

# The Nation Celebrates Great Historic Victory

— Mammoth rallies in all provinces, municipalities, autonomous regions and People's Liberation Army units warmly hail Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as leader of the Communist Party of China and angrily denounce crimes of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique

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**M**AMMOTH rallies with from tens of thousands taking part to one million participants were held in all provinces, municipalities, autonomous regions and P.L.A. units throughout China from October 21 to 25 warmly celebrating Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Chairman of the Military Commission of the C.P.C. Central Committee and warmly celebrating the great victory of shattering the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Chun-chiao, Chiang Ching and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power.

The whole nation was astir when the happy news spread across the land. A jubilant atmosphere prevailed in the cities and countryside. Millions of people went into the streets and everywhere red flags flew and buildings were decorated with festive lanterns and bunting.

There were celebration meetings all over the country. In Peking, one million armymen and civilians held a grand rally on October 24 to celebrate the great historic victory (see our issue No. 44).

A million armymen and civilians took part in a grand mass rally the same day in Shanghai, the birthplace of the Communist Party of China.

Early in the morning, workers, peasants, commanders and fighters of the People's Liberation Army, militia, students, government cadres, revolutionary intellectuals and other inhabitants, dressed in their holiday best and beaming with joy, marched in orderly columns to converge on the People's Square and 20 other venues in various districts and counties, carrying portraits of Chairman Mao and Chairman Hua, holding red flags, bouquets, colourful bunting and rosettes, and beating drums and cymbals.

The rally opened with the playing of *The East Is Red*. The participants first listened to or watched the live radio and television broadcasts of the Peking celebration rally. They cheered with great elation as Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and other Party and state leaders mounted the rostrum of Tien An Men Gate. Countless colourful balloons rose to the skies amid deafening cheers and exploding firecrackers. The speeches by Comrade

Wu Teh and representatives of the workers, peasants, soldiers and Red Guards in the capital were punctuated by the thunderous applause of the Shanghai participants, which merged harmoniously with the clapping in the broadcast from Tien An Men Square.

The celebration rally was attended by leading members of the Party, government and army in Shanghai. It was presided over by Ma Tien-shui, Secretary of the C.P.C. Shanghai Municipal Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Revolutionary Committee. Then, Chou Chun-lin, Secretary of the C.P.C. Shanghai Municipal Committee and Commander of the P.L.A. Shanghai Garrison, read out a message of salute to be sent by the rally to Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the Party Central Committee.

The message said: The smashing of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique by the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng reflects the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and people of all nationalities throughout the country as well as the ardent wishes and revolutionary demands of the 10 million Shanghai armymen and people. Carrying out Chairman Mao's behests, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has made a wise decision and taken resolute measures to rid our Party of a big scourge. The smashing of the scheme of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power once again substantially proves that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a Party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist Party, and as a great, glorious and correct Party. It shows that the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao in China is thriving and has worthy successors; it proves that it is not easy for the class enemies, whether at home or abroad and whether inside or outside the Party, to crush our Party and that they are doomed to failure!

The message said: The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is the most ferocious enemy of the whole Party, the whole army and people of all nationalities throughout the country and also the most ferocious enemy of Shanghai's people. Disguised as the "Left,"

for a long time they wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, engaged in sectarian activities to split the Party and schemed to usurp Party and state power. They are out-and-out counter-revolutionary revisionists, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party who suck the workers' blood and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still taking the capitalist road. Like all other people in the country, we Shanghai people bitterly hate this gang of pests. Now, the Shanghai people's indignation is erupting like a volcano and the furious storms of the people's struggle are pounding and routing the "gang of four."

The message said: Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua, the great victory in crushing the anti-Party "gang of four" fully proves that you are Chairman Mao's best and most trustworthy successor and that you are worthy of being the revolutionary leader of the 800 million people. The 10 million armymen and people of Shanghai make this solemn vow to the Party Central Committee headed by you: We are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by you, obey its commands in all our actions and defend it with our blood and lives. Should there be anyone who opposes the Party Central Committee headed by you, we'll fight resolutely to overthrow him!

The message said: We armymen and people of Shanghai are determined to live up to the Party Central Committee's warm solicitude and earnest hopes, resolutely carry out its directives, follow its strategic plans, keep to the general orientation of the struggle, unite with all the forces that can be united with, and concentrate our fire in thoroughly exposing, repudiating and settling accounts with the "gang of four" for their counter-revolutionary crimes. We armymen and people of Shanghai pledge to unite closely with the people of the whole country and completely shatter the criminal scheme of the "gang of four" to sow dissension and create splits. We will fight on till complete victory.

The message of salute spoke the minds of Shanghai's 10 million people. With great joy, they paraded in massive columns after the rally.

In a similar warm atmosphere, mammoth rallies were held in 27 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions including Tientsin and Liaoning Province. Local Party, government and army leading comrades presided over the meetings and made speeches. Among the speakers were worker, peasant, soldier and Red Guard representatives. In one voice, they said: We resolutely support Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Chairman of the Military Commission of the C.P.C. Central Committee, we warmly hail the great victory of smashing the "gang of four" anti-Party clique, we warmly hail the speedy realization of the wise decision by our great leader Chairman Mao during his lifetime. The masses of people pledged to rally closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, carry out Chairman Mao's behests; take 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 through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao in China.

In north China's Tientsin, one million armymen and civilians held a celebration rally on October 22. It was presided over by Wang Yi, Secretary of the C.P.C. Tientsin Municipal Committee and Commander of the Tientsin Garrison. Hsieh Hsueh-kung, First Secretary of the C.P.C. Tientsin Municipal Committee, Chairman of the Tientsin Municipal Revolutionary Committee and First Political Commissar of the Tientsin Garrison, addressed the meeting. He said that the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng "provides a reliable guarantee to our Party, our army and the people of all nationalities throughout our country in carrying out Chairman Mao's

behests and carrying through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao in China. It is a heavy blow to the bourgeoisie inside the Party and to all class enemies at home and abroad." He said that by smashing the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power, the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng "has rid the Party and the people of a big scourge, performed a great meritorious service and added a glorious page in the annals of our Party founded by Chairman Mao."

In northeast China's Shenyang, 2.5 million armymen and civilians from various parts of Liaoning Province, the P.L.A. Shenyang Units and the city of Shenyang



P.L.A. armymen at the celebration rally in Shenyang.



At the celebration rally in Taiyuan.

held a rally and demonstration on October 22. Li Teh-sheng, Member of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Commander of the P.L.A. Shenyang Units, and Tseng Shao-shan, First Secretary of the Liaoning Provincial Party Committee, Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee and Political Commissar of the P.L.A. Shenyang Units, attended the rally.

Comrade Tseng Shao-shan said at the rally: "The struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism." He hailed the smashing of the anti-Party clique as an event much to the satisfaction of the people. "The Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng has resolutely and courageously defended Mao Tsetung Thought and faithfully carried out Chairman Mao's instructions. It is of one heart with the people of the whole country," he pointed out.

Braving a snowstorm on October 23, half a million army men and civilians in Changchun, capital of Kirin Province, took part in a rally. Held the same day in Harbin, capital of China's northernmost Heilungkiang Province, a similar meeting was attended by 800,000 army men and civilians. Wang

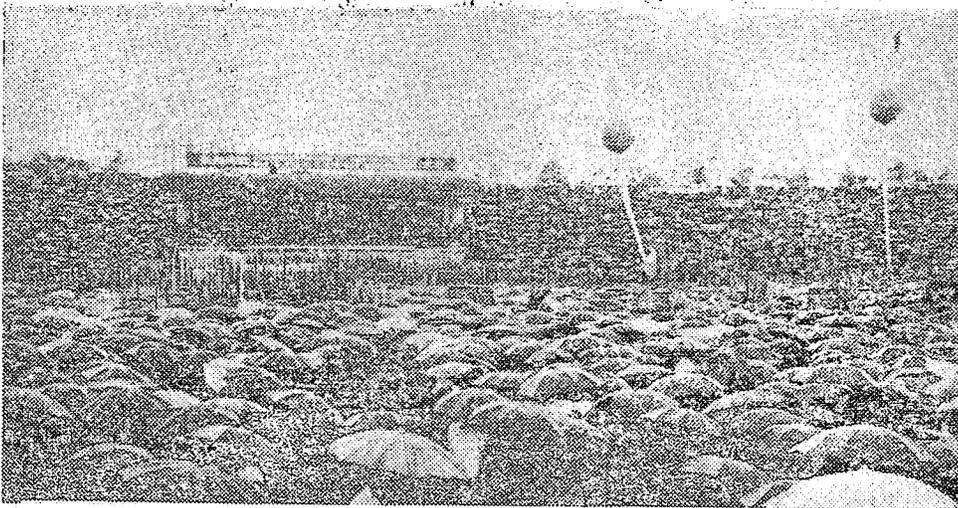
Huai-hsiang, First Secretary of the Kirin Provincial Party Committee and Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee, and Liu Kuang-tao, Second Secretary of the Heilungkiang Provincial Party Committee, First Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee and Political Commissar of the Provincial Military Area Command, spoke at the respective meetings. On behalf of the army men and civilians of the two provinces, they both said that they will rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, obey the commands of the Party Central Committee in all their actions, thoroughly settle accounts with the counter-revolutionary crimes of the "gang of four," and carry this great struggle through to the end. Comrade Liu Kuang-tao said: Heilungkiang Province "is on the northern frontiers,

we must heighten our vigilance, step up preparedness against war and be ready at all times to smash any enemy who dares to invade us."

Celebration rallies of 200,000 to 500,000 participants took place in Shihchiachuang, capital of Hopei Province, Taiyuan, capital of Shansi Province, and Huhehot, capital of the Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region. Liu Tzu-hou, First Secretary of the Hopei Provincial Party Committee and Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee; Wang Chien, First Secretary of the Shansi Provincial Party Committee and Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee; and Yu Tai-chung, First Secretary of the Party Committee of the



At the mass rally in Nanking.



Despite rain, army men and civilians hold big rally in Changsha.

Autonomous Region of Inner Mongolia, Chairman of the Regional Revolutionary Committee and Commander of the P.L.A. Inner Mongolian Regional Military Area Command, spoke at the respective rallies. Comrade Yu Tai-chung said: "This was a wise decision by our great leader Chairman Mao, who wrote to Comrade Hua Kuo-feng in his own handwriting, 'With you in charge, I'm at ease,' which shows his boundless trust in Comrade Hua Kuo-feng."

In east China, there were mass rallies by army men and civilians in Tsinan, Nanking, Hofei, Hangchow, Foochow and Nanchang, capitals of Shantung, Kiangsu, Anhwei, Chekiang, Fukien and Kiangsi Provinces.

Speaking at the rallies were Pai Ju-ping, First Secretary of the Shantung Provincial Party Committee and Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee; Hsu Chia-tun, Secretary of the Kiangsu Provincial Party Committee; Sung Pei-chang, First Secretary of the Anhwei Provincial Party Committee, Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee and First Political Commissar of the P.L.A. Anhwei Military Area Command; Tieh Ying, Secretary of the Chekiang Provincial Party Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee; Chiang Li-yin, Secretary of the Fukien Provincial Party Committee; Chiang Wei-ching, First Secretary of the Kiangsi Provincial Party Committee, Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee and Political Commissar of the P.L.A. Foochow Units.

They said that the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng had carried out Chairman Mao's behests and wisely and resolutely shattered the plot of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power. This fully showed the outstanding proletarian ability and boldness and vision of the Party Central Committee which had won the warm support and deep love of the whole Party and the people throughout the country.

Comrade Pai Ju-ping said: "The crushing of the plot of the 'gang of four' to usurp Party and state

power has rid our Party of a big scourge, saved the revolution and the Party and consolidated the dictatorship of the proletariat in our country."

Comrade Sung Pei-chang said: "We will always fight heroically in defence of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and of our socialist motherland."

Also addressing the local mass rallies were Tseng Ssu-yu, First Secretary of the P.L.A. Tsinan Units Party Committee and Commander of the P.L.A. Tsinan Units; Liao Han-sheng, Political Commissar of the P.L.A. Nanking Units; and Li Chih-min, Political Commissar of the P.L.A. Foochow Units. On behalf of the commanders and fighters of the ground, naval and air forces in these units, they pledged heartfelt support for Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the C.P.C. Central Committee, and angrily denounced the heinous crimes of the "gang of four" in conspiring to usurp Party and state power.

Comrade Li Chih-min said: "We will rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey its commands in all our actions." "We will firmly implement Chairman Mao's concepts and line on army building, strengthen army and militia building, improve army-civilian joint defence, take effective steps to enhance preparedness against war, and be ready at all times to wipe out any enemy that dares to intrude. We are determined to liberate our country's sacred territory of Taiwan Province."

In the south China city of Kwangchow, one million army men and civilians of Kwangtung Province and the city of Kwangchow held a mammoth celebration rally. The rally was presided over by Hsu Shih-yu, Member of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Commander of the P.L.A. Kwangchow Units, and was addressed by Wei Kuo-ching, Member of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee, First Secretary of the Kwangtung Provincial Party Committee, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Revolutionary Committee and First Political Commissar of the P.L.A. Kwangchow Units.

Comrade Wei Kuo-ching indignantly denounced the towering crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four." He said, "They schemed and intrigued and wantonly carried out sectarian activities to split the Party and usurp Party and state power. They fran-

tically opposed the great leader Chairman Mao and Premier Chou En-lai, opposed the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as proposed by Chairman Mao himself and opposed the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. They butted in everywhere, stirred up trouble and plotted to overthrow large numbers of leading comrades in the Party, government and army at the central and local levels so as to usurp Party and state leadership."

"This 'gang of four,' he pointed out, "is a bunch of extremely insidious and vicious conspirators and careerists, a gang of thoroughly rotten counter-revolutionary revisionists, out-and-out typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, and a handful of unrepentant capitalist-roaders still travelling on the capitalist road. With the smashing of the counter-revolutionary, conspiratorial 'gang of four,' a big scourge has been removed from the Party, to the great satisfaction of the people."

Grand celebration rallies were also held in the provincial capitals of Chengchow (Honan), Wuhan (Hupeh), Changsha (Hunan) and in the Kwangsi Chuang Autonomous Region's capital Nanning.

Addressing the grand rally in Wuhan attended by 1.3 million armymen and civilians of Hupeh Province, Yang Teh-chih, First Secretary of the Party Committee of the P.L.A. Wuhan Units and the units' commander, relayed the decisions of the Party Central Committee.

Chao Hsin-chu, First Secretary of the Hupeh Provincial Party Committee and Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee, said in his address: "The selection of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as leader of our Party and state is a wise and far-sighted decision by our beloved Chairman Mao."

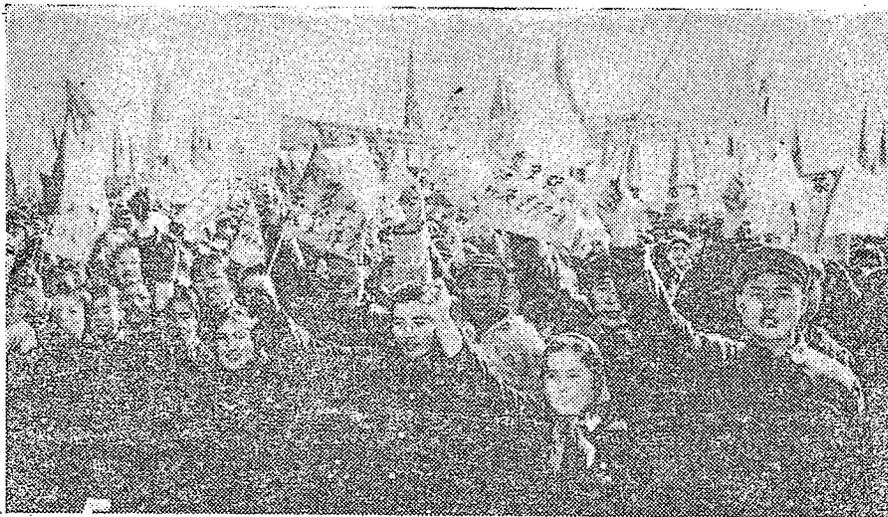
Chang Ping-hua, Second Secretary of the Hunan Provincial Party Committee, First Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee and Political Commissar of the P.L.A. Kwangchow Units, said at the huge rally in Changsha: "We, the people of Chairman Mao's home province, are determined to carry out Chairman Mao's behests and, under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, do still better in the socialist revolution and socialist construction in Chairman Mao's home province and strive to make a greater contribution to humanity."

Liu Chien-hsun, First Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee, Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee of Honan Province and First Political Commissar of the Honan Military Area Command, spoke at the Chengchow mass rally. An Ping-sheng, First Secretary

of the Party Committee and Chairman of the Revolutionary Committee of the Kwangsi Chuang Autonomous Region and First Political Commissar of the Kwangsi Military Area Command, addressed the Nanning rally.

At the rally of 600,000 in Sian, the capital of Shensi Province, northwest China, Li Jui-shan, First Secretary of the Shensi Provincial Party Committee, Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee and First Political Commissar of the Shensi Military Area Command, called on all Communist Party members, revolutionary cadres, P.L.A. commanders and fighters and the broad masses of revolutionary people in the province to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. He also called upon them to wage a resolute struggle against the "gang of four" by thoroughly exposing and repudiating its towering crimes in betraying Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, tampering with Chairman Mao's directives, practising revisionism and splittism and conspiring and attempting to usurp Party and state power.

In Urumchi, the northwest frontier city and capital of the Sinkiang Uighur Autonomous Region, 300,000 armymen and civilians held a grand rally. The rally was presided over by Yang Yung, Second Secretary of the Party Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Committee of the Sinkiang Uighur Autonomous Region and Commander of the Sinkiang Military Area Command, Ismayil Aymat, and Kuo Lin-hsiang, Political Commissars of the Sinkiang Military Area Command, relayed the Party Central Committee's decisions in the Uighur and Han languages. Saifudin, Alternate Member of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, First Secretary of the Party Committee of the Sinkiang Uighur Autonomous Region and Chairman of the Regional Revolutionary Committee and First Political Commissar of the P.L.A. Sinkiang Military Area Command, spoke on behalf of the over ten million armymen and people in



At the big Urumchi rally of armymen and civilians.



At the celebration rally in Kunming.

the autonomous region. He said they would rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey its orders in all actions, carry out Chairman Mao's behests and carry the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered in China by Chairman Mao through to the end.

"We must abide by the basic principles of 'practise Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire,'" he said. "Strengthen the unity of Party organizations at various levels, strengthen the unity among the nationalities and the unity between the army and the people, heighten our vigilance a hundredfold, step up preparedness against war and guard against subversive activities, sabotage and surprise attacks by the Soviet revisionists." "Any enemy that dares to intrude will be drowned in the vast ocean of people's war," he declared.

Big celebration rallies were held in Kansu and Chinghai Provinces and in the Ningsia Hui Autonomous Region. Sung Ping, Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee of Kansu, presided over the Lanchow rally of 300,000 armymen and civilians. Hsien Henghan, First Secretary of the Kansu Provincial Party Committee, Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee and Political Commissar of the P.L.A. Lanchow Units, and Han Hsien-chau, Commander of the P.L.A. Lanchow Units, addressed the meeting. Sung Chang-keng, Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee of Chinghai and First Political Commissar of the Chinghai Military Area Command, presided over the rally at Sining. Chang Chiang-lin, Second Secretary of the Chinghai Provincial Party Committee, First Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Com-

mittee and Commander of the Chinghai Military Area Command, addressed the Lanchow rally. Kang Chien-min, First Secretary of the Party Committee and Chairman of the Revolutionary Committee of the Ningsia Hui Autonomous Region, addressed the big rally in Yinchuan, the autonomous region's capital. The rally was attended by armymen and people of various nationalities in the region.

Mass rallies were also held in Chengtu, capital of Szechuan Province; in Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province; in Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow Province; and in Lhasa, capital of the Tibet Autonomous Region. Leading comrades who addressed these rallies were: Chao Tzu-yang, First Secretary of the Szechuan Provincial Party Committee and Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee, Chia Chi-yun, First Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee, Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee of Yunnan and Political Commissar of the P.L.A. Kunming Units; and Li Pao-hua, Second Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee of Kweichow; and Jen Jung, First Secretary of the Party Committee and Acting Chairman of the Revolutionary Committee of the Tibet Autonomous Region and First Political Commissar of the Tibet Military Area Command.

Liu Hsing-yuan, Commander of the P.L.A. Chengtu Units, presided over the mass rally in Chengtu of some 800,000 armymen and civilians. Comrade Chao Tzu-yang said at the rally: "The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, firm and steady and wise and resolute, stood its ground, waged a tit-for-tat struggle against the 'gang of four' and at the critical moment when the fate of our Party and state was at stake shattered with one blow the gang's scheme to usurp Party and state power. This removed a big scourge from our Party and saved our Party, the revolution and our country."

Tien Pao, Secretary of the Party Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Committee of the Tibet Autonomous Region and Second Political Commissar of the Tibet Military Area Command, relayed the Party Central Committee's decisions to the huge rally at Lhasa. On behalf of the people of various nationalities of Tibet, Comrade Jen Jung said: "We will most closely rally round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, fight resolutely against the 'gang of four' anti-Party clique and thoroughly expose the ugly countenances of these counter-revolutionary double-dealers."

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The mammoth rallies all sent messages of salute to Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, the Party Central Committee and the Military Commission of the C.P.C. Central Committee. The messages said with extreme enthusiasm that the whole Party, the whole army and the 800 million people of the country warmly hailed Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as the leader of our Party and the victory in smashing the "gang of four" anti-Party clique, and expressed their determination to march forward under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

Patriotic personages in Peking on October 26 held a celebration rally expressing their determination to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, and thoroughly expose and criticize the towering crimes of the "gang of four." Ngapo Ngawang-Jigme, Hsu Teh-heng and Hu Chueh-wen, Vice-Chairmen of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress; Shen Yen-

ping, Vice-Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, and Liu Yu-fa, a leading member of the Department of United Front Work of the Party Central Committee also spoke at the meetings.

On October 23 over a hundred patriotic compatriots of Taiwan Province in Peking also held a meeting to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the C.P.C. Central Committee, and warmly hail the great victory of the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng which adopted resolute measures to carry out Chairman Mao's behests in compliance with the common aspirations of the hundreds of millions of people, in promptly and resolutely smashing with one blow the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four" anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power.

Tsai Hsiao and Lin Li-yun, Members of the Party Central Committee and compatriots of Taiwan Province, presided over and addressed the meeting.