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"The PLA Resolutely Supports You."/

One massive parade after another has been held by the broad masses of commanders and fighters of our PLA in the past few days. On the afternoon of July 25, the various general departments of the PLA, the National Defense Scientific Committee, and the personnel of the army, navy, and air force stationed in Peking again participated in a solemn meeting at Tienanmen Square to welcome most enthusiastically the triumphant and glorious return of Hsieh Fu-chih, Wang Li, and other comrades to the side of Chairman Mao, and support most resolutely the proletarian revolutionaries in the Wuhan area.

The frenzied counterattack launched against the proletarian revolutionaries by the small handful of Party and army persons in authority taking the capitalist road in the Wuhan area and the small handful of bad minor ringleaders manipulated by them among the "One Million Brave Soldiers" has aroused the unparalleled indignation of commanders and fighters throughout the PLA. The frenzied counterattack of these fellows is a deathbed struggle. The more bad things they do, the more completely they will expose themselves, and the faster they will accelerate their total defeat.

Do they really have any power? No. All they can do is fool or hoodwink some of the masses ignorant of the true facts on the strength of rumors. Once the rumors are knocked down, they will be bankrupt and the masses momentarily hoodwinked by them will surely strike back vigorously. The handful of fools are really "lifting a rock only to drop it on their own feet!"

The great proletarian cultural revolution in the Wuhan area is advancing triumphantly. The proletarian revolutionaries in the Wuhan area are fighting with ever increasing strength.

Proletarian revolutionary comrades in arms of the Wuhan area, your struggle is by no means isolated. Our great leader Chairman Mao resolutely supports you. Our Vice Chairman Lin Piao resolutely supports you. The CCP Central Committee resolutely supports you. The Military Affairs Committee of the CCP Central Committee resolutely supports you. The cultural revolution group of the CCP Central Committee resolutely supports you. The commanders and fighters of the entire PLA resolutely supports you. Our PLA is a people's army personally created and led by our great leader Chairman Mao and directly commanded by Vice Chairman Lin Piao. All of the broad masses of commanders and fighters of our entire PLA entertain boundless, ardent love for Chairman Mao. They entertain ardent love for Vice Chairman Lin, the command headquarters of Chairman Mao, the Cultural Revolution Group of the CCP Central Committee, and the proletarian revolutionaries. To protect Chairman Mao, Vice Chairman Lin, the command headquarters of Chairman Mao, and the cultural revolution group under the CCP Central Committee, and to support the proletarian revolutionaries is the most sacred duty and responsibility of our PLA, and the iron pledge issued from the bottom of the hearts of the commanders and fighters of our PLA.

Whoever opposes Chairman Mao, Vice Chairman Lin, the command headquarters of Chairman Mao, and the Cultural Revolution Group of the CCP Central Committee and suppresses the proletarian revolutionaries is our sworn enemy with whom we can never live under the same sky. We will resolutely strike him down no matter how high a position he holds or how much seniority he has.

Armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought, we must elevate our concept of the class struggle and the struggle between the two lines, enhance our consciousness, heighten our vigilance, wipe our eyes clear, and never fall into the trap of the enemies.

If some of the comrades have momentarily stood in the wrong ranks, they should become aware of it and immediately turn back. They should not return alone; they should also undertake arduous and meticulous political-ideological work to educate and win over those duped masses and return with them to the side of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line.

We call on the hoodwinked masses to rise up and rebel. To be hoodwinked is no crime, to strike back is a merit!

We should be firm in following Chairman Mao's teaching. Toward those who refuse to follow Chairman Mao's teachings and persist in their mistakes we should wage resolute struggle against them and rebel against them. Concerning the small handful of Party and army persons in authority taking the capitalist road, we should drag them out, knock them down, and totally discredit them so they can never rise again.

The small handful of Party and army persons in authority taking the capitalist road will surely be swept into the dustbin of history by the revolutionary people. The proletarian revolutionaries in the Wuhan area will surely score total victory. The proletarian revolutionaries in all localities of the nation will surely score total victory.