

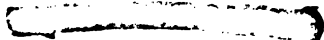
MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY FROM THE
HONAN PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY REBEL GENERAL COMMAND

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Proletarian rebel warriors and revolutionary comrades of the entire country!

With incomparable anger we the entire body of warriors of the Honan Provincial Revolutionary Rebel General Command protest in the strongest terms the control by a handful of power holders led by LIU Chien-hsun (0491/1696/8133) and WEN Min-sheng (2429/2404/3932) within the Honan Provincial Committee and their tool, the Honan Erh-ch'i Commune, who have ignored the Party Central, resisted Premier CHOU's directives, illegally kidnapped and beaten up our representatives leaving for Peking, and seized the entire data on the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in Honan compiled by our delegation for the Party Central and Chairman Mao. We angrily accuse a handful of power holders in the Provincial Committee taking the capitalist road of the crimes of resisting central directives, destroying compiled reports to Peking and destroying the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in Honan.

The great Proletarian Cultural Revolution of the fatherland's Central Plain, Honan, like other areas of the country, has penetratingly and broadly waged the struggle between the two classes, the two roads and the two lines, with political forces centered around the axis of struggle of "political power." One class battle after another has been fought. Now it has reached an unprecedented fierce stage of close combat. Is the left going to seize power and carry out the proletarian dictatorship, so that the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution can be



carried to the end; or is it the right going to seize power to implement the bourgeois dictatorship to restore capitalism? Such a critical moment has arrived. Every proletarian revolutionary is engaged in profound thinking and struggle, and waging a bloody struggle to realize the former. One would not hesitate to shed blood for truth and revolution.

The Party Central and Chairman Mao are most concerned about the great Cultural Revolution in Honan and are forever standing together with our proletarian revolutionaries. To thoroughly resolve the Honan problem, Premier CHOU telephoned us on 26 April directing our General Command to send a delegation to Peking to report to the Party Central and Chairman Mao about the situation of the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in Honan. The entire body of warriors of our Honan Revolutionary Rebel General Command, with infinite love for and faith in the Party Central and Chairman Mao, on 20 May sent to Peking a delegation entrusted with the historical mission by the Honan proletarian revolutionaries and fifty million revolutionary people, to report to the Party Central and Chairman Mao about the situation of the Honan Proletarian Cultural Revolution. At this time, a long contemplated, well planned and organized incident of political oppression happened! Late in the evening of 22 May when the members of the delegation were concentrating on preparing data for the report, suddenly a group of bandits from the Honan Erh-ch'i Commune together with a handful of rascals of the Peking Aviation academy and Peking Railway Academy led by HOU x-x (0186), numbering about 500, forced their way into the Peking Hsi-yuan Hotel where our delegation was staying. They claimed that they came to "carry out a special mission at the order of the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee." These rascals were totally unreasonable, and acted like wolves and tigers. They smashed doors and windows and took away the compiled data of our delegation and also their money, ration tickets, clothes, and watches, and then kidnapped our workers and brutally cursed and hit them and paraded them on the streets. If such barbarious behavior can be tolerated, what else cannot? The members of our delegation were full of anger; but they remained calm and gave the attackers a stern lecture.

On the eve of the Party Central's decision to revolve the Honan problem, at the time of the issue of the six "Important Messages" by the Peking Municipal Committee, and in the evening of the day of the publication of People's Daily editorial "Immediately Stop Armed Struggle," such a frightening anti-revolutionary incident happened in our great Fatherland's Capital Peking! Was it an accident? No! Absolutely no!

As early as on 7 February, the Honan Erh-ch'i Commune, in order to create anti-revolutionary public opinions, plotted to pretend a seizing of power while protecting power, illegally occupied the Honan

Daily, published black newspaper and created the frightening "7 February" and "17 February" anti-revolutionary bloody tragedies. Thereafter, the Party Central and Premier CHOU directed by telephone that both sides involved in the fighting send representatives to Peking to hold talks. However, the Honan Erh-ch'i Commune refused to implement Premier's directive and single-handedly undermined the negotiation. Now that the Party Central again instructed a negotiation in Peking, they again resorted to various schemes and boldly torpedoed it. Why did the Honan Erh-ch'i Commune dare to repeatedly undermine negotiations? Chairman Mao instructs us: "Events in the world are complex and determined by various factors." We "must not be too idealistic and regard the class struggle as being simple." The history of the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in Honan clearly demonstrates this enigmatic problem.

Under the correct guidance of Chairman Mao's line of Proletarian Cultural Revolution, in the past our province's great Proletarian Cultural Revolution attained one great victory after another. This year is a year of combat and a year of victory and a year of glory. But as our great leader Chairman Mao has said: "In the history of man, all reactionary forces on the verge of extinction will wage a final struggle against the revolutionary forces." When our province's proletarian revolutionaries and the broad revolutionary people are controlling the general direction of struggle and launching a general offensive against a handful of the Party's top power holders taking the capitalist road and cutting off their claws extending into Honan, a handful of power holders in the Honan Provincial Committee led by LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng, seeing that their power would be taken away, used their tool the Erh-ch'i Commune to wage a counter-attack with great hatred and frenzy on the revolutionary people, and waged a final struggle just before their demise. Thus, the struggle between the two classes, the two roads, and two lines in the Cheng-chou area, Honan, has entered an unprecedentedly fierce and complicated stage. At this critical moment of a deadly decisive battle, our Honan Revolutionary Rebel General Command and broad revolutionary people most earnestly and emotionally report to comrade proletarian revolutionaries throughout the fatherland the situation of the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in Honan. We want to use blood and tears to accuse a handful of power holders in the Honan Provincial Committee led by LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng of their anti-Party, anti-socialist and anti-Maoist crimes and their crimes of destroying our province's great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. "We are not afraid of sacrifice to drag the emperor from his horse." This is our iron determination. "We are determined not to be afraid of sacrifice and difficulties to strive for victory!" This is our bold promise. In this unprecedented class struggle, we have comrade warriors everywhere in the burning mountain cities or by the stormy Hsiang River. Streams, mountains,

the great Mao Tse-tung thought, and the loftiest revolutionary friendship have tightly linked our red hearts! We shall forever hoist high the brilliant flag of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line in uniting the country's proletarian revolutionaries, fighting together and achieving victory together. We shall plunge into the fiery sea of fire together!

As pointed out in the "Sixteen Articles" which is a leading document for the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution: "Due to the great resistance, the struggle will have reverses, or even possibly many reverses." In the past year the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in Honan has encountered much resistance, and many reverses. Why is this so? This is due to the destruction of the Party's power holders taking the capitalist road. For many years a handful of anti-revolutionary revisionists in the Honan Provincial Committee led by LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng have frantically opposed our great leader Chairman Mao, secretly disobeyed Chairman Mao's instructions, even to the point of shouting noisily demanding to criticize "the thought of total faith in Chairman Mao" while shamelessly extolling their black master LIU Shao-ch'i. "Comrade Shao-ch'i is a great Marxist," "Comrade Shao-ch'i is an expert in leading mass movement." They tried to beautify the anti-revolutionary LIU Shao-ch'i as a "savior" for the people of Honan. They frantically slander, distort and oppose the great Mao Tse-tung thought by saying "Mao Tse-tung thought may also divide into two," and "How can one study Chairman Mao's writings every day?" They calumniated the study of Chairman Mao's writings as something for "those leisure people like bureaucrats and warlords; and it interferes with the work of us busy people." When they see "hoisting high the great red flag of Mao Tse-tung's thought" in documents they said disgustedly "Don't use so much empty talk in future writings." They energetically waved the three bourgeois sticks of "simplification," "vulgarism," and "utilitarianism" in cruelly oppressing the mass movement of creatively studying and applying Chairman Mao's writings among the workers, peasants, and soldiers, while faithfully implementing LIU Shao-ch'i's black directive to issue large quantities of the black How to Become a Good Communist, but not Selected Writings of Mao Tse-tung. They actively promoted the anti-revolutionary revisionist line, attempting to restore capitalism in Honan. They stubbornly opposed the emphasis on proletarian politics by saying "sweet potato is politics," "who is Marxist-Leninist? He who makes grains is the Marxist-Leninist," and "To give the people enough to eat, not to insist on direction." They cruelly attacked the three red flags of the general line, great leap forward and people's commune. During the difficult times, they promoted "rented land" and "three self-interests and one guarantee" in the farm villages and gave green light to "free market" in the cities in their scheme to restore capitalism. In the Four Liquidation Movement, they energetically promoted the opportunist line that was "left" in

form but right in substance, attempting to smother the great socialist education movement. They heartlessly spread revisionist poison, and promoted the staging of feudalist and bourgeois reactionary plays while opposing the critique of the poison by the revolutionary cultural and art workers and the revolutionary people, thus allowing beasts and devils to infiltrate into the literary and art circles of Honan ... truly, their crimes are too numerous!

During the rousing great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, LIU Chien-hsun and Wen Min-sheng and the likes of them stubbornly took the bourgeois reactionary stand, actively promoted the LIU-TENG bourgeois reactionary line, attempting to strike down this great revolution. At the beginning of the great Cultural Revolution, they used all means to divert the general direction of the struggle: sent out a large number of work teams; made black reports and issued black directives; supporting their Cultural Reform Association and other conservative organizations; established loyalist forces; attempted to seize "rightists" among the revolutionary people and attacked them as "anti-revolutionary," "small TENG T'o (6772/2148)" and "beasts and devils." They attacked the revolutionary cadres as "black gang," and "gray gang." They implemented the bourgeois reactionary policy of "attacking the majority and protecting a handful." They propagandized for the theory of "settling account after the autumn," energetically compiled black data and created a white terror, trying to suppress the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

At the 11th Plenum of the Eighth Congress, our great leader Chairman Mao personally led the drawing up of the brilliant "Sixteen Articles," pointing out the correct direction for the Cultural Revolution. Numerous revolutionaries have developed the spirit of daring to carry out revolution and revolt, and under the resolute support of the reddest sun in our hearts, Chairman Mao, waged a most resolute struggle with the bourgeois reactionary line. Revolutionary rebel organizations appeared one after another. These pioneers of the Cultural Revolution bravely follow our red commander Chairman Mao and have grown up in the stormy class struggle; they represent the general direction of the revolution. They are the arch enemy of the anti-revolutionary revisionists LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng.

Following the penetration of Chairman Mao's line into the hearts of the people, the publication of the editorials in Red Flag Nos 13 and 14 announced the bankruptcy of the bourgeois reactionary line, and the Cultural Reform Associations created by the work teams collapsed one after another. Seeing that it was a dead end to support the Cultural Reform Association to fight the masses to protect themselves, LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng and the likes of them switched to "supporting" the revolutionary rebels and resorted to the more insidious means of

anti-revolutionary double dealing, attempting to find new agents among the revolutionary rebels. After a careful planning and selection, they finally found the "Cheng-chou University Cultural Revolution Liaison Committee," this "old rebel organization."

The principal personnel of the "old rebel organization" supported by LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng are people who protect the school Party Committee, suppress the students, and try to win over the "small rightists." Among them TANG Yen-ch'uan (7825/6056/1557) is a big political pickpocket. Before the Cultural Revolution he cruelly attacked the three red flags and cursed socialism; he is an extremely reactionary student. The three reactionary black letters he wrote in 1962 are the iron evidence of his opposition to the Party and socialism. Since the Cultural Revolution, he energetically protected a handful of anti-revolutionary elements within the Party and treated students harshly; he is a notorious loyalist.

After a handful of power holders in the school Party Committee taking the capitalist road have been uncovered, these loyalists were heartbroken, and some of them even cried. Having made many reactionary statements, and after inciting much anger and criticism by the people through posters, TANG Yen-ch'uan and other members of the school black gang went to Peking to make an appeal for the school Party Committee. When they arrived in Peking, LIU Chien-hsun was in Peking attending the 11th Plenum of the Eighth Congress. The latter seized the opportunity to lay a trap; he did not only receive them personally but also lived with them, feasted them and greatly praised TANG Yen-ch'uan. When they were going back to Cheng-chou together, they engaged in "close talks" and LIU told them "to establish organizations." Upon arriving in Cheng-chou, they were provided with a car. In this way, through political praise and material stimulation, LIU bought this running dog TANG Yen-ch'uan. TANG Yen-ch'uan was very grateful. In the afternoon of the day of their arrival in Cheng-chou, TANG Yen-ch'uan established an instrument according to the LIU's instruction, and this is the so-called "Cheng-chou University Cultural Revolution Liaison Committee." TANG Yen-ch'uan became its head. Before he went to Peking, TANG Yen-ch'uan shouted "Down with LIU Chien-hsun." Now he became "LIU Chien-hsun's good cadre," claiming "LIU Chien-hsun is a good secretary." After this dirty transaction, LIU Chien-hsun immediately issued what he called "My poster," indirectly supporting TANG Yen-ch'uan.

Was the objective of LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng in praising TANG Yen-ch'uan truly "supporting this revolutionary young general?" No! In fact the old shrewd LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng had long seen through this extremely reactionary student TANG Yen-ch'uan. The day before the issue of the poster, this anti-revolutionary double-

dealing LIU Chien-hsun said: "In my opinion, TANG Yen-ch'uan is anti-revolutionary." This being the case, why did LIU support TANG? There is only one possible explanation: that is, anti-revolutionaries support anti-revolutionaries; they form a collusion to undermine the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in Honan.

After LIU Chien-hsun issued "My poster" and when he was questioned by the majority of faculty and students of the Cheng-chou University as to why he supported this reactionary student TANG Yen-ch'uan, LIU Chien-hsun said shrewdly: "If I did not put out this poster, Chairman Mao may ask me what is the matter with you people in Honan, how could I answer? You are not in an official position, but I am. You are not afraid of losing your jobs but I am." Look! Isn't this a total exposure of LIU Chien-hsun's thoroughly anti-revolutionary face?

In reality, LIU Chien-hsun's issue of the poster was merely the beginning of the taking over of the "Cheng-chou University Liaison Committee" led by TANG Yen-ch'uan. Thereafter, LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng stepped up their political transactions, with their sugar-coated ammunitions concentrated on the "Cheng-chou University Liaison Committee." To further control the "Cheng-chou Liaison Committee" led by TANG Yen-ch'uan, a handful of power holders in the Provincial and Municipal committee sent people out to collect materials on TANG Yen-ch'uan and the "Cheng-chou University Liaison Committee," and got hold of TANG Yen-ch'uan's three reactionary letters and the committee's anti-revolutionary "Urgent Appeal." Thus, through soft and hard means and political and economic persuasions, they gained even tighter control of the "Cheng-chou University Liaison Committee." As they said themselves, "We have here materials on him (TANG Yen-ch'uan), he dare not disobey us."

Ever since this time, LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng has maintained close contact with TANG Yen-ch'uan and other anti-revolutionary double-dealing political pickpockets, and even "their fate has been sealed together." LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng have praised TANG Yen-ch'uan as a "revolutionary young general," who had "a political mind" and was "an able leftist leader." TANG, on the other hand, said "Secretary LIU is a proletarian commander." Liu said "the Cheng-chou University Liaison Committee" was "a leftist organization," and the latter called the "Provincial Committee" "a proletarian command."

Thereafter, "the Cheng-chou Liaison Committee" under TANG's control obeyed LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng and protected the black command, the Provincial Committee.

Thereafter, the "young general" TANG Yen-ch'uan rose rapidly as LIU's protege.

The "Cheng-chou University Liaison Committee" which was now an instrument purchased by LIU and WEN appeared as an extremely "left" organization, and engaged in evil deeds and words.

It was LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng who supported this "old rebel organization" and attempted to seize power in the Capital Mao Tse-tung Thought Red Guard Headquarters and instigated dissensions.

It was LIU Chien-hsun and Wen Min-sheng who supported this "old rebel organization" and under the pretense of "revolt" faked an attack on the Three-level Cadre Conference, following their master's instruction. The black master and running dogs praised each other to fool the broad revolutionary cadres at the provincial, district and hsien levels.

It was LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng who supported this "old rebel organization" in attacking the revolutionary people coming from P'ing-ting-shan Special District to Cheng-chou to demand an impeachment of the Party's power holder taking the capitalist road K'UNG Hsun (1313/8133) and YANG Chan (2799/1455) and in driving them out of Cheng-chou in order to protect the Party's power holders taking the capitalist road.

It was LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng who supported this "old rebel organization" in mistreating the revolutionary people and cadres and in expelling students from the school, from the League and the Party, and parading them to please their master. On the other hand, they did everything to protect LIU and WEN, and spread the rumor of "no use to trace higher" and implemented the reactionary policy of "attacking the majority while protecting a handful."

It was LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng who supported this "old rebel organization," in instigating fight, robbery and confiscation, implementing the bourgeois dictatorship and engaging in white terror.

Chairman Mao has said: The fundamental problem of revolution is one of political power. The great "January Revolution" sounded the bugle of uniting proletarian revolutionaries to seize the power of the power holders taking the capitalist road. Power is the center of dispute among various political forces and the focal point of struggle. A handful of power holders in the Honan Provincial Committee taking the capitalist road will not voluntarily withdraw from the historical stage. LIU Chien-hsun and WEN Min-sheng are most afraid of losing their power. To protect their power, they instigated their instrument the "Cheng-chou University Liaison Committee" to recruit troops in staging a fake anti-revolutionary drama of seizing power.

We proletarian revolutionary rebels saw through our class enemy's

checked materials on the military district, and exaggerated the deficiencies and errors which are hardly avoidable in the work of the military district in its support of the left. They energetically slandered the People's Liberation Army and called it "loyalist soldiers" and "black troops," and labeled the military's support for the left as "suppressing rebels." They frantically attacked the proletarian command, attempting to seize the military power and realize the bourgeois dictatorship.

They pointed their spearhead toward the proletarian dictatorship organization, occupied the Police Department, Public Security Office, and newspapers, to undermine the proletarian dictatorship. They used the newspapers to publish black news attacking the military district and revolutionary mass organizations. They provided armunitions for imperialism and revisionism to attack China, and committed unforgivable crimes against the people of the entire country.

They opposed the "Sixteen Articles," and diverted the general direction of struggle, created social disorder; incited large-scale armed conflicts at the Honan Daily, Cheng-chou Evening News, and Cheng-chou Broadcasting Station; and created the frightening "7 February" bloody incident.

They pointed their spearhead of struggle against the revolutionary mass organizations and attacked revolutionary organizations of different view points as "Trotskyists," "fake mules," and "loyalists," and exercised white terror toward them.

They rounded up the society's landlords, rich people, reactionaries, and rightists insisting on their reactionary stand and other various beasts and devils, and encouraged them to frantically attack the proletarian command and the instrument of the proletarian dictatorship.

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Truly, their crimes are too numerous!

In our deadly struggle of seizing power and revolution with the Erh-ch'i Commune, the establishment of the Honan Revolutionary Rebel General Command was solemnly proclaimed. It was born in the storms of class struggle and grew up in the encirclement of the class enemy's white terror and opposition to the revolution. It hoists high the flag of "just revolt" in waging a struggle with the rightist forces and conservative forces. Ever since the first day of its establishment, the Honan Revolutionary Rebel General Command has pointed its spearhead toward a handful of power holders taking the capitalist road in the Provincial and Municipal Committee led by LIU Chien-hsun and Wen Min-sheng, uncovered their crimes, and fiercely attacked them and their

up the mask of their tool, the Erh-ch'i Commune, and exposed their true loyalist faces. It most resolutely implements Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, is closely united with the People's Liberation Army, has smashed the frantic attack of the Erh-ch'i Commune and other beasts and devils, relentlessly exposed the Erh-ch'i Commune's plot of faking a seizure of power, and crushed the Erh-ch'i Commune's anti-revolutionary counter-current of attacking the People's Liberation Army; it has won immortal merits for the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. It is precisely because of this that a handful of power holders taking the capitalist road and their instruments hate it and has tried to destroy it by all means. They have tried to confuse truth with falsity, to confuse the revolution line with an anti-revolutionary line, and to confuse rebels with loyalists. They claimed that there were only two forces when there were actually three forces of the left, the conservatives, and the fake "leftists," formed during the long-drawn complicated struggle in Honan. They have tried confuse the Honan Provincial Revolutionary Rebel General Command representing the true left in Honan with conservatives, and labeled them together as loyalists while proving themselves as "rebels." How cruel is their scheme! To attain this goal, they called the Honan Revolutionary Rebel General Command "traitor" to the rebels, "reformists," and "taking the third road." A whole list of imaginary crimes was placed on our heads. How laughable! How sad! How hateful!

We must ask: Are those opposed to your protection of a handful of power holders in the Provincial and Municipal Committee traitors to the rebels? What kind of logic is this?

Are those opposed to your attack on the military organizations and on the proletarian dictatorship in an attempt to seize military power traitors to the rebels? What kind of logic is this?

Are those opposed to your armed conflict, to your beating, robbery, confiscation, to your destruction of the revolution and production, to your fake "leftist" activities, traitors to the rebels? What kind of logic is this?

It is simply the logic of a bandit!

Iron facts prove powerfully: The proletarian revolutionaries represented by the Honan Provincial Revolutionary Rebel General Command are the true revolutionary rebels infinitely faithful to Chairman Mao, infinitely faithful to Mao Tse-tung's thought, and infinitely faithful to Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. No matter how the class enemy curses it or slanders it, its prestige cannot be damaged. The curses of the class enemy are nothing more than the buzzing of a fly, nothing more than a few sobs and wailings. In the

struggle, the Honan Provincial Revolutionary Rebel General Command is a high mountain rising into the clouds while the Erh-ch'i Commune is merely a handful of dirt! The former is a sky-scraping giant tree; the latter dying grass!

Chairman Mao instructs us: "Without a people's army, the people have nothing." We must have confidence in and rely on the masses, the People's Liberation Army, and the majority of the cadres. Truly revolutionary rebels resolutely implement Chairman Mao's instructions and love the People's Liberation Army. Only imperialism, revisionism, the reactionaries of various countries, and domestic landlords, rich people, reactionaries, bad elements, rightists, beasts and devils oppose the great People's Liberation Army. How about the Erh-ch'i Commune in Honan? They hate the people's Liberation Army; they do everything and use the most shameless and cruel means to point their spearhead toward the People's Liberation Army. In inciting large-scale armed conflicts and creating bloody incidents, in attacking military organizations, beating up and kidnapping Liberation Army warriors, or in frantically suppressing the revolutionary masses, they have only one objective: to abolish the proletarian dictatorship, steal the fruit of the victory of the Proletarian Cultural Revolution, and attempt to have a total restoration of capitalism. They have frantically made repeated attempts to undermine the proletarian dictatorship, undermine the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, and undermine the four democracies; they have repeatedly attacked the proletarian command and the military organizations; they have repeatedly attacked the organizations of the revolutionary masses, and frantically raised an anti-revolutionary counter-current. How outrageous!

History is relentless. The Erh-ch'i Commune wrote a criminal history with its own criminal practice: that is, to be loyal to the bourgeois master and revolt against the proletariat. It is a typical representative of the fake "left." Its goal is to do away with the proletarian dictatorship.

Toward this end, they openly resisted central directives, stayed away from work, traveled through the country spreading anti-revolutionary public opinions, "accused" the Honan Revolutionary Rebel General Command, masqueraded the landlords, rich people, reactionaries, bad elements and rightists, beasts and devils as the good and innocent injured party, who are really murderers and deadly enemy of the proletariat; they replaced facts with lies and truth with fallacies. The Erh-ch'i Commune in Honan is most afraid of facts and truth; they feared and hated the Peking negotiation. They knew that at the conference table they could not get any help. The day of the conclusion of the talks would be the day of death sentence for them; therefore, they did their utmost to undermine the Peking negotiation.

On the eve of the Peking negotiation they attempted to pressure the Party Central and the Honan Military District. They fooled some middle-school students and colluded with some social garbage who hated the proletarian dictatorship to engage in a "hunger strike." During the "hunger strike" they found excuses to release their "Erh-ch'i fighting comrades." They moreover raised many unreasonable demands. On 4 May during the period of "hunger strike" they single-handedly created the frightening anti-revolutionary bloody incident. On 4 May they prepared an ambush in the buildings along Te-hua Street with bricks, tiles, sticks and iron bars in their hands. When the parading revolutionary people celebrating the "4 May" were passing through the street, they accused the parading troops of having an intention to break into their area of "hunger strike" and hit the paraders with everything they got. Over 3,000 people were injured, filling up all hospitals in the vicinity. The fresh blood of the revolutionary masses stained the Erh-ch'i Square! This tragic scene was beyond description.

On 21 May, a number of rascals of the Erh-ch'i Commune in cahoots with some good-for-nothings from military schools in other areas suddenly smashed into the conference room where our General Command was having a conference of criticizing the LIU-TENG bourgeois reactionary line. At that time, our side insisted on a debate and perfect order was maintained. However, in bright day light, these rascals forced their way onto the chairman's podium and took away the national flag and Chairman Mao's portrait on the podium, as well as the broadcasting equipment, and moreover they beat up the service personnel and military representatives at the conference.

On 22 May a handful of rascals from the Erh-ch'i Commune in Peking in cahoots with the Peking Aviation Red Flag's Hou x-x and over 500 people from the Railway Academy Red Flag took away our compiled data, and kidnapped, beat up and paraded our representatives. Thereafter they created the serious 25 May anti-revolutionary political incident.

On 23 May a handful of rascals from the Erh-ch'i Commune forced their way into the No. 1 Department Store in Cheng-chou and smashed the total stock of broadcasting equipment and looted money, watches, clothing, bicycles and other valuable goods. As a result, the store had to stop its operation, seriously damaging the national economy.

On 25 May they in cahoots with a handful desperadoes from outside military schools resisted the directive of the Military Commission, and once more occupied the Military District Building by force, cruelly beat up warriors and officers of the Liberation Army, and moreover, they took down the national flag of the People's Republic of China, and raised their own torn flag. The Central Military Cultural Revolution Committee telephoned them to withdraw from the military district, but up

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to now they are still staying in the building, resisting the directive and continuing their evil activities. They openly grabbed weapons of the warriors of the Liberation Army and injured the warriors who delivered food to them. How frantic!

On 26 May, they dared to snatch away the rifles of the guards and murdered them with knives. They confiscated the household of Honan Military District Commissar HO Yun-hung (0149/6663/3163) and took away top secret documents and other items, and furthermore beat up members of his family.

On 27 May they openly destroyed Chairman Mao's great call of "grasp revolution and promote production," and incited strikes at the Cheng-chou North Railway Station which is the nerve center of Peking-Canton and Lung-hai Railways, disrupting transportation, creating the serious incident of stopping the locomotives. The traffic on the Peking-Canton Railways was disrupted for more than ten hours, resulting in great loss to the State.

On 29 May they openly stopped military trucks at the Erh-ch'i Square, looted war materials. On 30 May their beastly nature ran rampant; they killed revolutionary warriors, raped women, set fire to the No. 6 National Cotton Mill and burned our class comrades to death.

On 31 May, they in cahoots with a handful of rascals from Peking universities and colleges illegally took away all data brought by our delegation to Peking, and moreover kidnapped and beat up our representatives.

On 1 June, they smashed into the Cheng-chou Municipal Finance Bureau to destroy the state finance, and took away large quantities of bicycles, watches, and money.

On 2 June, they attacked our General Command's Electric Industry Commune. They did this for six times, attempting to destroy the control building and creating the serious incident of power failure in the entire Honan Province and in parts of Shansi and Hopeh. They beat up revolutionary workers and even their families.

In the past few days they have encircled the Pa Pa Corps of the Grain Institute of our General Command, and cut off the supply of food, water and electricity for four days, attempting to put an end to the more than 400 revolutionary rebel warriors and over 100 Liberation Army officers in the building. Finally, they forced the Central Military Commission to use helicopters to deliver food to the Pa Pa Corps.

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unprecedentedly fierce!

Revolutionary comrades of the country! Proletarian revolutionary warriors! How frightening and inhumane the above-mentioned facts are! What do these bloody debts and criminal evidences mean? Can they mean that they are revolutionary rebels as they have labeled themselves?

What revolutionary rebels? It is a complete lie!

Are there such revolutionary rebels protecting the black headquarters of the Provincial Committee?

Are there such revolutionary rebels who consistently oppose the directives of the Military Commission and the great Liberation Army?

Are there such revolutionary rebels who consistently oppose central directive and frantically attack the organizations of the revolutionary masses?

Are there such revolutionary rebels who oppose Mao Tse-tung thought, frantically destroy the revolution and production, and the proletarian dictatorship?

They are no revolutionary rebels! They are genuine loyalists! Fake revolutionaries! "Leftist" in appearance but rightists in heart.

But some people did not investigate them and believe them to be "staunch rebels as they have shamelessly advertised. If these people are not muddle-headed, then they must be their kind.

No matter how frantic they are and how cruel they are, we have no tears and sorrow, and are not scared by their threats. On the contrary, our chests are full of vengeance. We shall even more firmly grasp the general direction of struggle, determined not to fear sacrifice and difficulties in carrying out the revolution and revolt to the end and striving for a complete victory of the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

At the critical moment of the criticizing and fighting the Party's top power holders taking the capitalist road by the country's proletarian revolutionaries and broad revolutionary masses, let us ask:

Why are there counter-currents of attacking the People's Liberation Army in many areas? It is particularly serious in Honan. Who is behind it?

Why large-scale armed conflicts have occurred in many areas of

the country, and it is particularly serious in Honan? Who is in command?

Why does Honan's just call fail to get support and propagation while the evil wind has the upper hand? Who is giving the green light?

Why in our Capital where Chairman Mao lives, did such serious anti-revolutionary incidents as the "22 May" and "31 May" occur? Who is controlling it?

Who? Who? Who?

We the entire body of warriors of the Honan Provincial Revolutionary Rebel General Command are determined and ready to make any sacrifice in order to drag the anti-revolutionary black master off his horse!

Proletarian revolutionary fighters and revolutionary comrades! From the development and conditions of the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in Honan and from this series of incidents, we can see clearly the Honan problem is not a problem limited to Honan. The likes of LIU Chien-hsun are in control of the top loyalist in Honan, the Erh-ch'i Commune, and a handful of rascals in Peking, and have stepped up their attack on our proletarian revolutionaries and the People's Liberation Army, attempting to do us in. Their crimes directly threaten the personal safety of our proletarian revolutionaries and the broad revolutionary people, seriously interfere with the general direction of our struggle, and seriously interferes with the healthy development of the movement.

Our Honan's broad proletarian revolutionaries are making an urgent appeal to the people in the Capital and throughout the country. May we call your attention to the development of the situation in Honan and appeal for your support, moral and otherwise, for our true proletarian revolutionaries in Honan. We appeal to you to enhance your alertness, investigate everything and analyse everything with Mao Tse-tung thought, and uncover the criminal activities of a handful of people in the Erh-ch'i Commune. We appeal to you to resolutely implement Chairman Mao's great call of "grasp revolution and promote production," guard your posts to manage well the revolution and production. We appeal to you to resolutely insist on debate and oppose armed conflict, and immediately put a stop to armed conflicts. We appeal to you to be alert and guard against destructive schemes of the class enemy.

Let us proletarian revolutionaries take urgent actions! Let us point the spearhead toward the Party's top power holders taking the capitalist road, expose the persons of the Khrushchev type, and strike them down, so that they can never get up again.

Chairman Mao instructs us: "The world is progressing, and the future is bright -- this general trend of history can be altered by no one." The main stream will finally replace the anti-revolutionary counter-currents. We have the great ever-victorious Mao Tse-tung thought, the great Liberation Army and the millions of people supporting truth and Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. We firmly believe that victories will be ours and Chairman Mao's revolutionary line will finally win victory in Honan. The future Honan will be a true revolutionary rebel hoisting high Chairman Mao's revolutionary line.

The Erh-ch'i Commune in Honan is destined to fail! The Honan Provincial Revolutionary Rebel General Command will be victorious!

Down with LIU Shao-ch'i! Down with TENG Hsiao-p'ing(6772/1420/1627)! Down with T'AO Chu (7118/6999)! Down with LIU Chien-hsun! Down with CHAO Wen-fu (6392/2429/3940)!

Long live the Chinese Communist Party! Long live the ever-victorious Mao Tse-tung thought! Long live the victory of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line!

Long live our great teacher, great leader, great commander, great helmsman Chairman Mao!

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