Ninth Central Committee, persist in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and strive to win still greater victories.

The Important Thing Is to Be Good at Learning

A review of the fighting course traversed by our Party over the past 50 years confirms this truth: When our Party departs from Chairman Mao's leadership and goes against Mao Tsetung Thought and Chairman Mao's line, it suffers setbacks and defeats; when our Party closely follows Chairman Mao, acts in accordance with Mao Tsetung Thought and implements Chairman Mao’s line, it advances and triumphs. Comrade Mao Tsetung’s works are the most comprehensive summary of the theory and practice of the Chinese Communist Party in leading the revolution and construction. In summing up the historical experience of our Party, Comrade Mao Tsetung said in 1939: "To sum up our eighteen years of experience and our current new experience on the basis of our understanding of the unity between the theory of Marxism-Leninism and the practice of the Chinese revolution, and to spread this experience throughout the Party, so that our Party becomes as solid as steel and avoids repeating past mistakes — such is our task."

Of the historical experience of our Party summed up by Chairman Mao, what in particular should the whole Party pay attention to and study today?

1. It is necessary to adhere to "the consistent ideological principle of our Party," namely, integrating the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism with the concrete practice of the Chinese revolution.

The history of our Party tells us: In his great practice in leading the Chinese revolution, Chairman Mao has always adhered to the world outlook of dialectical and historical materialism and used the Marxist-Leninist stand, viewpoint and method to make thorough investigations and studies of the political and economic status of the various classes in Chinese society and their inter-relations, make a concrete analysis of the conditions of our enemies, our friends and ourselves, scientifically sum up positive and negative historical experience and correctly formulate the Party's line and policies; he has thus inherited, defended and developed Marxism-Leninism and led the whole Party, the whole army and the people of the whole country in their triumphant advance. But the divorce of theory and practice and the split between the subjective and the objective are the ideological characteristics of Chen Tu-hsiu, Wang Ming, Liu Shao-chi and other sham Marxists. Proceeding from their idealist and metaphysical world outlook, they opposed and distorted dialectical and historical materialism, opposed investigation and study and class analysis, and opposed the unity of theory and practice, either from the Right or from the "Left." They, too, talked about Marxism-Leninism and even pretended to be Marxist theoreticians, but only to bluff and hoodwink worker-peasant cadres and innocent young people, whereas they themselves never intended to act in accordance with Marxism but were always anti-Marxist. Hence their words and deeds inevitably ran counter to the objective laws of social development, to the desires of the masses and to Chairman Mao's revolutionary line which correctly reflects objective laws and the desires.
of the people, and they were bound to go bankrupt in the practice of revolution. For a time, some of our comrades were unable to distinguish between the correct and incorrect lines because, as far as the subjective factor was concerned, they had not read Marxist-Leninist works or, though having read some, they were unable to apply the fundamental ideological principle stressed time and time again by Comrade Mao Tsetung in observing and handling problems and remodel their subjective world in the process of transforming the objective world. This is a most profound historical lesson all Communist Party members, old and new, must always bear in mind.

In accordance with Chairman Mao's teaching "Read and study seriously and have a good grasp of Marxism," comrades throughout the Party, and primarily senior cadres, are now conscientiously studying works by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin and Chairman Mao's works, and studying the Party's historical experience over the past 50 years and its current new experience. The integration of the cadres' study movement with that of the masses has produced positive results and will continue to do so. We must persist in this. In reading and studying, it is essential to keep to the principle of integrating theory with practice. It is essential to read and study with problems in mind, problems arising in the three great revolutionary movements of class struggle, the struggle for production and scientific experiment, and problems in the Chinese and the world revolution. This means combining reading with investigation and study and with the summation of experience, combining the study of historical experience with the present-day struggle and the criticism of opportunism in the past with the criticism of modern revisionism. Since countrywide liberation, Chairman Mao has led the whole Party in making a number of criticisms — from the criticism of The Life of Wu Hsuan and the bourgeois ideology reflected in the study of The Dream of the Red Chamber, the criticism of Hu Shih, the Hu Feng counter-revolutionary clique and the bourgeois Rightists to the criticism of the Liu Shao-chi renegade clique; these criticisms have deeply educated the whole Party, army and people. The criticism of modern revisionism with the Soviet revisionist renegade clique at its centre conducted by the whole Party under Chairman Mao's leadership and the great polemics on the general line of the international communist movement especially provide most profound and vivid Marxist-Leninist education for the whole Party. The struggle between Marxism-Leninism and modern revisionism is a struggle of principle between the two lines in the international communist movement. Khrushchov, Brezhnev and company are renegades from the proletarian revolution, mad present-day social-imperialists and world storm-troopers opposing China, opposing communism and opposing the people. It is our Party's bounden internationalist duty to continue the exposure and criticism of modern revisionism with Soviet revisionism at its centre and carry the struggle through to the end. Comrades throughout the Party must combine the study of Marxism-Leninism with the criticism of modern revisionism in China and abroad, and learn to distinguish between genuine and sham Marxism and acquire a really good grasp of Marxism in the course of struggle.

2. It is necessary to wage inner-Party struggle correctly. Making a correct distinction between the two different types of contradictions — those between ourselves and the enemy and those among the people themselves — and handling them correctly are the fundamental guarantee that the Party will strengthen its unity on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and lead the proletariat and the revolutionary masses in defeating the enemy.

It is essential thoroughly to expose the few bourgeois conspirators, careerists, renegades and enemy agents, who have concealed themselves in the Party, and the hidden traitors who have illicit relations with foreign countries. Bad people invariably disguise themselves and resort to conspiracy and double-dealing. But since they are engaged in evil-doing, they are bound to expose themselves. For example, the renegade, hidden traitor and scab Liu Shao-chi who had hidden inside the Party for decades was exposed in the end; Wang Ming fled abroad and finally became a "100 per cent" traitor and enemy agent.

As for comrades in the Party who have committed errors, they must all be dealt with according to a different principle, namely, "unity, criticism, unity" and "learn from past mistakes to avoid future ones" and "cure the sickness to save the patient" so as to achieve the twofold objective of clarity in ideology and unity among comrades. In explaining this principle, Chairman Mao said: "The mistakes of the past must be exposed without sparing anyone's sensibilities; it is necessary to analyse and criticize what was bad in the past with a scientific attitude so that work in the future will be done more carefully and done better. This is what is meant by 'learn from past mistakes to avoid future ones.' But our aim in exposing errors and criticizing shortcomings, like that of a doctor curing a sickness, is solely to save the patient and not to doctor him to death." Chairman Mao once again stressed this principle during the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, pointing out: "Apart from those obstinate anti-Party and anti-socialist ele-
ments who have refused to mend their ways after repeated education, people should be allowed to correct their errors and be encouraged to atone for their misdeeds." This correct principle of Comrade Mao Tsetung's in handling inner-Party contradictions is different from both the Right opportunist fallacy of "inner-Party peace," which negates contradictions and confines right and wrong, and the "Left" opportunist fallacy of "ruthless struggle and merciless blows." We should study the historical experience of inner-Party struggle waged under different historical conditions so as to enable our Party to play its leading role as the vanguard of the proletariat still better.

3. Efforts must be made to guard against arrogance. This is of particular importance to a Party which has won great victories, a Party which is in power and leads the people of all nationalities of the country in carrying out the socialist revolution and construction and a Party which shoulders great internationalist obligations to the proletariat and the oppressed people and nations of the world.

Comrade Mao Tsetung pointed out: "There have been several occasions in the history of our Party when great conceit manifested itself and we suffered in consequence. The first was in the early half of 1927. The Northern Expeditionary Army had reached Wuhan, and some comrades became so proud and overweening as to forget that the Kuomintang was about to assault us. The result was the error of the Chen Tu-hsiu line, which brought defeat to the revolution. The second occasion was in 1930. Taking advantage of Chiang Kai-shek's large-scale war against Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Hsi-shan, the Red Army won a number of battles, and again some comrades became proud and overweening. The result was the error of the Li Li-san line, again causing some losses to the revolutionary forces. The third occasion was in 1931. The Red Army had smashed the Kuomintang's third 'encirclement and suppression' campaign and, immediately afterwards, faced with the Japanese invasion, the people throughout the country started the stormy and heroic anti-Japanese movement; and again some comrades became proud and overweening. The result was an even more serious error in the political line, which cost us about 90 per cent of the revolutionary forces that we had built up with so much toil. The fourth occasion was in 1938. The War of Resistance had begun, and the united front had been established; and once again some comrades became proud and overweening. As a result they committed an error somewhat similar to the Chen Tu-hsiu line. This time the revolutionary work suffered serious damage in those places where the effects of these comrades' erroneous ideas were more especially pronounced. Comrades throughout the Party should take warning from these instances of pride and error." They should "not repeat the error of becoming conceited at the moment of success."

"Modesty helps one to go forward, whereas conceit makes one lag behind. This is a truth we must always bear in mind."

4. We should follow the theory of two points, not the theory of one point. While paying attention to the main tendency, we should take note of the other tendency which may be covered up. We must take full notice and firmly grasp the principal aspect and at the same time solve one by one the problems arising from the non-principal aspect. We should see the negative as well as the positive aspects of things. We should see the problems that have already arisen and also anticipate problems which are not yet perceived but which may arise.

During the democratic revolution, when our Party formed a united front with the bourgeoisie and alliance became the main trend, Comrade Mao Tsetung paid attention to opposing the Right tendency of "all alliance and no struggle." When the alliance between our Party and the bourgeoisie broke up and armed struggle became the main form of the revolution, Comrade Mao Tsetung paid attention to opposing the "Left" tendency of "all struggle and no alliance." On the eve of the countrywide victory of the People's War of Liberation, Chairman Mao foresaw that "there may be some Communists, who were not conquered by enemies with guns and were worthy of the name of heroes for standing up to these enemies, but who cannot withstand sugar-coated bullets; they will be defeated by sugar-coated bullets." Chairman Mao issued this call to the whole Party: "The comrades must be helped to remain modest, prudent and free from arrogance and rashness in their style of work. The comrades must be helped to preserve the style of plain living and hard struggle."

During the socialist revolution, whenever our attacks on the bourgeoisie and our victories over them become the main trend, Chairman Mao invariably reiterates various proletarian policies and reminds us to remain prudent, help more people through education and narrow the target of attack, unite with all forces that can be united, and prevent and overcome the "Left" tendency running counter to these policies. But when the bourgeoisie launches attacks on us or when our Party encounters temporary difficulties on its way forward or concentrates on correcting certain shortcomings or mistakes in work, Chairman Mao invariably reminds us to remain firm, persist in proletarian leadership, distinguish between the principal and secondary aspects,
not to regard everything as positive or to negate every-
thing, to guard against sabotage and counter-attacks by
open and hidden enemies and oppose and overcome the
Right tendency away from the socialist path. At every
crucial moment in history when a certain tendency has
developed to such extent as to endanger the cause of the
Party, Chairman Mao always firmly steers the course
for us with proletarian revolutionary fearlessness
against the current.

5. It is necessary to adhere to the mass line. The
basic line for all work in our Party is to rely on the
masses, have faith in them and fully arouse them, "from
the masses, to the masses," "take the ideas of the masses
and concentrate them, then go to the masses, persevere
in the ideas and carry them through." We adhere to the
principle of maintaining independence and keeping the
initiative in our own hands and relying on our own
efforts precisely because we firmly believe that "the
people, and the people alone, are the motive force in the
making of world history."

Both in the democratic revolution and in the social-
ist revolution, Comrade Mao Tsetung has repeatedly
stressed the importance of the mass line. He regards
perseverance in the mass line as fundamental to per-
severance in the dialectical-materialist theory of knowl-
dge, and regards working for the interests of the vast
majority of the people of China and the world as a
requirement for successors to the revolutionary cause
of the proletariat. Chairman Mao has sharply refuted
the reactionary viewpoints of such pseudo-Marxists as Chen
Tu-hsiu, Wang Ming and Liu Shao-chi who slandered
and repressed the masses. And he has constantly criti-
cized and corrected the various tendencies in the Party
towards keeping aloof from the masses. Chairman Mao
has taught us time and again: The relation of the Com-
munist Party to the people is that of fish to water. At
no time should a Communist divorce himself from the
masses. Today when we have won tremendous victories
in the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and the
ties between the Party and the masses are closer than
ever, we should pay still greater attention to going to
the masses, showing concern for them, listening atten-
tively to them and consulting with them as matters
arise. We should run the May 7 cadre schools well. We
should regularly participate in collective productive
labour. It is necessary to guard against repeating the
mistake of divorcing oneself from the masses. In con-
tradistinction to the type of person who claims to be a
"humble little commoner" but is actually a big careerist,
we should sincerely learn from the masses while
tirelessly educating them in Mao Tsetung Thought,
overcome erroneous tendencies and raise the political
consciousness of the people.

Chairman Mao has always showed concern for the
unity of all nationalities of the country. Ours is a multi-
national country; it is essential to ensure good relations
between the Han people and the minority nationalities.
We should oppose both Han chauvinism and local na-
tionalism, develop the fraternal relations the various
nationalities have forged in the revolution and in the
struggle to build the motherland, and strengthen the
great unity of the people of all nationalities of the coun-
try.

6. It is necessary to uphold democratic centralism.
Our Party Constitution clearly stipulates that the organi-
zational principle of the Party is democratic central-
ism, that is, centralism on the basis of democracy and
democracy under centralized guidance. Both inside and
outside the Party, we must create a political situation in
which there are both centralism and democracy, both
discipline and freedom, both unity of will and personal
case of mind and liveliness. Our Party is a militant
party, and without centralism, discipline and unity of
will, it cannot defeat the enemy. But there can be no
correct centralism without democracy. Therefore,
Comrade Mao Tsetung always opposes the practice of
"what I say counts" and advocates the practice of
"letting all people have their say." He opposes telling
lies and advocates speaking the truth. He makes it a
requirement for successors to the revolutionary cause
of the proletariat to be bold in making criticism and
self-criticism. We should give play to our Party's tradi-
tional democratic style of work, constantly make crit-
icism and self-criticism, uphold the truth and correct
mistakes. However, whether in army or in civilian
work, our democracy is aimed at consolidating cen-
thralism, strengthening discipline and raising militancy, and
not the opposite. Party committees at all levels must
institute and strengthen the Party committee system,
strengthen centralized leadership, prevent excessive de-
centralization and the practice of "many centres," that
is, no centre, and must achieve unity in thinking, policy,
plan, command and action on the basis of Mao Tsetung
Thought and under the leadership of the Central Com-
mittee of the Party with Chairman Mao as its leader
and Vice-Chairman Lin as its deputy leader.

7. It is necessary to build a powerful people's
army. The historical experience of the Party shows that
"without a people's army the people have nothing." The
Chinese People's Liberation Army is a proletarian army
created and led by our great leader Chairman Mao and
commanded by Vice-Chairman Lin. "Our principle is
that the Party commands the gun, and the gun must
never be allowed to command the Party." Upholding
the Marxist-Leninist line, Chairman Mao has defeated
sabotage by "Left" and Right opportunism, and as a
result, our army has grown in strength and become the pillar of our dictatorship of the proletariat. The world will have no peace as long as there are classes, as long as there is imperialism. The two superpowers, U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionist social-imperialism, are today contending and colluding with each other and pushing politics of hegemony in a vain attempt to divide the world. Japanese militarism, too, is trying to realize its old fond dream of the "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere." Therefore on no account must we ever overlook the danger of their aggression and subversion against our motherland. Our principle is: We will not attack unless we are attacked; if we are attacked, we will certainly counter-attack. We must never for a moment forget preparedness against war. We must at all times be ready to smash aggression and subversion by any imperialism. We are determined to liberate Taiwan. We need not only a powerful army but also a powerful air force and a powerful navy. Not only must we have a powerful regular army, we must also organize the people's militia on a big scale. Thus, should any imperialism dare to invade our country, we will drown it in the vast ocean of people's war.

8. It is necessary to uphold proletarian internationalism. Chairman Mao has always educated the whole Party and the people of the whole country in proletarian internationalism so that they can overcome both "Left" and Right opportunist interferences and correctly handle the relation between the revolution in China and her support and aid to the world revolution.

In its struggles over the past 50 years, the Chinese Communist Party has always enjoyed the support of the world proletariat and the people of all countries, the support of friendly countries and organizations and the support of fraternal Marxist-Leninist Parties and organizations throughout the world. The victories we have won are inseparable from their support. We will be forever grateful to them and will never forget them. Chairman Mao teaches us: "According to the Leninist viewpoint, the final victory of a socialist country not only requires the efforts of the proletariat and the broad masses of the people at home, but also involves the victory of the world revolution and the abolition of the system of exploitation of man by man over the whole globe, upon which all mankind will be emancipated." The fundamental interests of the Chinese proletariat and Chinese people are identical not only with those of the people of Albania, Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia and Korea and all Asian, African and Latin American countries, but also with those of the people of all countries, including the people of the United States, the Soviet Union and Japan. As Chairman Mao pointed out in his statement of May 20, 1970, "The danger of a new world war still exists, and the people of all countries must get prepared. But revolution is the main trend in the world today." The task of the Chinese Communist Party is: On the one hand, to lead the proletariat and the people of the country in doing a good job in revolution and construction at home; on the other, to exert our greatest efforts to struggle together with the people of all countries to defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their running dogs, oppose the politics of hegemony pushed by the two superpowers and oppose the imperialist policies of aggression and war. This is our principled stand which is firm and unshakable. Although we have achieved some success in our revolution and construction, our country is still comparatively poor and backward. Our contribution to the world revolution is still very small. We must continue our efforts. But even when China becomes a strong socialist country after several decades, we should never become tainted with arrogant great-power chauvinism or big-party chauvinism either. We should always remember Chairman Mao's teaching: "In our international relations, we Chinese people should get rid of great-power chauvinism resolutely, thoroughly, wholly and completely." Every nation, big or small, has its strong and weak points. We should learn from the strong points of the revolutionary people of other countries and always unite with them, fight side by side and win victory together.

Thousands upon thousands of martyrs dedicated their lives to the cause of liberation of the people of China and the world in protracted, arduous struggle. Their revolutionary spirit is for ever an inspiration to us. Whatever the difficulties and hardships, nothing can stop our advance.

We are living in the era in which imperialism is heading for total collapse and socialism is advancing to worldwide victory. Compared with the days when the Chinese Communist Party was born 50 years ago, the revolutionary situation throughout the world today is excellent; it is better than ever before. The final destruction of imperialism, revisionism and the reactionaries is not far off.

Unite to win still greater victories!

Long live Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China!

Long live the victory of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line!

Long live the great leader Chairman Mao! A long, long life to Chairman Mao!
Closely Following Chairman

—Places of historic significance in

The First National Congress of the Communist Party of China was held in Shanghai on July 1, 1921.

Photo shows the meeting place of the Congress.

Chairman Mao launched the Autumn Harvest Uprising in September 1927. Army units taking part in the uprising triumphantly joined forces in Wenchua Town of Liuyang County in Hunan Province, from where they started their march to the Chinkiang Mountains (right-hand bottom, opposite page).

The Anyuan Coal-mine in east China is one of the places where the workers' movement in China originated. In the early 1920s Chairman Mao went there many times to spread the truth about the revolution.

The miners in Anyuan have displayed greater militancy since the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

▲Our great leader Chairman Mao's home village—Shaoshan Village in Hsiangfian County of Hunan Province, central China, where Chairman Mao launched and investigated the peasant movement in 1925 and 1927.
Mao Means Victory
the Chinese revolution
Huangyangchicheh, one of the passes of strategic importance on the Chingkang Mountains.

Chairman Mao founded the base area in the Chingkang Mountains during the Second Revolutionary Civil War (1927-37), and opened up the road of encircling the cities from the countryside and seizing political power by armed force.

An enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of the Party's Central Committee was held in Tsunyi of Kwelichow Province, southwest China, in January 1935 when the Chinese revolution was at its most critical juncture. The meeting put an end to the domination of the third "Left" opportunist line represented by Wang Ming in the central leading body of the Party and established Chairman Mao's leading position in the whole Party, thereby enabling the Chinese revolution to advance again in the right direction.

This is the meeting place of the Tsunyi Meeting.

Between 1936 and 1948 Chairman Mao was in Yenan where he led the Chinese revolution from victory to victory. There he wrote a number of brilliant Marxist-Leninist works.

Picture shows the army units in Yenan setting out to take part in farming.
Chairman Mao called the Ninth Party Congress of the Fourth Army of the Red Army in December 1929. His resolution (i.e., *On Correcting Mistaken Ideas in the Party*) showed the basic orientation for the building of our Party and army.

Photo shows the meeting place of the Kufien Meeting in Shanghang County of Fukien Province, east China.

Chairman Mao led the Chinese Workers' and Peasants' Red Army in carrying out the famous 25,000-li Long March from October 1934 to October 1935. This is the place where the Red Army men made a forced crossing of the Wukiang River in Kwelichow Province, southwest China.

On the eve of the country-wide victory in the Chinese people's revolution, Chairman Mao planned and commanded the three major campaigns — the Liaohai-Shenyang Campaign, the Peling-Tientsin Campaign and the Hual-Hai Campaign — in Hsiapio Village of Pingshan County in Hopel Province, north China. He presided over the Second Plenary Session of the Seventh Central Committee of the Communist Party of China in March 1949.

Photo shows the place where the session was held.
Asian People's Struggle Against U.S. Imperialist Aggression Is Bound to Win

June 25 is an unforgettable day for the Asian peoples. On this day 21 years ago, U.S. imperialism flagrantly unleashed the war of aggression against Korea, and two days later, perfidiously occupied China's territory Taiwan Province by force in a frantic attempt to annex the whole of Korea at one stroke and then invade China's mainland so as to rule supreme in Asia. This naked act of piracy by U.S. imperialism clearly showed that it is the most ferocious enemy of the people of Asia and the whole world.

Twenty-one years ago, under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea headed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Korean people rose to resist the U.S. aggressors with dauntless heroism and began their great Fatherland Liberation War. After that, the Chinese people, following the great leader Chairman Mao's teaching on resisting U.S. aggression and aiding Korea, protecting our homes and defending our motherland, organized the Chinese People's Volunteers who rushed to the Korean battlefield and fought shoulder to shoulder with the Korean people. After three years of bloody fighting, the Korean and Chinese peoples eventually defeated the once proud and arrogant U.S. imperialism. As Chairman Mao pointed out: "All reactionaries are paper tigers. In appearance, the reactionaries are terrifying, but in reality they are not so powerful." The iron fists of the Korean and Chinese peoples punched more holes in this paper tiger, U.S. imperialism, knocked the arrogance out of it, and tremendously encouraged the oppressed nations and oppressed peoples of Asia and the whole world in their liberation struggle.

Aggressive by nature, U.S. imperialism, however, was not reconciled to its defeat. Since the Korean armistice, it has continued to frantically pursue its policies of aggression and war in Asia. It has obdurately clung to the southern part of Korea and turned south Korea into its colony and military base. It has done its utmost to strengthen and expand the Pak Jung Hi clique's puppet troops and carried out incessant military provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, waiting for the chance to set off a new war of aggression. The heroic Korean people have always been on the alert against the aggressive scheme of U.S. imperialism and waged a tit-for-tat struggle against it. The Korean People's Army has captured the spy ship Pueblo, shot down spy planes, smashed armed provocations by the U.S.-Pak clique and dealt the U.S. aggressors powerful blows. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has become an impregnable fortress standing rock-firm at the anti-U.S. imperialist front in East Asia.

To this day, U.S. imperialism still occupies China's Taiwan Province, subjecting our 14 million compatriots there to colonial oppression and enslavement. It has even brazenly come out with the nonsense that sovereignty over Taiwan is "unsettled" and stepped up its plot of the so-called "two Chinas" and "one China and one Taiwan," in an effort to sever Taiwan from China. Taiwan is an inseparable part of China's sacred territory and the Chinese people are determined to liberate it. Any scheme to prevent the Chinese people from liberating Taiwan is doomed to complete failure.

After unleashing the war of aggression against Korea and occupying China's Taiwan Province, the U.S. imperialists barged into Indochina and launched aggression there, slaughtering the Vietnamese and Lao peoples. Unable to win in Viet Nam and Laos, they sent troops to invade Cambodia and spread the flames of war to the whole of Indochina. But the raging fires of the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation by the people of the three countries in Indochina are burning higher and higher, throwing the U.S. aggressors into an unprecedented dilemma. U.S. imperialism's defeat on the Indochina battlefield is the biggest it has suffered since its war of aggression against Korea.

What deserves attention is that U.S. imperialism is currently making more use of revived Japanese militarism as the shock brigade in its aggression in Asia. On their part, the Japanese reactionaries are full of unbridled ambitions and are trying to renew their old dream of the "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere." The publication of the Japan-U.S. joint communiqué
and the unlimited extension of the Japan-U.S. “security treaty” have led to the formation of a more aggressive Japan-U.S. military alliance which points its spearhead against the Korean people, the Chinese people and other Asian peoples. The so-called Okinawa "reversion" agreement signed by the U.S.-Japanese reactionaries not long ago has pushed military collusion between them up a notch. Conning with and instigated by U.S. imperialism, the Japanese reactionaries have increased their collusion with the Pak Jung Hui puppet clique and the Chiang Kai-shek gang and infiltrated their aggressive forces into south Korea and China’s territory Taiwan Province. Such hostile conspiratorial activities by the U.S.-Japanese reactionaries against the Asian people have aroused vehement opposition from the people of Korea, China, Japan and other Asian countries.

We must warn U.S. imperialism and its lackeys that if they dare to provoke a new war of aggression in Asia, only a more disastrous defeat awaits them. Just as Comrade Kim Il Sung has pointed out: “If the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists dare jump into a new adventurous war of aggression, ignoring the lessons of history and the stark reality of today, they will come to a miserable end never to revive.”

China and Korea are neighbouring states linked by the same mountains and rivers, and are as close to each other as the lips and teeth. The Chinese and Korean peoples are comrades-in-arms going through thick and thin together and sharing weal and woe. The revolutionary friendship between the Chinese and Korean peoples is based on Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and has undergone severe stormy tests. It is unbreakable. The Chinese people will, as always, continue to unite as one with the fraternal Korean people and fight our common enemy to the end.

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Peking Holds Mass Rally

—Commemorating 21st anniversary of Korea’s Fatherland Liberation War, denouncing U.S. imperialism for aggression against Korea and forcible occupation of China’s Taiwan

PEOPLE of all circles in Peking held a rally on June 25 to solemnly commemorate the 21st anniversary of Korea’s Fatherland Liberation War and indignantly denounce U.S. imperialism for its torturing crimes of aggression against Korea and forcible occupation of China’s territory Taiwan.

Attending the rally were Huang Yung-sheng, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Chief of General Staff of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army; Li Hsien-nien, Member of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Vice-Premier of the State Council; Li Tso-peng, Member of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Deputy Chief of the P.L.A. General Staff; and Kuo Mo-jo, Member of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress.

Attending the rally were Jang Rae Hyen, Military Attache of the Embassy, and his wife; and Choi Jong Keum, Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy, and his wife.

Also attending the rally were: Keat Chhon, Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia; Van Piny, Second Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia; and Ker Meas, Cambodian Ambassador to China;

Ngo Thuyen, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam to China;

Nguyen Van Quang, Ambassador of the Republic of South Viet Nam to China; and

Laotian friends General Huon Mongkhumvilay and his wife.

The rally was held in the auditorium of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference. On the rostrum hung huge portraits of Chairman Mao, the great leader of the Chinese people, and of Comrade
Premier Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people, which were flanked by the national flags of China and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. In the auditorium were large streamers inscribed with “Long live the great friendship and militant unity sealed in blood between the people of China and Korea!” “Firmly support the Korean people’s just struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression and for the peaceful unification of their fatherland!” “Firmly support the people of the three IndoChinese countries in their just struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation!” “Resolutely oppose the revival of Japanese militarism by the U.S.-Japanese reactionaries!” “The Chinese people are determined to liberate Taiwan!” and “People of the world, unite and defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their running dogs!”

Wu Teh, Member of the C.P.C. Central Committee, Second Secretary of the C.P.C. Peking Municipal Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee, presided over the rally.

Comrade Kuo Mo-jo and Comrade Hyun Jun Keuk spoke at the rally (for excerpts from the speeches see below and p. 30). Their speeches were warmly applauded.

At the end of the rally, the gathering shouted the slogans: “Long live the militant friendship between the people of China and Korea!” “Firmly support the Palestinian and other Arab peoples in their just struggle against U.S. imperialism and Zionism!” “Firmly support the American people in their just struggle against the U.S. Government’s policies of aggression and war and racial discrimination!” “Down with U.S. imperialism!” “U.S. imperialists, get out of Taiwan, get out of south Korea, get out of the three IndoChinese countries, get out of Asia, Africa and Latin America, get out of all places it has invaded!” “Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people!” and “Long live Chairman Mao, the great leader of the Chinese people!”

The rally ended amidst the strains of The Internationale.

**Peking Rally**

**Comrade Kuo Mo-jo’s Speech**

*(Excerpts)*

On this day 21 years ago, U.S. imperialism flagrantly launched a war of aggression against Korea, and two days later it occupied with armed force our sacred territory Taiwan Province in a vain attempt to swallow up the whole of Korea and further to invade China’s mainland and realize its wild ambition of dominating Asia. Under the wise leadership of their great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the heroic Korean people, united as one, rose up in resistance and waged the great Fatherland Liberation War with dauntless heroism. Following our great leader Chairman Mao’s teachings, the Chinese people, holding high the banner of resisting U.S. aggression and aiding Korea and protecting our homes and defending our motherland, sent the Chinese People’s Volunteers to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Korean people and the Korean People’s Army. With the support of the people of the whole world, the Korean people, after three years of most arduous and valiant fight, finally defeated the extremely ferocious and overbearing U.S. aggressors and won great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

The great victory of Korea’s Fatherland Liberation War defended the fruits of the Korean people’s revolution, safeguarded the security of China and greatly inspired the world people in their revolutionary struggles against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys, setting a brilliant example of fearing no powerful enemies, daring to struggle and daring to win victory for the oppressed nations and people throughout the world.

After the armistice, in face of the numerous difficulties caused by serious war devastations, the Korean people, displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and hard struggle, plunged themselves into the struggle of rebuilding their fatherland. Subsequently, they unfolded the momentous Chollima (winged horse) Movement and have achieved brilliant successes on various fronts of socialist construction. Maintaining a strong fighting will and revolutionary vigilance, the Korean people have repeatedly dealt resolute counterblows at the armed provocations by U.S. imperialism and the south Korean puppets. The Korean people are now working hard with greater revolutionary energy and labour enthusiasm to fulfill ahead of schedule the various fighting tasks set forth at the Fifth Congress of the Workers’ Party. The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is standing firmly at the front of anti-U.S. imperialist struggle in the East. The Chinese peo-
people are infinitely proud of having as their comrades-in-arms such a heroic people like the Korean people. We warmly wish the fraternal Korean people new and still greater successes in socialist revolution and socialist construction in the days to come.

The heroic Korean people have not forgotten for a single moment that half of the territory of their fatherland is now still under U.S. imperialist forcible occupation. The Chinese people firmly support the Korean people in their just struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression and for the unification of their fatherland and firmly support the position for peaceful unification consistently upheld by the Korean Workers’ Party and the Korean Government. We firmly believe that in face of the valiant struggle of the 40 million Korean people, U.S. imperialism will eventually be driven out of south Korea completely and totally, and that the Korean people will certainly win complete victory in their great cause to unify their fatherland.

Twenty-one years ago, U.S. imperialism, while launching its war of aggression against Korea, flagrantly occupied China’s territory Taiwan Province with armed force. U.S. imperialism has stationed large numbers of armed forces in Taiwan and the Taiwan Straits, turning Taiwan into a military base for attacking China’s mainland and a springboard for launching new wars of aggression. U.S. imperialism has also resorted to all kinds of intrigues to plot such criminal activities as the creation of so-called “two Chinas,” “one China, one Taiwan” or “an independent Taiwan,” vainly attempting to alienate Taiwan from China for ever. We must warn U.S. imperialism: Taiwan is the inalienable sacred territory of China; the Chinese people are determined to liberate Taiwan. U.S. imperialism must withdraw from Taiwan and the Taiwan Straits. The Chinese people absolutely cannot tolerate any sinister trick to alienate Taiwan from China. In obscurately occupying Taiwan and continuing to make itself the enemy of the Chinese people, U.S. imperialism will definitely eat the bitter fruit of its own making by dropping on its own feet the rock it has lifted.

U.S. imperialism will never change its aggressive nature. Following the defeat of its war of aggression against Korea, U.S. imperialism painstakingly plotted and launched its war of aggression against the peoples of Viet Nam and Laos. Having repeatedly suffered disastrous defeats in Viet Nam and Laos, it launched a massive invasion of Cambodia, thus extending its war of aggression to the whole of Indochina. At present, the situation is getting better and better in the three Indochinese peoples’ war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation; the Nixon government’s plan of “Vietnamizing” its war of aggression against Viet Nam and “using Indochinese to fight Indochinese” has already gone bankrupt, and it will suffer even more disastrous defeat.

U.S. imperialism has long been using the Japanese reactionaries as its chief accomplice in its aggressive activities in Asia. Fostered by U.S. imperialism, the Japanese reactionaries, obsessed with wild ambitions, are colluding with U.S. imperialism in their endeavour to make use of each other; they are actively engaged in arms expansion and war preparations and are stepping up their acts of aggression and expansion in Asia. Recently, the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries further signed an agreement on the so-called “reversion” of Okinawa. With this agreement, U.S. imperialism can not only perpetuate the forcible occupation of its military bases in Okinawa, but also drive the Japanese reactionaries to undertake bigger military obligations for it by “returning” the “administrative rights” over Okinawa in exchange, thus pushing Japanese militarism to the first line of its aggression in Asia. In active co-ordination with U.S. imperialism, the Japanese reactionaries, on their part, are seizing this opportunity to carry out expansion in an attempt to re-establish their spheres of influence in Asia and the Pacific region. This fully shows that Japanese militarism being revived by the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries has increasingly become a dangerous force of aggression in Asia.

However, the development of the situation is independent of the will of the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries. It can be said with certainty that should the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries dare to launch a new war of aggression against the Chinese and Korean peoples, they will surely suffer a thorough defeat before the united strength of the Chinese and Korean peoples and the peoples of other Asian countries.

The Chinese and Korean peoples have been comrades-in-arms sharing weal and woe for many years. Our two peoples have cemented with blood an unbreakable revolutionary friendship through our long revolutionary struggles. Such friendship is based on Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and can stand any severe test. As the Korean people’s great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has pointed out, “In the struggle against the aggressors and their lackeys, the Korean and Chinese people deeply understand that the two peoples are closely and inseparably linked in their destiny.” The Chinese people’s great leader Chairman Mao has pointed out: “The Chinese and Korean comrades should unite like brothers, go through thick and thin together, share weal and woe and fight to the end to defeat the common enemy.” In our common struggle against the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries, the Chinese people, following Chairman Mao’s teachings, will, as always, unite with the fraternal Korean people, and we will support and assist each other and fight shoulder to shoulder. The great cause of the Korean people for the unification of their fatherland will certainly be realized. The Chinese people are determined to liberate their sacred territory Taiwan. The three Indochinese peoples will surely win complete victory in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation.
Ambassador Hyun Jun Keuk's Speech
(Excerpts)

Today we are marking the 21st anniversary of the barbarous war of aggression against Korea launched by U.S. imperialism and of its forcible occupation of Taiwan in a solemn atmosphere in which our people, following the historic report made by the great leader of our Party and the 40 million Korean people Comrade Kim Il Sung at the Fifth Congress of the Korean Workers' Party, are carrying out powerful struggles for the great cause of opposing U.S. imperialism, Japanese militarism and their lackeys and promoting the unification of the fatherland.

Twenty-one years ago, U.S. imperialism unleashed the piratical war of aggression against our people and dispatched the U.S. 7th Fleet and 13th Air Force to forcibly occupy Taiwan Province, the sacred territory of the People's Republic of China.

The three-year war imposed on us by U.S. imperialism was a decisive war which determined the destiny of our fatherland; it was a most severe test to our Republic and our people.

However, the U.S. aggressors failed to subdue the Korean people and army who fought heroically to the very end for the freedom, independence and national dignity of their fatherland; they could not save themselves from their doomed defeat.

Closely rallied around the great leader of the 40 million Korean people Comrade Kim Il Sung, our people plunged themselves like one man into the just fight and, in response to our leader's call of "everything for the victory of the war," waged unflinching struggles in defence of their fatherland and the people's political power secured at the cost of blood.

Owing to the just nature of the cause of opposing U.S. imperialist aggression and defending national independence and sovereignty, the Korean people enjoyed absolute support and solidarity from the fraternal socialist countries and the progressive countries and hundreds of millions of peace-loving people the world over in their Fatherland Liberation War.

In particular, the Chinese people, holding high the banner of "resisting U.S. imperialism and aiding Korea," sent their Volunteers composed of their finest sons and daughters to the front of Korea during the most difficult period for the Korean people.

The Korean war which lasted more than three years was the fiercest and cruellest war in human history. In this fierce war the Korean and Chinese peoples and armies displayed boundless collective heroism, and the strong unity between our two peoples has become a living example of proletarian internationalism.

The valiant fighters of the Chinese People's Volunteers who came to the Korean battlefront acted magnificently upon their great leader Comrade Mao Tsetung's teachings of respecting the Korean Workers' Party, the Korean Government and people and the Korean people's leader just as they do their own country, Party, people and leader and of "cherishing every hill and river, every blade of grass and tree in Korea."

Displaying the noble self-sacrificing spirit of "rather let the enemy's bullets take our lives than let them kill our dear Korean brothers," the valiant fighters of the Chinese People's Volunteers fought heroically and performed immortal meritorious deeds.

The Korean people loved the Chinese People's Volunteers as they did their own sons and daughters. In order to rescue the wounded soldiers of the Volunteers, they used their own bodies to shield them from the enemy's bullets.

Such brotherly mutual support and co-operation between the Korean and Chinese peoples and between the two armies will for ever shine with radiance in the annals of friendship between our two peoples.

The Korean people will always remember with gratitude the noble internationalist support and assistance rendered by the Chinese people during the Fatherland Liberation War.

The Korean people's Fatherland Liberation War against the U.S. imperialist aggression ended in victory for our people.

During the three years of the Korean war, the U.S. aggressors suffered tremendous losses in troops and military equipment which almost amounted to 2.3 times the losses they suffered in the four years of the Pacific war during World War II. The combat effectiveness of U.S. imperialism killed, wounded or captured during the war totalled over 1,093,800, among whom more than 397,000 were U.S. aggressor troops; U.S. imper-
rialism sustained a loss of 12,000 aircraft, over 560 warships and over 3,000 tanks as well as large quantities of combat materiel.

The Korean people’s great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung teaches us: “In the Korean war the U.S. imperialists suffered a crushing military defeat for the first time in the history of the United States. That marks the beginning of the decline of U.S. imperialism.”

The historic victory of the Fatherland Liberation War has clearly shown that a people who have taken political power firmly into their own hands under the wise leadership of their great leader and have plunged themselves into the sacred struggles for the defence of the fruits of revolution, are invincible, and no force on earth can defeat them.

Our two peoples not only defeated U.S. imperialism, but also shared weal and woe and went through thick and thin together in the past struggles against our common enemy—Japanese imperialism.

The friendship and unity between the Korean and Chinese peoples are deeply rooted; they have been cemented with blood in the flames of protracted and arduous revolutionary struggles against their common enemies and have stood the tests of history. Therefore they are fraternal, comradely, militant and revolutionary friendship and unity, and nothing on earth can break them.

The Korean people highly treasure their friendship and unity with the Chinese people and are doing their utmost to strengthen and develop them continuously.

As a result of the valiant struggles waged by the Korean and Chinese peoples, U.S. imperialism suffered ignominious political and military defeat on the Korean battlefield. Eighteen years have elapsed since then. However, U.S. imperialism has not drawn due lessons from its defeat and it is still conducting a desperate struggle in an attempt to find a way out of its approaching doom through aggression and war.

In particular, U.S. imperialism is directing its spearhead of aggression against Asia. While continuing to strengthen its aggressive armed forces in this region, it is pushing Japanese militarists to the fore to be its shock force, scheming to rig up an anti-communist “military alliance” with the Japanese militarists as the backbone by mustering its Asian puppets and vassals, so as easily to realize its goal of aggression against Asia by “using Asians to fight Asians.”

U.S. imperialism is daily intensifying its provocative activities in its attempt to launch a new war of aggression in Korea; what is more, it is still forcibly occupying Taiwan Province, an inalienable part of the territory of the People’s Republic of China, and continuously carrying out acts of aggression against the Chinese people.

Behind the smokescreen of “reducing” its occupationist troops in south Korea, U.S. imperialism is energetically strengthening south Korean puppet forces, stepping up the “modernization” of the puppet troops and concentrating all the manpower and material resources of south Korea on the implementation of its policy of war.

To launch a new war in Korea, the U.S. aggressors are continuously carrying out armed provocations against the northern part of the Republic along the Military Demarcation Line. From January to May this year, they carried out more than 3,850 armed provocations from the sea, air and ground against the Republic; and from May 8 to 31, there occurred more than 40 incidents of intrusion by high-altitude and high-speed reconnaissance planes “SR-71,” infiltration of armed spies and wanton firing. As a result of the aggressive activities of U.S. imperialism, our country is facing the increasing danger of the outbreak of a new war at any time.

Through the instrumentality of the Chiang Kai-shek bandit gang long repudiated by the Chinese people, the U.S. aggressors have turned Taiwan Province into a complete colony and a military base for aggression against China’s mainland and other Asian countries. U.S. imperialism has constantly stationed enormous ground, sea and air forces of aggression, including the 7th Fleet, in Taiwan and the Taiwan Straits for continued provocations against China’s mainland.

The U.S. aggressors are continuously intensifying their savage and murderous war against the Vietnamese people and expanding their open armed attacks against Laos and Cambodia. The flames of war have spread to the whole of Indochina.

The U.S. aggressors are actively dragging over to their side the revived Japanese militarism for aggression against Korea, China and other revolutionary Asian countries, thus further aggravating the situation.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the 40 million Korean people, teaches us: “Japan has once again become a hotbed for a new aggression and war in Asia. The Asian people cannot but maintain high vigilance against this.” Habitually relying on big powers for amassing fortunes, the Japanese militarists are wildly attempting to take advantage of the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression against Asia for the realization of their old pipe dream of a “Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere.”
The so-called agreement on the “reversion” of Okinawa signed on June 17 is a fraud aimed at turning Okinawa into a common base of U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism for their aggression in Asia and turning Japan proper into a U.S. imperialist base for nuclear attacks like Okinawa, thus brazenly paving the way for Japanese militarist armed aggression in Asia.

The Japanese reactionaries have put up the face of so-called “reversion” of Okinawa and are even scheming to annex the Tsuiki and other islands, the sacred territory of the People’s Republic of China. This reveals their ferocious design.

At present, the reactionary Sato clique of Japan is flagrantly advertising its wild policy of overseas expansion and is gradually putting it into effect.

Fully succumbing to the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression, the Japanese militarists continue to press forward with their policy of hostility towards the People’s Republic of China; and harbouring territorial ambitions over Taiwan, they are taking the lead in plotting to create “two Chinas.”

In pushing the policy of aggression abroad, the Japanese militarists take our country as their first target of attack, and they are now sneaking into south Korea in large numbers. They have worked out adventurous “operational plans” for aggression against our country and established “urgent transport systems,” so that when anything happens, they can transport quickly large numbers of troops from Japan to the Military Demarcation Line in our country.

All this shows clearly that Japanese militarism, which has long been accustomed to exercising the most barbarous colonial rule and launching perfidious sudden attacks, is again ready to commit any crime in order to satisfy the needs of U.S. imperialist aggression and their own growing aggressive designs.

So long as U.S.-led imperialism exists, there will be no tranquillity in the world, and aggression and war cannot possibly be ruled out. However, the days are long gone for ever when the imperialists could ride roughshod and lord it over the world.

The Korean and Chinese peoples of today are no longer what they were in the past, and the Asia of today is no longer the Asia of the past. U.S. imperialism is running into snags everywhere in the world, and is getting ever more deeply stuck in a quagmire. The thorough destruction of U.S. imperialism is inevitable.

Acting upon the Joint Declaration of the historic Summit Conference of the Indochinese Peoples, the Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian peoples are closely united in a common fight, dealing increasingly heavy blows at the U.S. aggressors.

United closely around the Chinese Communist Party with their great leader Comrade Mao Tsetung at the head and his close comrade-in-arms Comrade Lin Piao as the deputy leader, the 700 million fraternal Chinese people have successfully carried out the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and have further tempered themselves in the process of the revolution.

Under the brilliant leadership of our great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, our people who have carried forward the glorious revolutionary tradition of resisting Japanese aggression, have fully embodied his idea of Juche in various fields and have splendidly accomplished the historical task of socialist industrialization, thus turning our country into a socialist industrial country.

Our national defence has been greatly strengthened. Our People’s Army has become an army of cadres who have been further tempered in political ideology and military technique and who can each pit against a hundred enemies, and it has become an invincible revolutionary armed force with powerful offensive and defensive capabilities.

No matter how U.S. and Japanese imperialism and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique step up their preparations for unleashing a new war, they will never achieve their aim. No one can stop the whole Korean people’s struggle to drive U.S. imperialism out of south Korea and unify their fatherland.

At present the situation in Asia calls for the formation of a united front among the revolutionary peoples of Korea, China, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos and other Asian countries so as jointly to deal with U.S. imperialism. This is the sure guarantee for the victory of our common cause.

Our people’s great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung teaches us: “The peoples who are making revolution should make joint efforts to chop off its left and right arms and legs and finally its head at the places where U.S. imperialism stretches its aggressive claws. Although U.S. imperialism is now rampant for a time, so long as the revolutionary people of the world make concerted efforts and cut off its limbs, it will not be able to move and will perish at last.”

In his statement of May 20, 1970 the Chinese people’s great leader Comrade Mao Tsetung issued the call: “People of the world, unite and defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their running dogs!”

Should U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism again launch a war of aggression against the peoples of Korea and China, nothing but death and destruction await them.
Signal Victory for African People's Cause Of Unity Against Imperialism

by "Renmin Ribao" Commentator

The 8th Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity closed triumphantly on June 23 in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia. Speeches by many heads of state or government representatives and the declarations and resolutions approved or adopted at the conference expressed the African peoples' firm determination to win and safeguard their national independence and oppose aggression by imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism, oppose the system of racial discrimination and oppose power politics by big states. They also reflected the steady progress of the national-liberation movements in Africa. The conference made positive contributions to the African people's cause of unity against imperialism. For this, the Chinese people offer their warm congratulations.

The conference was held amid the excellent situation in which the African people's anti-imperialist and anti-colonialist struggle has further developed in a deep-going way. In recent years, the African states and people have struggled determinedly and won repeated victories in striving for and safeguarding their national independence and opposing the acts of aggression, subversion, intervention, domination and disruption committed by colonialism and neo-colonialism headed by the United States. Revolution is gaining momentum everywhere on the African continent. Formerly regarded as a rear of imperialism, Africa has become a front of the anti-imperialist struggle.

To undermine this conference of heads of state and government of African countries, U.S.-led colonialism and neo-colonialism treacherously instigated their running dog, the reactionary authorities of South Africa, to clamour about a "dialogue" between African countries and South Africa. This ploy was aimed at turning the anti-imperialist and anti-colonialist conference into one of "reconciliation" with the savage racist regime of South Africa. However, the participants condemned the U.S. imperialist splitist scheme, exposed the barbarous racial discrimination policy of the reactionary South African authorities, and adopted a declaration rejecting any "dialogue" with South Africa. Meanwhile, U.S. imperialism incited Israel to publicize that African countries "should not involve themselves in the (Middle East) conflict," in an attempt to disrupt the African people's unity against imperialism. The conference denounced Israel's crimes of aggression and supported the just struggle of the Arab peoples, thus frustrating the splitist scheme of U.S. imperialism and its running dog Israel.

The conference severely condemned and called for vigilance against the criminal activities of the colonists and neo-colonialists in organizing mercenaries and plotting to invade African countries. Colonialism and neo-colonialism headed by the United States are capable of any act, however despicable, to preserve their aggressive forces and recover their lost colonial positions. An outstanding case in point is the invasion of Guinea by the U.S. and Portuguese colonists last year in a surprise piratic raid launched by mercenaries they had organized. By resolving to resist aggression by colonialists, old and new, the conference served a forceful warning to the imperialists.

The great leader Chairman Mao points out: "Facts have proved and will continue to prove that the frantic struggles of the imperialists and reactionaries will only stimulate the peoples of African countries to sharper vigilance and stronger determination in the fight against imperialism and old and new colonialism and for the defence of national independence and the prosperity and progress of their countries."

The acts of aggression by the colonialists and neo-colonialists have enlightened the African people by negative example. Through struggle, the African countries and people have realized more and more clearly that they must support and coordinate with each other in struggle to defeat U.S.-led colonialism and neo-colonialism and drive them completely out of the African continent. Once they are united, the people of the African countries will become powerful, and this will instil fear in imperialism. Herein lies an important guarantee for the continuous victories of the African peoples in their struggle to win and safeguard their national independence.

A profound militant friendship exists between the Chinese and African peoples. They have always sympathized with and supported each other in the common struggle against imperialism and colonialism. The Chinese people resolutely support the people of the African countries in their just struggle against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism and for achieving and safeguarding their national independence, and are convinced that they will surely win still greater victories.

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Indonesian “General Election” — Suharto’s Political Farce

The “general election” to be held in Indonesia on July 3 is nothing but a big political farce aimed at prettifying the Suharto military regime, declares an article in the June issue of OISRAA BULLETIN, organ of the Indonesian Organization for Afro-Asian People’s Solidarity.

The Suharto regime, the article says, is a fascist regime, the most brutal, reactionary, corrupt and ruthless in Indonesian history. Seizing power by force, the fascist generals have set up a regime for the suppression and exploitation of the broad masses of workers, peasants, small businessmen, patriotic intellectuals, etc. The hands of the fascist generals drip with the blood of hundreds of thousands of Communists, democrats and patriots. Additional hundreds of thousands of Communists and other progressives languish in prisons and concentration camps. They are being detained without trial under most inhuman conditions. Millions upon millions of people have become victims of fascist terrorism, persecution, unemployment, starvation and economic chaos. The country is being turned into a new-type colony.

The military clique has the country’s administrative bodies in its grip, from the central, provincial and regional levels down to the villages. Out of the 26 provinces in Indonesia, more than two-thirds are controlled by military governors. Out of 231 kabupatens (counties), 60 per cent are controlled by military officers acting as heads of regional governments. In the ministries, generals occupy the posts of ministers, secretary-generals as well as department heads.

The “election bill,” which the generals’ clique rammed through the rubber-stamp “parliament” in November 1969 by pressure and intimidation against the political parties, caused widespread discontent. The bill stipulates that in the 460-seat “parliament,” only 390 members will be elected while the rest appointed by the generals’ clique as representatives of the armed forces. The “consultative people’s assembly,” supposedly the country’s highest legislative body, will have 920 seats, out of which more than 360 will be filled by appointees of the generals’ clique.

The election apparatus, from the “central election board,” headed by Minister of Home Affairs Major-General Amir Mahmud, down to the various official “election” committees set up throughout the country, is tightly controlled by the military regime. The state intelligence services have also been active before the election, carrying out screening, resorting to blackmail and intimidation, applying pressure, etc. With such a set-up it is clear that the generals’ clique can manipulate the “election” as it pleases.

To make sure that it will “win” in the “general election,” the generals’ clique resorted to arbitrary decisions to curtail and control the political parties. In May 1970, Suharto confirmed which political groups would be allowed to take part in the “election.” These are: Partai Katolik (Catholic Party); Partai Sarekat Islam Indonesia (Moslem Federation Party); Nahdatul Ulama (Moslem Scholars Party); Partai Muslim Indonesia (Indonesian Moslem Party); Partai Murba (People’s Party—Trotskyite); Partai Nasional Indonesia (Nationalist Party); Persatuan Tarekat Islam Indonesia (Moslem Party); Partai Ikatan Pendukung Kemerdekaan Indonesia (Supporters of Indonesia’s Independence) and Golongan Karya (Functional Groups). To the regret of the political parties, the Minister of Home Affairs took steps to “clean” the “functional groups” from the influence of the political parties. Formerly, the legislative bodies consisted of three groups: the representatives of the political parties, the representatives of the “functional groups” (bogus organizations of the peasants, workers, national entrepreneurs, youth, women, journalists, the clergy, etc.) and the representatives of the regions. The political parties were able to exert their “influence” inside the “functional groups” in the parliament through their own separate mass organizations. But because of this new decision, the representatives of the political parties were recalled and later replaced by military officers. By this move the generals’ clique directly controlled at least one-third of the members of the legislative bodies.

The generals’ clique has tried to muster the “support” of the political parties by all sorts of dirty tricks — pressure, intimidation, blackmail and what not. This it did by ousting “undesirable or unreliable elements” from the leadership of the political parties and “mass organizations” and replacing them with its own favourites. This has sharpened the strife within the reactionary forces, in the form of a struggle between military and non-military interests.

What took place in the PNI (Nationalist Party) Congress in Semarang, Central Java, in April 1970
provided a striking example. The generals’ clique sent several agents and officers of the Operasi Chusas ("Special Operation," a group directly operated by Suharto) to Semarang to get the Congress elect Hardubeno instead of Hardi as the PNI’s new chairman. Hardi is probably not “obedient” enough to the military regime, while Hardubeno is considered by the generals as “their man.” Such was also the case with the Farmusi (Indonesian Moslems Party). To plant their man, J. Naro, in the party’s leadership, the generals stirred up internal strife within the Farmusi. Obviously, they did not consider Djarnawi, former chairman, “good enough” for them. The followers of Djarnawi in protest have decided to boycott the election.

The generals’ clique has also tightened its control over the “mass organizations” by creating splits, screening their members, interfering with the formation and composition of their leading bodies, and even “proposing” certain people be elected. In many cases, the splits in these organizations were caused by the military regime’s attempts at installing their men in the leadership or imposing certain policies on them. At the Palembang Congress of the Indonesian Journalists’ Association in October 1970, for example, two rival executive boards emerged. The military obviously recognized the faction headed by B.M. Dlah, a former information minister. As a result, there was a big polemic in the Indonesian press, with the majority of the newspapers and periodicals attacking the generals’ clique’s information minister for the manoeuvre.

As the election approaches, the strife between the military and non-military protests and criticism against the military regime increase. Voice discontent over many issues, student demonstrations have erupted in Djakarta, Bandung, Medan and Surabaya. To cope with this dangerous situation, the fascist regime is compelled to order mobilization of the armed forces and the policing of the election by the “civil defence corps.” “Election” in a village is to be guarded by at least 32 members of the “civil defence corps,” in addition to members of the regular army. Antara, the official news agency of the military regime, reported that “in the province of East Java alone, 205,000 members of the civil defence corps will be mobilized to police the 3,315 villages there.” Also, a special force called the “riot control teams” has been organized. It is equipped with tear-bombs and armoured cars.

All these facts show that the election has nothing to do with democracy; rather it is being carried out at bayonet point in order to further tighten the fascist rule.

Under the “election bill,” candidates as well as voters are subject to screening and approval by special commissions set up by the military authorities. The list of candidates is subject to final approval by Suharto. Radio Australia recently reported that Suharto got rid of one-fourth of the PNI’s 669 candidates on the ground that their “loyalty to the new order” was in doubt.

The “election bill” also stipulates in explicit terms that members of the PKI (Indonesian Communist Party) and other revolutionary organizations, as well as anyone suspected of “direct or indirect complicity” in the September 30 Movement of 1965, are denied the right to vote or be elected. According to Antara, the “central election board” announced that about two million such people are deprived of the right to vote. This figure does not include Communists and other progressives still languishing in jails and concentration camps. More than 7,500 of them have been deported to the death island of Pulau Buru.

Persecution has been stepped up recently. The AFP correspondent recently said that the Central Intelligence Service of the regime (BAKIN) confiscated the list of candidates of the Farmusi (Moslems Party), and that about 1,000 politicians (certainly not Communists) have been arrested within a short period.

The generals’ clique talks profusely about “democracy,” “equality,” “law and order” during the “election,” but it can fool no one. The Suharto military regime is a puppet of U.S. imperialism. It hopes to use the “election” as a smokescreen so that it can open the door still wider for neo-colonialism to invade Indonesia in the guise of “aid,” “foreign investments,” “industrialization,” etc. Already, about 42 foreign oil companies (probably the biggest number in any single country) are extracting, drilling and surveying vast areas of Indonesia’s resources. Dozens of other foreign monopolies are extracting and processing nickel, bauxite, manganese, copper, tin, lumber, etc. According to the Christian newspaper Sinar Harapan (Djakarta) of March 17, 1971, there are now more than 327 big foreign enterprises operating in Indonesia.

The Suharto regime, the article concludes, stinks of fascism. A section of the Indonesian press is sceptical and critical of the election. People are saying that the “election” will not change the present political structure but will only benefit the military rulers. In this context, the trash spread by the revisionists that “armed struggle is premature,” and that “the general election would provide the Communists with a platform for propaganda activities so that they can rehabilitate the Party in the eyes of the people and criticize the present regime” is pure treachery. The Indonesian revolutionaries know from their own experience that the parliamentary road leads to catastrophe. It is only through people’s war, by mobilizing, organizing and arming the oppressed masses under the leadership of the Communist Party of Indonesia, that the revolutionary forces can expand its initially small and weak ranks, and finally seize political power by force of arms.

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Unite to Oppose the Superpowers

Agreement on Britain’s Entry Into Common Market Reached

Negotiations on the question of Britain’s entry into the West European Common Market between the six, including France and West Germany, and Britain were renewed at the end of June 1970. Talks at meetings that took place from June 21 to 23 this year yielded fruitful results, and the two sides reached agreement in principle on many major issues that were discussed.

Out of a common desire to strengthen “co-operation” and “unity” in West Europe and to counter the power politics of the two superpowers, the two sides have made mutual concessions on major issues. Britain in particular has come close to France’s position on many issues. For instance, France has always stood for establishing “a European Europe” different from the United States and the Soviet Union through enlarging the Common Market. Britain now has basically accepted this political stand. Some major economic issues of repeated contention between the two sides because of conflicts of interest have been solved. Thus, the talks on Britain’s entry into the Common Market have been basically concluded. Britain will be a member state of the West European Common Market beginning January 1973, in accordance with the agreement if the British Parliament ratifies it. Then, during the 5-year “transitional period,” she will gradually readjust her industrial and agricultural production, trade, etc., to the system of the Common Market.

Together with Britain, Denmark, Norway and Ireland will also enter the Common Market. This West European Common Market bloc will thus comprise 10 countries instead of its present six.

The course of development and prospects of the West European Common Market indicates the rapid decline of U.S. imperialist hegemony in the Western world. Shortly after World War II, U.S. imperialism, which amassed huge profits in the war, took advantage of the West European countries’ weakened position to carry out large-scale economic, political and military expansion in West Europe in an effort to control and enslave the whole of West Europe. To resist U.S. economic and political control and contest the United States for hegemony in West Europe, the West European Common Market was established in March 1957 in accordance with the “Rome Treaty” signed by France, West Germany, Italy, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg. As a result of the law of uneven development of imperialism, the strength of the West European countries has relatively grown. At present, the six-nation bloc has surpassed the United States in the rate of industrial growth, volume of foreign trade and gold and foreign exchange reserves and therefore, these countries have become more and more unwilling to tolerate U.S. imperialist control and bullying.

In the financial and monetary sphere, the privileged position of the U.S. dollar in the capitalist world has again and again come under heavy fire from France and other Common Market nations. They blame the United States for over-issuing paper currency, exporting inflation and shifting the financial crisis on to other Western countries.

With the relative strengthening of the Common Market countries and the weakening of U.S. imperialism, the trend has become increasingly evident in which these countries strengthen their “union” politically so as to jointly oppose the power politics of U.S. imperialism and domination and control of Europe by the two overlords — the United States and the Soviet Union.

At the Common Market summit conference at the end of 1969, the six reached agreement on stepping up the economic and political “integration” of the Common Market. Beginning from the second half of 1970, they began regular political consultations at the foreign ministerial level to co-ordinate their foreign policies. Meanwhile, the Heads of Government and Ministers of the six and Britain have had frequent contact and engaged in “consultations” on their mutual relations and international problems. A number of agreements have also been reached between France, Britain, West Germany and other countries on arms production and scientific and technological co-operation.

The admission of Britain and the three other countries into the Common Market will mean further development of the economic, and then the defence and diplomatic “union” of West European countries. The trend of unity is being strengthened among the West European countries against the superpowers’ control and interference. This is another harsh blow to the tottering hegemony of U.S. imperialism in Western Europe and has further isolated it. The 10-nation Common Market will have a population of more than 250 million. It will outstrip the United States in gold reserves, steel and automobile output as well as the volume of exports and will become the largest market for commodities and investment in the West. Such a new situation in Western Europe will constitute a serious obstacle to the United States and the Soviet Union in pushing their policies for hegemony in Europe. Such a prospect makes them very uneasy. One U.S. paper noted that West Europe was “less and less inclined to follow American wishes and interests.”
Navy Artists' Creative Works

Artists in the Navy of the Chinese People's Liberation Army are enthusiastically creating works which have revolutionary contents. A display at a recent art exhibition contained over 200 works done in the past year, including oil paintings, traditional Chinese paintings, woodcuts and sculptures.

The artists based themselves on Chairman Mao's thinking "They [our literature and art] are created for the workers, peasants and soldiers" and "the unity of revolutionary political content and the highest possible perfection of artistic form."

Many use the theme of Chairman Mao's and Vice-Chairman Lin Piao's attention to the growth of the people's navy. The excellent oil paintings Happy Voyage and Steaming Ahead Along the Course Charted by Chairman Mao describe the scene of Chairman Mao's and Vice-Chairman Lin Piao's meeting with navy fighters at inspections of warships.


Highlights of the revolutionary life of the navy commanders and fighters are shown from different angles in the gouache Earnestly Studying Chairman Mao's Philosophical Works and the New Year painting Learning From the Working Class.

All the exhibits on display were created collectively. Contributors range from veteran artists who matured in the revolutionary wars and art students who recently joined the navy to navy fighters who are art lovers.

The efforts of leadership, artists and masses have been combined in artistic creations. For instance, the large oil painting Victory in the First Sea Battle which records the liberation of the Wanshan Islands in 1950 shows our victory with inferior equipment over the better-equipped enemy. In creating this work, leading comrades and artists studied Chairman Mao's military thinking together, and commanders and fighters who actually took part in the battle were asked to explain the situation at the time. In addition, commanders and fighters of one unit put an actual war maneouvre for the artists. When the painting was finished, leading comrades, commanders and fighters spared no efforts to improve it by raising suggestions. Many pieces of art have gone through a period of repeated improvements before being regarded satisfactory.

Works of Navy Artists, which has been published, is a compilation of selected works from these exhibits. Reproductions of warmly acclaimed oil paintings like Chairman Mao on Board a Warship and Happy Voyage are now being distributed all over the country.

New Achievements in Animal Husbandry in Inner Mongolia And Sinkiang

The broad masses of herdsmen in China's Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region and the Sinkiang Uighur Autonomous Region are busy delivering lambs and caring for young animals. The number of young animals in all of Inner Mongolia has increased more than 10 per cent as compared with the corresponding period last year. The survival rate of adult animals was higher than in 1970. There is a heartening situation of many lambs being born, healthy ewes, and flocks which average one lamb perewe.

In spring lambing in many pastoral areas in the south of Sinkiang's Tienshan Mountains, the number of young animals that survived was the greatest in recent years. Once delivered, the animals all survived in many people's communes and production brigades. In most of the areas north of the Tienshan Mountains, the situation as regards the work of delivering lambs and caring for young animals was better than in previous years.

Party organizations and revolutionary committees at all levels in the pastoral areas of Inner Mongolia and Sinkiang led the herdsmen of various nationalities in studying and applying Mao Tsetung Thought in a living way and in vigorously grasping revolution and promoting production. Last autumn and winter, they made great efforts to carry out capital construction for animal husbandry, store hay, build cattle enclosures, sink wells and dig ditches and improve pastures. These measures raised the animals' ability to tide over the difficulties in winter and spring.

The amount of hay collected and the number of cattle enclosures built in 1970 in the Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region were the greatest in its history. There have also been tremendous achievements in sinking wells and digging ditches. In one league alone, more than 700 wells were sunk, and water-less pastures covering over 150 square kilometres transformed. In high mountains 3,000-odd metres above sea level, people's communes in the pastoral areas of Sinkiang's Ahtu County set up more than 40 permanent wooden and stone houses, built or repaired over 700 cattle enclosures and lambing centres. This has made it possible for pastureland in the high mountains, to store sufficient hay, fodder, drugs and grain. Thus the people will have grain and animals will have hay in the snowy winter. All this has created favourable conditions for the big achievements in animal husbandry.

A flourishing situation now prevails everywhere over the vast grassland where plump animals graze.
Premier Chou Meets Japanese Komeido (Komei Party) Delegation

Premier Chou En-lai, and Kuo Mo-jo, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and Honorary President of the China-Japan Friendship Association, on June 28 met Yoshikatsu Takeiri, Chairman of Komeido of Japan, and Yoshiyuki Asai, Vice-Chairman of the Party, and the Komeido delegation led by them. The nine-member delegation arrived in Peking on June 17.

The China-Japan Friendship Association gave a banquet in honour of the delegation. Wang Kuo-chuan, leading member of the China-Japan Friendship Association spoke at the banquet. He said: We are glad to see that the Japanese people's struggle against the revival of Japanese militarism by the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries, for the unconditional, immediate and complete recovery of Okinawa and for the promotion of Japan-China friendship and the restoration of the diplomatic relations between Japan and China is vigorously developing. The Chinese people firmly support the heroic struggle of the Japanese people.

Chairman Yoshikatsu Takeiri also spoke at the banquet. He said: We maintain that there is only one China. The Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legitimate government representing China. Taiwan is an inalienable territory of China. The "Japan-Taiwan treaty" is illegal from the outset and should be abolished. The Government of the People's Republic of China alone is entitled to represent China in the United Nations. We will continue to oppose all schemes to obstruct China's representation, and make contributions to the normalization of the diplomatic relations between Japan and China and to world peace.

Chairman Yoshikatsu Takeiri said: The agreement for the "return" of Okinawa signed between Japan and the United States is highly deceitful. We strongly oppose it.

General Administration of Telecommunications of China Refutes Rumour

The General Administration of Telecommunications of the People's Republic of China has issued a statement with regard to the rumour spread by Israel that direct telephone communications between the People's Republic of China and Israel are to be instituted on July 1.

The statement says: On June 22, 1971, a UPI dispatch from Jerusalem said that a representative of the Israeli Ministry of Communications announced on the same day that direct telephone communications between Israel and the People's Republic of China were to be instituted on July 1. On June 23, Reuter also sent a similar dispatch from Jerusalem. The news is groundless and is a wilful fabrication, says the statement.

It continues: The fact is: In April the Shanghai Administration of Telecommunications inquired in the London Post and Telecommunication Office about the relay of phototelegrams and telephone calls from Shanghai to Nigeria and Colombia. In answering the above inquiry, the London Post and Telecommunication Office raised in passing the requests for telephone service with China from Israel and Australia. The Chinese side did not reply to this. Therefore, the question of China instituting telephone communications with Israel simply does not exist.

It says: The Chinese Government and people have consistently given firm support to the just struggle of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples against the U.S.-Israeli aggressors. The Chinese Government and people have no contact whatsoever with the Israeli Zionists. This has been the case in the past and will remain so in the future.

Iraqi Economic and Technical Delegation Visits China

The Iraqi Economic and Technical Delegation led by Dr. Sadoun Hammadi, Minister of Oil and Mining, paid a friendship visit to China from June 17 to 23 on invitation.

Premier Chou En-lai, Minister of Economic Relations With Foreign Countries Fang Yi and others met the distinguished Iraqi guests and had a friendly conversation with them.

Minister Fang Yi gave a banquet in honour of the distinguished guests.


Diplomatic envoys of other Arab countries to China and Representative of the Mission of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Peking were present.

The banquet proceeded in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Minister Fang Yi and Minister Sadoun Hammadi spoke at the banquet. Both expressed the hope that the friendship and friendly co-operation between the people of China and Iraq would constantly develop and that the Asian and African peoples' cause of unity against imperialism would continue to win new victories.

Minister Fang Yi said: The Chinese Government has consistently developed its friendly relations and cooperation with Asian and African countries on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, and is willing to join them in the common struggle against imperialist aggression, subversion, interference and control and against big-power hegemony.

Minister Sadoun Hammadi said: Our two countries are bound by ties
of friendship. We regard the development of these relations, including economic and technical relations, as necessary to the promotion of our friendship and the strengthening of the front of the people of various countries against imperialism, colonialism and hegemony. He added: We appreciate the stand of the great Chinese people and Government in supporting the world liberation movement.

An agreement on economic and technical co-operation between the Chinese Government and the Government of the Republic of Iraq was signed on June 21 in Peking. Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien attended the signing ceremony. Minister Fang Yi and Minister Sadoun Hamadi signed the agreement respectively.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

△ Premier Chou En-lai met and had a friendly conversation on June 21 with American journalists Seymour Topping, Assistant Managing Editor of *The New York Times*, and Mrs. Topping; William Attwood, President and Publisher of *Newsday*, Long Island, New York, and Mrs. Attwood; and Robert Keatley, foreign correspondent of *The Wall Street Journal*, and Mrs. Keatley, who had paid a visit to China.

△ The Delegation of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation led by Nguyen Van Hieu, Member of the Presidium of the S.V.N.N.P.L., Central Committee, arrived in Peking on June 24 on its way home. During its stay in Peking, Comrade Chou En-lai and others met Comrade Nguyen Van Hieu and Ambassador Nguyen Van Quang. Kuo Mo-jo, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, gave a banquet in honour of the delegation, which left Peking for home on June 26.

△ The Delegation to China of the Ministry of Tourism of Romania led by Constantin Pirvulescu left Peking for home on June 23 after concluding its visit to China. Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien met the delegation during its stay in Peking.

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