

CRITICISM OF CANTON RAILWAY AUTHORITIES' SUPPORT  
OF THE WU-HAN INCIDENT

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Mr. Lu Hsun (7627 6598) once said: "Descendents of a family which used to create rumors use rumors to kill people and are also themselves killed by rumors." A handful of persons taking the capitalist road in the Kwangtung Provincial Military Control Commission and a handful of bad leaders in the "revolutionary alliance" of the Kwangtung Railway Bureau, which was created and manipulated by the Military Control Commission, are precisely such "descendents from a rumor-making family."

If in the past the people knew very little about T'an Chen-lin (6223 7201 2651) of Kwangtung and the "revolutionary alliance" (or ch'un-lei) and did not recognize the character of a handful of persons in the "alliance," now they have an opportunity to know it. Through their attitude toward the "Wu-han issue," we can see that one was manipulating behind the scene and the other staging a show in the front. This completely exposed the ugly faces of those persons and the delicate relationships among them.

On the evening of 21 (July), news from Wu-han shook the proletarian revolutionary group in the Canton area. The hearts of revolutionary comrades are always close to each other. They were indignant at the incident in Wu-han. In the morning of 22 July, they held a huge demonstration and assembly. They denounced and condemned the flagrant crimes of Liu Shao-ch'i, China's Khrushchev, and his agent in Wu-han, Ch'en Tsai-tao (7115 0375 6670). At the same time, they resolutely supported the revolutionary rebelling group in Wu-han. Strike down Ch'en

Tsai-tao! Strike down the "revolutionary alliance"! Such was the strong voice of the revolutionary masses throughout the country.

However, at that moment a handful of bad elements in the "revolutionary alliance" of the Kwangtung Railway Bureau hastily called a meeting of liaison officers upon the order of their masters and with certain dirty purposes. Three persons (Ho X X and Wang X X, both members of the standing committee of the "revolutionary alliance," and Li X X, the principal responsible person of the alliance) spread rumors before the meeting. They cheated the masses and attacked the Central Cultural Revolutionary Committee. They also attempted to split the commanding headquarters of the proletariat and viciously insulted the revolutionary rebelling groups in the Wu-han and Canton areas. Can all this be tolerated?

We must solemnly point out that the July 22 meeting of the "revolutionary alliance" of the railway bureau was a typical black meeting. The statements made by the responsible persons of the alliance were actually great poisonous weeds. The man behind the scene was T'an Chen-lin of Kwangtung. The handful of persons taking the capitalist road in the Military Control Commission and the handful of bad leaders in the "revolutionary alliance" must plead guilty and accept the judgment of the revolutionary masses.

During that black meeting, the handful of bad rascals from the "revolutionary alliance" fully supported the agents and personal tools of Liu Shao-ch'i, Teng Hsiao-p'ing, and T'ao Chu in the Wu-han area. They did their best to beautify these agents and tools and praised the latter's achievements. They said: "Ch'en Tsai-tao is a member of the commanding headquarters of the proletariat. We cannot strike him down." "The one-million-man army is a leftist group which raises high the red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought. Recently, it made fast development. In fact, it is no longer a one-million-man army but a huge revolutionary organization consisting of two million soldiers." They also created rumors by saying that Prime Minister Chou received the one-million-man army and expressed his resolute support for the army's revolutionary actions." On the other hand, these agents of Liu, Teng, and T'ao profoundly hated those who held Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and those who associated themselves with the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao. They would not feel happy as long as their opponents are alive. They said: "Wang Li (3769 0500) is a time bomb planted in the Central Cultural Revolutionary Committee; his words only represent his personal opinions." They even claimed that "Wang Li may be delivered to the one-million-man army for struggle." At the same time, in order to convince the masses, they went so far as to say that "all these are Prime Minister Chou's directives." The handful of persons in the Canton

Military District and the handful of persons in the "revolutionary alliance" controlled by the District are really rascals. It is all clear as to what they like, what they hate, which line they take, and which class they represent.

As an editorial of Jen-min Jih-pao (People's Daily) said, "Rumors are short-legged; the more fantastic a rumor is, the quicker will it go bankrupt." Being given to understand the truth, the masses will soon wake up and counter-attack the rumor-makers. It is absolutely impossible to transform the masses into faithful slaves. "One picks up a stone, only to hit his own feet." This will be the end of those rumor-makers.

Rumors will never become facts. On the other hand, truth cannot be concealed. In the morning of 23 July, the spring wind from Peking moved away the fog spread by the handful of persons in the Military District taking the capitalist road. The Central People's Broadcasting Station announced that Comrades Hsieh Fu-chih (6200 1381 3112) and Wang Li had successfully returned to Peking. Upon hearing the news, the revolutionary masses began to revolt against the rumor-makers. They ordered the rumor-makers to openly review their counterrevolutionary offenses against the Central Cultural Revolutionary Committee. This frightened the handful of rascals in the Military Control Commission and the "revolutionary alliance" of the railway bureau. In order to pacify the masses, leaders of the "revolutionary alliance" secretly worked out a "three-point statement" in an attempt to close the case. However, the revolutionary masses could not be cheated. They did not accept the "statement." Under pressure, the rascals on 24 July threw out a "false review."

The "review" did not touch upon the problem, nor did it look into the substance of the problem. It mentioned nothing about the man who manipulated the black meeting of 22 July from behind the scene. Draftsmen of the review interpreted the political rumors as "misinterpretations" and "one-sided reports because of lack of first-hand materials" in order to get away from criminal responsibility and conceal the offenses of their masters. In addition, they also interpreted their poisonous rumors as "something for the masses' independent deliberation," in order to transfer their responsibility for the attack of the Central Cultural Revolutionary Committee to the masses.

We must serve a warning to you rascals: Shut up your mouth! Never spread poisons again! Never distort facts again! All your excuses, such as "misinterpretations," are lies. Let us ask you:

Do you have a large quantity of leaflets from the "one-million-man army" firmly supporting "all revolutionary actions

of the District Headquarters, Red Guard Headquarters, and the 'revolutionary alliance' in Canton? On 22 July, some of you had a long-distance phone call with the "one-million-man army" in order to understand the situation. You also informed the "one-million-man army" of the demonstration of the proletarian revolutionary group in Canton in the morning of 22 July supporting the rebelling group in Wu-han, and insulted the demonstration as a "rumor-making assembly." Isn't it true? In the liaison meeting of 22 July, you mentioned that your "accurate information" came from the Military Control Commission and after your telephone conversation with Cheng-chou and Wu-han. Is it true?

The slave's confession revealed his master's top secret. Your master--the handful of persons taking the capitalist road in the Canton Military District--repeatedly said: "The Canton Military District understands the Wu-han Military District very well; we have frequent contact with each other." "Ch'en Tsai-tao has some problems, but they are not serious. We cannot call for his downfall." "The one-million-man army is leftist." In addition, you were prepared to call a meeting on 23 July to support "Ch'en Tsai-tao and the one-million-man army." Is all this true? Who is the rumor-maker? The matter is very clear now. If you want to plead guilty, it is all right with us. If you want to deny your responsibility, we will not let you do it. It is obvious that you insist on the reactionary stand of the bourgeoisie against the proletarian commanding headquarters and prefer to attack the Central Cultural Revolutionary Committee. It is also obvious that you are in collaboration with Ch'en Tsai-tao and the "one-million-man army." Otherwise, why should you have supported those whom the proletarian revolutionary group wants to strike down? Why should you have wanted to strike down those whom the proletarian revolutionary group wants to support?

A great volume of facts have educated the masses. The handful of persons taking the capitalist road in the Canton Military District and the handful of bad leaders in the "revolutionary alliance" are the best teachers of the revolutionary masses; they teach the masses the other side of the story. Today, on the Wu-han question, they came out with full energy to stage a show. This irritated the proletarian revolutionary group and the revolutionary masses. It also educated the masses who were cheated by the "revolutionary alliance." It educated, above all, those who supported "the revolutionary alliance" and failed to see "who is our enemy and who is our friend." They now returned to Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and hit back at the enemy. More than twenty soldiers of the "revolutionary alliance" have come out of the alliance. It is a good thing.

The handful of persons taking the capitalist road in the Party and the army in the Canton District and the conservative organizations they control have **created** rumors.

They cheated their superiors and suppressed their subordinates. They ruthlessly oppressed the proletarian revolutionary group and supported the conservative forces in order to maintain their falling reactionary rule. Their action is completely against the interest of the masses of the people and the truth. Lenin said: "Lying is the death of justice which will inevitably lead to political demise." We are convinced that the handful of persons taking the capitalist road and manipulating the conservative organizations in the Party and the army in the Canton District will not be successful in their attempt to cheat the masses and to resist Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line. Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line will enlighten the millions of people in the country. This is historically inevitable.

History has no sentiment, and the past is our guide. It is hoped that all revolutionaries will compare the situation in the Canton District with that in the Wu-han District and reach a due conclusion.

We advise the handful of persons taking the capitalist road in the Canton Military District that your crime against the Central Committee of the Party, Chairman Mao, and the Central Cultural Revolutionary Committee deserves capital punishment. You must plead guilty to Chairman Mao and the Central Cultural Revolutionary Committee. If you refuse to repent and persist in your action, your fate will be the same as that of Chao Yung-fu (5392 3057 1133) of Ching-hai and Ch'en Tsai-tao of Wu-han!

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