

WUHAN REBEL GROUPS SALUTED
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The responsible persons of the revolutionary mass organizations in Wuhan -- including the Steel Workers Headquarters, Second Command of Steelworkers, 13 September Organization of Steelworkers, New China Engineering College, New Hupeh University, New China Agricultural College, and Joint Third Headquarters of Revolutionary Rebels -- recently held a meeting and unanimously said they would hold still higher the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, unite more closely, and strive to completely overthrow China's Khrushchev and his agents in the Wuhan area. This is a new big leap forward by the proletarian revolutionaries in the Wuhan area on the path toward unity in fighting, and it is also a telling blow to the handful of top party persons in authority taking the capitalist road.

The responsible persons of the revolutionary mass organizations have played a leading role in the enthusiastic tide of forming a great unity and great alliance among the proletarian revolutionaries in the Wuhan area. This role is being performed excellently and in a timely manner.

The responsible persons of the revolutionary mass organizations bear a significant responsibility for the realization of a revolutionary great alliance. They should stand ahead of the masses, get rid of the disturbances coming from all circles, and actively promote the revolutionary great alliance in the course of the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation. It should be realized that the masses of revolutionary people urgently need to be united to cope with the enemy. Anyone who is running counter to the masses' will, is enthusiastic about fighting "civil war," and is stubbornly diverting the serious political struggle onto the path of sectarian struggle will certainly be rejected and opposed by the revolutionary masses.

In the course of realizing a revolutionary great alliance, every revolutionary comrade should let Mao Tse-tung's thought take command, destroy the concept of self-interest and promote devotion to the public interest, and rid from his mind the petty bourgeois ideas of small-group mentality, sectarianism, the mountain-stronghold mentality, and individualism. "Let the proletarian revolutionaries be united and seize power from the handful of the party persons in authority taking the capitalist road." This is a strategic slogan put forward by our great leader. Only when the proletarian revolutionaries are united can they seize power and exercise it triumphantly. If individual and small-group interests were put above class and revolutionary interests and the struggle to seize power were carried out for individual and small-group interests, the struggle would last longer and the proletarian revolutionaries would seize less power and be farther away from the revolutionary masses. Eventually, they would make just a brief appearance upon the stage of history. This would only grieve those who are near and dear to us and gladden the enemy.

The proletarian revolutionaries in the Wuhan area have emerged and grown up in the stern class struggle. Through their own activities, they are aware of the importance of a revolutionary great alliance. They are adding new wrath to their old hatred of the principal enemies of the proletariat -- the top party persons in authority taking the capitalist road and his agents in the Wuhan area. Concerning the disputes that took place among the revolutionary ranks, the proletarian revolutionaries have let minor reasoning obey major reasoning, conducted self-criticism, respected others' merits, respected the combat friendships established in their common struggle, and further consolidated and developed such friendships, thus creating a fine situation for the revolutionary great alliance in the Wuhan area.

Chairman Mao has taught us: "Every comrade must be brought to understand that the supreme test of the words and deeds of a communist is whether they conform with the highest interests and enjoy the support of the overwhelming majority of the people."

The current revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation is designed to smash politically, ideologically, and theoretically the bourgeois headquarters headed by the top party person in authority taking the capitalist road. This is in the highest interests of the Chinese people and is the supreme test of our words and deeds. The proletarian revolutionaries in the Wuhan area are genuinely realizing a revolutionary great alliance ideologically and organizationally, carrying out the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation, and grasping the general orientation of struggle. This is the key to the successful development of the great proletarian cultural revolution in the Wuhan area.

With the solicitude of Chairman Mao and the CCP Central Committee and with the full support of the commanders and fighters of the PLA land, sea, and air forces and the proletarian revolutionaries throughout the country, the proletarian revolutionaries in the Wuhan area have all the prerequisites and they should be the models in the revolutionary great unity and great alliance and the models in further carrying out the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation. During the great cultural revolution in Wuhan, the proletarian revolutionaries in the Wuhan area should support with deeds the struggle of the 30 million revolutionary people in Hupeh and the struggle of all the proletarian revolutionaries throughout the country.

Let us closely adhere to Chairman Mao's great strategic arrangements, be well prepared, and advance valiantly.