

BIRTH OF A REVOLUTIONARY REBEL DETACHMENT

[The following is the text of a handwritten Red Guard declaration:]

Supreme Directive

[Text] Do not say that the strong pass is guarded with iron.
This very day in one step we shall pass its summit.

We shall pass its summit! We revolutionary rebels shall pass its summit! We must remold the being of the people. We must defeat the handful of power-holders in the Party organ of the Peking Administrative Bureau who take the capitalist road and the diehards who cling to the bourgeois reactionary line. We must also criticize and discredit their reactionary line.

We hereby declare: "Passing the Summit" Revolutionary Rebel Detachment is established.

Our supreme commander is Chairman Mao.

Our deputy supreme commander is Vice Chairman Lin Piao.

We are successors to the revolutionary cause of the proletariat! We dare to blaze the trail, to speak, to act and to rebel! "We dare to pull down the emperor from his horse at the risk of our lives!"

The thought of Mao Tse-tung is our guide.

The 16 Points are the program of our action.

Our Aim

1. We vow to defend the Party Central Committee and Chairman Mao, defend the thought of Mao Tse-tung, and propagate the thought of Mao Tse-tung.
2. We launch fierce attacks on the handful of power-holders in the Party organ of the Peking Administrative Bureau who take the capitalist road and the diehards who cling to the bourgeois reactionary line, so that they may never change things.
3. We smash all set rules and rebel against everything of the old world.
4. We grasp revolution and stimulate production. We guarantee safety in flying.
5. We sharpen revolutionary vigilance and strengthen combat preparedness. We defend the great proletarian cultural revolution.

Revolutionary comrades, unite!

Long live the great proletarian cultural revolution!

Long live the great Chinese Communist Party!

Long live the great invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung!

Long live our great leader Chairman Mao! A long, long life to him!

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