

RED GUARDS DETERMINED TO SPREAD FLAMES OF CULTURAL REVOLUTION EVERYWHERE
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In militant high spirits, Red Guards and revolutionary students and teachers who have come to the capital from all parts of China to exchange experiences on the cultural revolution with the revolutionary students and teachers there, have returned to their fighting posts, carrying with them a sense of the warm concern of the great leader Chairman Mao, and rich experience of the cultural revolution passed on to them in Peking.

The millions of young revolutionaries have made a common pledge to raise even higher the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, and resolutely carry through the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee's 16-point decision concerning the great proletarian cultural revolution. They are determined to struggle boldly in defense of the proletarian revolutionary line, represented by Chairman Mao, spread throughout China the revolutionary flames which he himself kindled, and heighten the powerful momentum of the victorious forward march of the great proletarian cultural revolution.

As soon as they got back to their schools, they infected their millions of revolutionary fellow students and schoolmates with the inspiration and the revolutionary enthusiasm that they had drawn from the experience. This has called forth a tremendous surge of militant spirit among the masses of revolutionary students and teachers all over the country, who welcome from the bottom of their hearts the great news that Chairman Mao is in such good health. They feel supremely proud and exultant at having so great a leader guiding them forward to victory. They have resolved to turn Chairman Mao's warm concern for them into the source of strength for their revolutionary struggles. They have vowed eternal loyalty to Chairman Mao and to Mao Tse-tung's thought.

The Red Guards and revolutionary students and teachers have stated that, of the many lessons they learned in Peiping, the fundamental one was of the need to study Mao Tse-tung's thought and establish it in the minds of people, energetically and on a wide scale. They stress that it is only by studying Chairman Mao's works more consciously and conscientiously, and by putting the living study and application of his works in the first place in the struggle, that they can gain major victories in this unprecedentedly great proletarian cultural revolution.

The living study and application of Chairman Mao's works is now sweeping schools all over the country in a new, high tide. Many schools in Kwangchow have established the rule of daily study of his works. The revolutionary students and teachers take their copies of Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-tung with them everywhere they go. They consult together on questions that arise in their revolutionary work and play their part in the debates and the struggles to expose and repudiate the anti-party elements, using the book as their invincible weapon. Besides their hard study of Chairman Mao's writings, many of Shanghai's young revolutionaries have formed themselves into innumerable propaganda teams that address the masses at street corner meetings and on buses and trams, reading aloud and explaining the 16-point decision and passages from the great writings of Chairman Mao Tse-tung....

The Red Guards and revolutionary students and teachers from all parts of the country have acquired a clearer understanding of the struggle between the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao, and the bourgeois reactionary line....

The Red Guards and revolutionary teachers and students who have returned from Peiping keep the call issued by Comrade Lin Piao, close comrade-in-arms of Chairman Mao, constantly in mind and are determined to make greater efforts than ever to learn from the workers, peasants and soldiers, to temper themselves into fighters with profound political consciousness and a high sense of organization and discipline, into a reserve force of the Chinese People's Liberation Army and into successors of the proletarian revolutionary cause. "With the pen we can criticize and repudiate the old world; and with guns we can defeat the class enemy," they have said. "We will always be close followers of our great supreme commander, Chairman Mao, will forge bravely ahead through the fiercest storms, to insure that our impregnable state of the proletariat shall never change color!"