

The Situation in Shanghai Is Excellent And Inspiring

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SHANGHAI is astir. The ten million people there are exhilarated and thunderous cheers resound all along the Whangpoo River. Shanghai's armymen and civilians are enthusiastically celebrating our Party having a new leader of its own in Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and warmly hailing the great victory in smashing the plot of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Chun-chiao, Chiang Ching and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power. In these days of great rejoicing, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng decided to place Comrades Su Chen-hua, Ni Chih-fu and Peng Chung in charge of the work of the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee and dismiss Chang Chun-chiao, Yao Wen-yuan and Wang Hung-wen from all posts inside and outside the Party in Shanghai. Showing the Party Central Committee's deep concern and great support for the armymen and people of Shanghai, this has won their warm support.

The "gang of four" anti-Party clique carried out many anti-Party conspiratorial activities for a long time behind the backs of the Party Central Committee and the people of Shanghai. Even when their collapse was imminent, they still put up stubborn resistance in a last-ditch struggle. As Chairman Mao said, "the reactionaries will be lifting a rock only to drop it on their own toes." As was the case in other parts of the country, the conspirators and careerists Wang Hung-wen, Chang Chun-chiao, Chiang Ching and Yao Wen-yuan completely lost popular support and were extremely isolated in Shanghai. The more undisguised their performances, the more thoroughly they exposed themselves. Their perverse actions were long seen through by the people of Shanghai who hated them to the marrow. As soon as the "gang of four" was exposed, the wrath of Shanghai's people erupted like a volcano. With great proletarian indignation, they denounced the towering crimes of the "gang of four." Wang, Chang, Chiang and Yao now are like rats scurrying across the street with everybody yelling: "Kill them! Kill them!"

Shanghai is the birthplace of the great Communist Party of China. The Shanghai working class and other people have a glorious revolutionary tradition. The great leader Chairman Mao showed great concern for the working class and other revolutionary people of Shanghai during his lifetime. In the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, the Shanghai people, guided by Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, started the "January storm" which pushed forward the move-

ment of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in all parts of the country. They also made great achievements in the movement to criticize Lin Piao and Confucius, in the struggle to criticize Teng Hsiao-ping and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse correct verdicts and in grasping revolution and promoting production. Carrying on the revolutionary spirit of the "January storm," they are now launching fierce attacks on Wang, Chang, Chiang and Yao, a bunch of unrepentant capitalist-roaders still travelling on the capitalist road. In this struggle, the working class and other people of Shanghai and the broad masses of Party members and cadres have obeyed the commands of the Party Central Committee in all their actions, taken a clear-cut and firm stand, fought heroically and made important contributions. The P.L.A. units of the three services stationed in Shanghai have joined the broad masses of the people in a united struggle and won new merit. Shanghai's militia have stood firm on the side of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. Shanghai's working class is worthy of being called a working class armed with Mao Tsetung Thought and having a high level of political consciousness, the P.L.A. units stationed in Shanghai are worthy soldiers of the people loyal to the Party and Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, and the Shanghai people are worthy of being called a heroic people. Let us salute the heroic armymen and people of Shanghai!

The situation in Shanghai is excellent and very inspiring. Rallying most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, following its strategic plan and keeping firmly to the general orientation of the struggle, the people of Shanghai are concentrating their fire on the "gang of four," exposing and repudiating its counter-revolutionary crimes politically, ideologically and organizationally. They are conscientiously studying works by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin and by Chairman Mao and striving to grasp the weapon of criticism. They are resolutely implementing Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and policies and forming a mighty revolutionary contingent by uniting with all the forces that can be united with. They are actively supporting the socialist new things and consolidating and developing the achievements of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. They are adhering to the principle of grasping revolution, promoting production. The revolution is vigorously surging ahead and production is going up

markedly. All this is very important for the further development of the excellent situation.

Shanghai's people are of one heart with the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and with the people throughout the country. Under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the leadership of the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee, they are determined to persist in taking class struggle as the key link,

adhere to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and carry the great struggle to smash the "gang of four" anti-Party clique through to the end. We are convinced that in this struggle the working class and other revolutionary people of Shanghai will do still better in all work and make still greater contributions to the socialist revolution and socialist construction in our country.

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