

SUPPRESSION OF COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES BY PLA IN HARBIN  
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A certain Army unit stationed in Harbin has responded most enthusiastically to Chairman Mao's great call and supported most resolutely the proletarian revolutionary group. At the critical moment when the proletarian revolutionary rebel group was encircled and attacked by the reactionary organizations, the unit came out immediately by standing firmly beside the proletarian revolutionary rebel group and suppressing the ringleaders of the counter-revolutionary organizations. This action, which has boosted greatly the morale of the proletarian revolutionary group and flattened tremendously the arrogance of the counter-revolutionaries, has been glowingly praised by the Red rebels and the broad revolutionary masses of the city of Harbin. They cheered, "Long live the great proletarian cultural revolution! Long live the proletarian dictatorship! Long live, long, live Chairman Mao, the great leader!"

At about ten o'clock on the evening of January 23rd, a counter-revolutionary incident engineered by a reactionary organization, the so-called "Demobilized and Disabled Army" controlled by the counter-revolutionaries occurred in the City of Harbin. In the afternoon of that day, the chieftans of that reactionary organization, the so-called "Demobilized and Disabled Army", on the pretext of inviting them to attend a literary and art performance, tricked its members and some uninformed masses into coming to the Youth Palace. They played tricks, created rumors and used fraud to mislead the masses. When the performance was over, they assembled some three hundred persons and armed them with iron bars, clubs, steel whips, daggers and other weapons to storm the Friendship Palace and attacked the Red Rebel Corps, the organization of the proletarian revolutionary rebel group.

When the certain Army unit stationed in the City of Harbin heard of this, it ordered its cadre fighters to act at once. By following Chairman Mao's great teaching that "People's Liberation Army must firmly support and aid the proletarian revolutionary group", they decided to take practical action to support the proletarian revolutionary rebel group and thus struck a severe blow against the counter-revolutionaries. They notified the city's public security organs and the United Command of the Red Rebels of this incident while rushing troops to the spot to surround the Friendship Palace. The cadre fighters, with their boundless loyalty to the great leader,

Chairman Mao, their infinite affection for the revolutionary masses, and with bravery and wisdom quickly surrounded the so-called "Demobilized and Disabled Army" who stormed the United Command of the Red Rebels, suppressed the counterrevolutionary arrogance of a handful of persons, disarmed the various kinds of weapons in their hands and herded them into the hall of the Friendship Palace.

Next, the Army unit assisted the responsible personnel of the committee which took over the City's public security affairs and the City's United Command of Red Rebels to launch political offensive against the so-called "Demobilized and Disabled Army," explained repeatedly to them the Party's policies and called on those who had been misled to come to their senses immediately and rise to expose the ringleaders. After going through a series of political work, those who had been deceived began to see the truth and followed each other to expose the ringleaders of the incident. The very spot where the counter-revolutionary violence occurred became a rally to condemn the crimes of the counter-revolutionaries. Many persons tearfully asked Chairman Mao for pardon and dragged out the chieftans of the so-called "Demobilized and Disabled Army" one by one. Finally, the city's Public Security Bureau, in accordance with law, arrested the chief culprits who stirred up the incident.

The news about People's Liberation Army's firm support of the proletarian revolutionary rebel group spread quickly to every corner of the City of Harbin. The red rebels and the broad revolutionary masses were moved and overjoyed when they heard of the news. They said with great feeling: "This is Chairman Mao's backing. The Liberation Army is indeed a good army educated by Chairman Mao. With the strong backing of the Liberation Army, we are not afraid of anything. We want to pledge our lives to defend the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao, to be forever loyal to Chairman Mao, and always be Chairman Mao's red fighters!"