

## CHOU EN-LAI'S REMARK ON 30 AUGUST 1966

[Following are the main points of a wall poster entitled "Chou En-lai's 30 August (1966) Speech," copied by a primary unit of the Peking Municipal Party Committee on 6 November and reprinted by the "Prairie Fire" Fighting Detachment of the Tsinan University History Department on 2 December 1966.]

In this speech, Chou En-lai discusses family background and what one is. He states that the most important thing is what one does, not what the circumstances of his birth were. Chou talks about his own background and gives examples of what difficulties the Party suffered during twenty-eight years of its existence. He says there were five stages during this period, those of Ch'en Tu-hsiu, Ch'u Ch'iu-pai, Hsiang Chung-fa and Li Li-san, Wang Ming, and Chang Wen-t'ien. He says the Party has survived these people and that the sun always comes out -- Mao Tse-tung is the sun. He says that it is wrong to cover up mistakes; they must be faced squarely. Asking what one can do if there is not enough time, he answers that he should spend less time sleeping. Chou points out that he himself sleeps only four or five hours. He says this is the way to find time to liberate oneself.