

SHANGHAI RED GUARD ORGANIZATION CREATED

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[Text] A unified revolutionary organization of Red Guards from Shanghai middle schools has come into being during the excellent great proletarian cultural revolution situation wherein victory after victory has been achieved. The eve of 1968 portends more and greater victories to come. On 30 December the Red Guard Congress of Shanghai middle schools was successfully held at the Cultural Revolution Square. This was an oath-taking rally of Red Guards from middle schools in Shanghai city. It manifested the unity and militancy of the Red Guards and the progressive development and consolidation of the revolutionary great alliance of Red Guards. It definitely impelled proletarian education revolution in middle schools a big step forward.

Comrade Chang Chun-chiao attended the rally. Also present were leading members of the Shanghai municipal revolutionary committee, responsible persons of army, navy, and air force units stationed in Shanghai, and representatives of revolutionary mass organizations.

Comrade Chang Chun-chiao spoke at the rally. First, he extended warm congratulations to the rally on behalf of the Shanghai municipal revolutionary committee and PIA units stationed in Shanghai. He said Red Guards and revolutionary workers, together with revolutionaries from various fronts in Shanghai, under the personal concern and support of the great leader Chairman Mao have won merits in the great proletarian cultural revolution.

However, the revolutionary tasks of the Red Guards are by no means completed. Red Guards must follow Chairman Mao's instructions and carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end. A vitally important task currently confronting the Red Guards is the resolute implementation of Chairman Mao's instruction to resume classes and make revolution. In line with the spirit of reforming as one teaches, they must sweep aside all obstacles and break open a path for proletarian education revolution.

The activities of middle school Red Guards should center on the schools. To make a success of the movement to resume classes and make revolution, Red Guards must consolidate the revolutionary great alliance and streamline revolutionary ranks. With "combat self-interest, repudiate revisionism" as a guiding principle, they must creatively study and apply Chairman Mao's works, remold ways of thinking, and heighten consciousness so as to become vividly aware of the dangers and harmfulness inherent in petty-bourgeois factionalism and anarchist trends of thought. They must resist the encroachment of all evil habits and ideologies and steel Red Guards into strong successors of the proletarian revolutionary cause.

The rally adopted a letter calling on Red Guards in Shanghai city to resolutely respond to and implement the great call to combat self-interest and repudiate revisionism made by our most beloved red commander Chairman Mao and whip up a more intensive mass movement on a larger scale to emulate the model platoon in supporting the left and cherishing the people and Comrade Li Wen-chung. Red Guards were also called upon to run study classes on Mao Tse-tung's thought in a big way, whip up a more extensive new upsurge in the creative study and application of Chairman Mao's works, and put the series of most important latest instructions from Chairman Mao on a concrete basis on all fronts.

The rally also called on all Red Guards from Shanghai middle schools to raise high the militant standards of Chairman Mao's education line and push the great proletarian education revolution to new heights. Red Guards were asked to continue resuming classes, making revolution, and carrying out reforms in the course of teaching. The tendency to stop classes to make revolution and the trend to resume classes and not make revolution must be opposed. They must give full play to the tenacious fighting will which refuses to be intimidated by difficulties and which wages struggles in the face of hardships to carry the great proletarian education revolution through to the end.

It further called for using Mao Tse-tung's thought to arm Red Guards and build up Red Guard ranks in the midst of the storms and waves of class struggle. The broad masses of youths must be united to battle the enemy. Red Guard ranks must be further organized, streamlined, and strengthened in this battle so as to build it into a powerful, reliable proletarian revolutionary column which is infinitely loyal to Chairman Mao, Mao Tse-tung's thought, and the revolutionary line of Chairman Mao, and to foster and develop the young generation into successors of the proletarian revolutionary cause.

In the midst of the jubilant shouting of "Long live Chairman Mao! Long, long, long life to Chairman Mao!" The entire body of representatives passed a resolution to send a message of salute to Chairman Mao and another resolution to convene a representative meeting of activists in the creative study and application of Chairman Mao's works from the ranks of Red Guards in Shanghai middle schools next spring.