



Young Red Guard Sung Yao-wu puts a red arm band on Chairman Mao.

I Put a Red Guard Arm Band on Chairman Mao!

ON August 18, when I saw our most beloved and respected leader Chairman Mao on the Tien An Men rostrum, my heart leaped for joy. I asked the comrade presiding over the mass rally if I could present a red arm band to Chairman Mao to express the boundless faith of all the Red Guards in Chairman Mao and their boundless love for him. He took me to Chairman Mao. Elated, I put the arm band of the Red Guards around the arm of our great leader.

Tall and broad in stature and in radiant health, Chairman Mao wore an olive-green army uniform and cap, and the bright red of his collar insignia stirred me to my innermost soul. Seeing him in such ex-

cellent health, I felt enormous happiness. I wanted to shout, "Long life, long, long life to Chairman Mao!"

Chairman Mao asked my name. I answered, "My name is Sung Pin-pin." The Chairman asked, "Is the 'pin' the one in the well-known expression *wen chih pin pin* (be gentle and refined)?" When I replied, "Yes", the Chairman said affectionately, "You should be 'yao wu' (militant)."

I returned to my place, but my heart would not calm down. Chairman Mao's words continued to ring in my ears: "You should be militant." These words struck home deeply in me and made me see that I was very far from Chairman

Mao's requirement. They pointed out the direction in which I should go. Though I had not done much since the beginning of the great cultural revolution, I had got the opportunity to see Chairman Mao. The fact that I put a red arm band on him with my own hands thrilled me with supreme happiness. Yet I was ashamed. I was more determined than ever to carry on the revolution and not to fall short of Chairman Mao's expectations. I will be militant, dash forward and carry through to the end the great proletarian cultural revolution.*

Before the liberation, our revolutionary predecessors followed Chairman Mao, took a tight grip on their guns, crossed mountains and rivers and fought many battles until, meeting counter-revolutionary violence with revolutionary violence, they created the new China. Thus political power came out of the barrels of their guns. "Be militant." This was necessary and true in the past, is necessary and true now and will continue to be necessary and true in the future. This truth applies to China and it applies to all the nations and peoples of the world.

Today, in this new stage of the socialist revolution, the great proletarian cultural revolution, we should learn from our revolutionary predecessors and be militant. Chairman Mao showed his militant spirit when he met the one million people of the rally in an ordinary army uniform. "A revolution is not a dinner party, or writing an essay, or painting a picture, or doing embroidery..." Chairman Mao has always taught us, "A revolution is an insurrection, an act of violence by which one class overthrows another." He also told us, "He who is not afraid of death by a thousand cuts dares to unhorse the emperor." This is to urge us to bring into full play the revolutionary spirit of rebellion which dares to charge forward and dares to act. Formerly, the revisionist educational system held us tightly tied down, attempting to rub away our sharp revolutionary edges and corners, trying to make us "refined" bookworms who would not dare to rebel. In the great proletarian cultural revolution today, Chairman Mao has

pointed out the direction for us. We have risen to rebel, to fight! The change from "refined" to "militant" reflects a great change in the people's minds and the coming of age of our young revolutionary soldiers. This is a product of the great proletarian cultural revolution, an event of historic significance.

From the words "be militant", we can see the boundless hopes Chairman Mao has for the revolutionary younger generation. Our most, most beloved and respected Chairman Mao, please put your mind at rest! We are successors to the revolution, and we will be true rebels against the old world. We will rebel and continue to make revolution. We will break all fetters, dash forward along the road of liberation, and smash to smithereens all the old ideas, old culture, old customs and old habits.

We know that the road of revolution is not smooth, but tortuous. All sorts of obstacles may still appear in the road of our advance. But for Chairman Mao and for the sake of the revolution, I dare to brave mountains of daggers, seas of flames and monstrous roaring waves. As long as we continue

to study Chairman Mao's works, follow his teachings, bring the "militant" spirit into full play, there is no difficulty in the world we cannot conquer. We should learn to swim by swimming, and grow up in struggle. We will carry the heavy burden of the revolution and hold the great power of the revolution firmly in our hands. Chairman Mao, we pledge: Capitalism will never be restored in China. We will neither allow China to change colour in our generation nor in the next. We will keep China red for ever and ever, and let its red rays shine over all the world.

The future of China belongs to us. The future of the world belongs to us. We are determined to give full play to the militant spirit, follow Chairman Mao and go forward in the great storms and waves of class struggle, carrying through to the end the great proletarian cultural revolution!

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* After Sung Pin-pin left the rally, she changed her name to Sung Yao-wu.

Chairman Mao Received Us Red Guards!

TODAY is really the happiest, happiest, great happy day for all of us Red Guards and all the revolutionary teachers and students! Today, our most respected and beloved leader Chairman Mao received us, representatives of the Red Guards, on the Tien An Men Gate. The great, happy moment for which we had always longed has finally come.

At 7 o'clock in the morning, we soldiers of the Red Guards ascended the Tien An Men Gate in line. We were stirred to the very soul. Our most respected and be-

loved Chairman Mao was going to receive us, an event of great happiness which we had never dreamed would come true! At that moment the Red Guards had only one thought: Chairman Mao is coming! Long live Chairman Mao! Long, long life to Chairman Mao!

Five minutes past 8. Unable to control their feelings, Red Guards Sung Po-lin, Lo Hsiao-hai and Han Chun rushed into the hall at the top of the Gate and stood beside our most respected and beloved leader Chairman Mao. At the sight of him, they forgot everything; all