

Birth of Provisional Supreme Organ of Power in Heilungkiang Province

A HUGE rally of 100,000 Heilungkiang red rebels and commanders and fighters of the People's Liberation Army units stationed in that province was held in the city of Harbin on January 31 to mark the great alliance of the red rebels and their seizure of power. The setting up of the Heilungkiang Red Rebels' Revolutionary Committee—the provisional supreme organ of power in Heilungkiang—was formally proclaimed.

The founding of Heilungkiang's provisional supreme organ of power signifies a great historic turning point in the great proletarian cultural revolution of the province. Formed after full preparation and consultation, the Revolutionary Committee is made up of responsible members of the various allied general headquarters of the red rebels corps and responsible members of the Provincial Military Command and the leading members of the Provincial Party Committee who uphold Chairman Mao's revolutionary line.

The Revolutionary Committee's first proclamation and an appeal to take firm hold of the revolution and promote production were read at the rally. The proclamation solemnly declared that all Party, government, financial and cultural power of the former Provincial Party Committee and Provincial People's Council belongs to the Revolutionary Committee as from the day of its founding. The leadership of the Provincial Party Committee and the Provincial People's Council was thereby put to an end. The Provincial Revolutionary Committee leads and resolutely supports genuine proletarian revolutionary groups throughout the province in allying their forces on the basis of Mao Tse-tung's thought and seizing power from those in the Party who are in authority and are taking the capitalist road and the diehards who cling to the bourgeois reactionary line in each locality.

Representatives of the worker, peasant and student revolutionary rebel groups who spoke at the rally warmly acclaimed the founding of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee and expressed their determination to strive for the complete victory of the proletariat's struggle for power. The speakers laid particular stress on the fact that the basic question of revolution is that of political power. Following Chairman Mao's instructions, they said, the red rebels of Heilungkiang have now formed an alliance to seize power; all the power formerly in the hands of those in the Party who are in authority and are taking the capitalist road, who have long entrenched themselves in Heilungkiang, are now in the hands of the proletarian revolutionaries.

This is a great victory of the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung, a new success for the great proletarian cultural revolution!

Sung Jen-chiung, First Secretary of the Northeast Bureau of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, Pan Fu-sheng, former First Secretary of the Heilungkiang Provincial Party Committee, Wang Chia-tao, Commander of the Heilungkiang Military Command, and Yu Hao-yang, a responsible member of a P.L.A. unit stationed in Heilungkiang, took part and spoke at the rally.

Representing the Secretariat of the Northeast Bureau, Sung Jen-chiung expressed his determination to stand on the side of the red rebels and strive to the end for the realization of the fighting tasks put forward by the rally. He said: "I had committed errors of line. However, under the guidance of Chairman Mao, I am determined to rectify past mistakes and staunchly follow Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. I will firmly stand shoulder to shoulder with the revolutionary rebels, fight together with them and triumph with them."

In his speech, Pan Fu-sheng expressed his firm determination to fight together with the red rebels to seize all power from the handful of persons in the Party who are in authority and are taking the capitalist road and from the diehards who cling to the bourgeois reactionary line. He said: "We were right to seize power; we did well, very well!" He warmly congratulated the birth of the Heilungkiang Red Rebels' Revolutionary Committee.

Representing the Provincial Military Command and the commanders and fighters of the P.L.A. units stationed in Heilungkiang, Wang Chia-tao and Yu Hao-yang extended the warmest congratulations and the strongest support to the rally. At this crucial moment in the struggle for power, they said, the P.L.A. resolutely responds to the great fighting call of the great leader Chairman Mao to actively support the masses of the revolutionary Left. They said: "Red rebel comrades-in-arms! Go and rebel against the bourgeois overlords! We firmly support you and pledge to stand foursquare behind you; we will resolutely take proletarian dictatorship measures against counter-revolutionary organizations and elements, and safeguard the great cultural revolution."

The rally approved a message saluting our great leader Chairman Mao with tumultuous applause and cheers.

The message reads in part:

“Today is a great occasion for the red rebels of Heilungkiang, for the commanders and fighters of the Chinese P.L.A. units stationed in this province, and for the revolutionary masses here. From the very bottom of our hearts, we most heartily wish you a long, long life!”

“We have thoroughly denounced a handful of persons in the Party who are in authority and are taking the capitalist road and the diehards who cling to the bourgeois reactionary line. We have dismissed them from office and seized their power. A brand-new, red Heilungkiang is born! The penetrating rays and power of the great and invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung

have struck hard blows at Soviet revisionism and the U.S.-Japanese reactionaries and smashed their criminal plot of vainly attempting to attack the Chinese People's Republic from Heilungkiang Province.”

“In the course of our struggle, we have come to realize that, as long as we hold high the banner of the great alliance of the proletarian revolutionary rebels and the banner of the seizure of power in accordance with your instructions, and unite and ally with all revolutionary forces, we will sweep away all our enemies and be ever victorious.”

After the conclusion of the rally, a huge demonstration took place.