

Proclamation of the Kweichow Proletarian Revolutionary Rebel General Headquarters

On the evening of January 25, the great alliance of proletarian revolutionaries of Kweichow Province, under the guidance of the revolutionary line of Chairman Mao, successfully took over all the powers of leadership of the Provincial Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and of the Provincial People's Council, the Kweiyang Municipal Committee of the Party and the Municipal People's Council. The Kweichow Proletarian Revolutionary Rebel General Headquarters, which comprises 40 revolutionary organizations, issued a proclamation on that same day. Excerpts follow.—Ed.

THE Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of Kweichow, in which a handful of counter-revolutionary revisionists were entrenched, made great efforts to restore capitalism in the province over the past 17 years, faithfully carrying out the will of their counter-revolutionary revisionist "supreme masters."

This handful of people gathered together a group of counter-revolutionaries, renegades and degenerate elements and turned the province into a revisionist "independent kingdom."

Over the past 17 years, this handful of persons rode roughshod over the people, and bullied and persecuted revolutionary cadres who dared to uphold proletarian principles and the masses who dared to struggle against them.

They worked hand in glove with landlords, rich peasants, counter-revolutionaries, bad elements and Rightists in the area, to carry out a large-scale retaliatory

counter-revolutionary counter-attack and bring about a capitalist restoration; they energetically advocated "going-it-alone" [i.e., the restoration of individual economy]. As a result of all this, a foul atmosphere pervaded the province. They showed a total disregard for the people's livelihood and degenerated into leeches who sucked the blood of the Kweichow people.

Where there is oppression there is resistance. Our great leader Chairman Mao personally kindled the raging fire of the great cultural revolution. The people in Kweichow Province rose in rebellion! This handful of blackguards in a fit of hysterics frantically suppressed the revolutionary masses. They stigmatized thousands of the revolutionary path-breakers as "counter-revolutionaries," "anti-Party elements" and "ghosts and monsters," and even set up their own jail where they illegally detained and tried to extort "confessions" from revolutionary rebels. In this way they exercised a savage bourgeois dictatorship over the people.

After the Eleventh Plenary Session of the Eighth Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, this handful of blackguards still followed their revisionist ringleaders and opposed Chairman Mao's revolutionary line.

When all their schemes were smashed by the revolutionary rebels, they resorted to another even more treacherous device — economism. They squandered the money of the state and were careless of its property, squandered the people's sweat and blood, used money to corrupt our revolutionary rebels, bought over scabs

and renegades, and disrupted state finances, economy and production so as to blacken the name of the great proletarian cultural revolution. This handful of persons lined themselves up completely with the Soviet revisionist clique and with U.S. imperialism.

These blackguards recently hatched another plot: they pulled strings behind the scenes in an attempt to paralyse the work of the whole province; they also tried in vain to sow discord between the peasants and workers and to sabotage agricultural production.

The handful of counter-revolutionary revisionists in the Kweichow Provincial Party Committee have committed towering crimes against Chairman Mao, the Communist Party and the people over the past 17 years.

It is high time to settle the criminal accounts of this handful of blackguards!

It is high time to smash this revisionist "independent kingdom!"

To ensure that the great cultural revolution in Kweichow Province will advance victoriously along Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, the Kweichow Proletarian Revolutionary Rebel General Headquarters solemnly declares that beginning January 25, 1967, it is taking over all the powers of leadership — Party, political, financial and leadership over the great cultural revolution — of the former Provincial Committee of the Party, the Provincial People's Council, the Kweiyang Municipal Committee of the Party and the Municipal People's Council.

We call on the people throughout the province to carry out the following tasks:

1. Put all power in the hands of the proletarian revolutionary rebels.

Everyone must be put to the test in the current great storm and be accepted or rejected. All revolutionaries should support this revolutionary action without reserve, and should support and obey the leadership of the Kweichow Proletarian Revolutionary Rebel General Headquarters. Anyone who dares to disrupt the seizure of power by the revolutionary rebels should be dealt with as attempting to undermine the great proletarian cultural revolution.

2. Take firm hold of the revolution and promote production.

All workers, peasants, cadres and functionaries of enterprises should resolutely follow Chairman Mao's instruction to "**take firm hold of the revolution and promote production,**" remain at their posts and carry on production. Revolutionary rebels should not only be path-breakers in revolution but should also be exemplary in production. We call on all revolutionary people in the province to work hard and to be enthusiastic in production, to struggle for the fulfilment and overfulfilment of the Third Five-Year Plan and win honours for the great proletarian cultural revolution.

3. Resolutely oppose economism.

All persons must strictly carry out the directives to oppose economism issued by the revolutionary rebels in Shanghai and in the Kweiyang area. Immediately resume production, restore communications, freeze all circulating funds and prohibit speculation. The Kweichow Proletarian Revolutionary Rebel General Headquarters have full authority to deal with any deliberate violation of these directives.

4. Strengthen the proletarian dictatorship.

Anyone who opposes Chairman Mao, Vice-Chairman Lin Biao and the Cultural Revolution Group under the Party's Central Committee should be dealt with as an active counter-revolutionary and immediately arrested. Anyone who sabotages production, instigates struggle by force and undermines the great proletarian cultural revolution should be dealt with according to law by the public security organs. Anyone who directs the spearhead of his attack against the People's Liberation Army, uses weapons and ammunition, steals or divulges state secrets should be investigated and dealt with according to law.

5. All revolutionary organizations are called on to propagate and implement the above points. Any violation should be investigated and dealt with by the General Headquarters in collaboration with and under the supervision of the revolutionary masses and the appropriate bodies.

All revolutionary comrades unite, hold high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought and carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end!