

DECISION OF THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF ANHWEI

In March this year the Party center called together responsible comrades of the Anhwei Military District Command, representatives of "Anhwei Revolutionary Rebel Command Headquarters," representatives of various Leftist mass organizations who held different views, and cadres of provincial and municipal organs, held many informal forums, and had separate talks with them on many occasions. Concerning the problem of Anhwei, the Center has taken the following decision:

(1) On the basis of an examination of the practice of the past two months, the "January 26" power-seizure in Anhwei has not brought about a proletarian revolutionary alliance, or pointed the spearhead at the small handful of power-holders in the provincial Party committee who followed the capitalist road, or practiced revolutionary "three-in-one combination." Individual leaders of "Anhwei Revolutionary Rebel General H.Q." have carried out a series of wrong policies and suppressed Leftist masses and revolutionary cadres who held dissident views. The Center thinks that a military control committee headed by Comrade Ch'ien Chün should immediately be set up to take into its hands the provincial leadership powers.

(2) The Military Control Committee must hold high the great red banner of the thought of Mao Tse-tung, put politics in command, work resolutely in accordance with the "Decision Concerning the Proletarian Great Cultural Revolution" of the CCP Central Committee, follow firmly the proletarian revolutionary line headed by Chairman Mao, thoroughly criticize and repudiate the

bourgeois reactionary line, and concentratedly expose and hit the small handful of power-holders in the Party headed by Li Pao-hua who follow the capitalist road. It must resolutely carry out the "Important Notice" approved for circulation by the Center on November 20, 1966 and the Eight-Point Order of the Military Committee approved by the Center for circulation, and guarantee the normal progress of big blooming, big contending, big-character posters, and big debates. It must freely mobilize the masses and follow the mass line in its work instead of monopolizing everything. It must resolutely support all Leftist mass organizations and between Leftist organizations must not arbitrarily support one side against another. Leftist organizations must be helped to overcome their defects and mistakes and rectify their thought, style of work, and organization. It must win over to the side of Chairman Mao's line the masses who have joined conservative organizations, and can deal with according to law only those counter-revolutionaries against whom there is conclusive evidence. Any declaration that a mass organization is a counter-revolutionary organization must first be approved by the Center. Vigorous measures must be taken to prevent bad men from utilizing the Military Control Committee for the purpose of suppressing the masses.

Through its various work the Military Control Committee must bring about a true proletarian revolutionary great alliance and make preparations for a provisional power organ of revolutionary "three-in-one combination."

(3) Two groups, one for "grasping revolution" and the other "promoting production," shall be set up under the Military Control Committee, to provide leadership for the great proletarian cultural revolution and to control industrial and agricultural production, finance-trade work, and calamity-relief work.

(4) [The Military Control Committee] shall immediately take over the Public Security Department and Public Security Bureau, select and appoint competent cadres as military representatives who can correctly carry out Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, support and rely on the true revolutionary factions, thoroughly expose the dark side of these two organs of dictator-

ship, and effectively carry out reform. The erroneous practice of indiscriminately ordering arrests and indiscriminate arrests must be resolutely corrected. The revolutionary masses and revolutionary cadres arrested because they held dissident views on the "January 26" seizure of power shall without exception be released, and those labeled "counter-revolutionaries" shall without exception be rehabilitated. Vigorous measures must be taken to prevent bad men from utilizing the organs of dictatorship to suppress the revolutionary masses and revolutionary cadres.

(5) [The Military Control Committee] shall immediately take over *New Anhwei Daily*, propagate the proletarian revolutionary line and all policies of the Party center headed by Chairman Mao, and forbid one revolutionary organization of one faction to attack another revolutionary organization of another faction. The erroneous propaganda that attitude toward the "January 26" seizure of power is the criterion for distinguishing revolutionaries from counter-revolutionaries must be stopped at once. In case newspapers cannot be published normally, New China News Agency new releases may be published as a temporary measure. The provincial radio broadcasting station should work according to the same principle.

(6) Judging by past and present facts, "August 27," "August 27 Revolution-to-the-End Liaison Post," "Red Revolutionary Committee," "Workers Rebel Joint Committee," Workers' 1st H.Q. and 3rd H.Q., and others, are all revolutionary mass organizations. All these organizations must carry out rectification, and both sides must stress self-criticism. Where differences of opinion in principle exist, normal discussions must be conducted. Beating people, smashing things, looting, ransacking, and arresting people is forbidden. Violent struggle is also forbidden.

(7) "Red Guard Army" of Hofei is a revolutionary mass organization which is opposed to the conservative "Chün Tsung" and which fights by the side of "August 27." However, this form of organization is not proper. It should be dealt with according to instruction from the Center. Members of this organization should go back to their original units and there join in the great cultural revolution. This organization shall not be

reactivated. The arrest of Comrade Yü Te-shui and the order for the arrest of Comrade Ch'eng Ming-yuan and others is wrong.

(8) The suppression of "Hofei Municipal Organs Revolutionary Workers Rebel H.Q. of Anhwei Province" is wrong. Provincial and municipal cadres should be supported in their effort to make revolution. The revolutionary cadres who have earlier come forward to support the revolutionary masses should in particular be given support.

(9) The case of suppression of "Red Guard Army" of Hofei and the death of Comrade Yü Te-shui should be investigated and made clear. An investigation group, formed of various revolutionary organizations (including the truly revolutionary cadres of the Public Security Department) and under the leadership of the military representative assigned to the Public Security Department, may conduct exclusive investigations.

Personnel who have taken part in the arrest of Yü Te-shui and handling of his case shall not be allowed to join this investigation group.

The CCP Central Committee

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