

FIRST RALLY OF PART OF RED GUARDS IN CANTON HELD
Canton, Hung-wei Pao, 3 September 1966

In the midst of the new upsurge of the great proletarian cultural revolution, Red Guards in a number of middle schools and some post secondary colleges in Canton, following a consultation, held their first rally ceremoniously in the Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall this morning [3 September].

The rally was attended by more than 4,000 Red Guards. At the rally they solemnly vowed: We will strive to study the thought of Mao Tse-tung, resolutely implement it, positively propagate it, and courageously defend it; we will strive to study the 16 points, implement them fully, and carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end!...

The meeting was attended by responsible members of the CCP Central Committee's Central-South Bureau, the CCP Kwangtung Provincial Committee, the CCP Canton Municipal Committee, the Canton Armed Forces Command, the Kwangtung Military District Command, and the Canton Military Sub-District Command.

When the meeting began, it approved a declaration of the Red Guards of Canton city. The declaration says: We are upright and brave successors to the revolution, we are big enemies of the old world, we are rebels for the proletarian revolution, we are fearless revolutionary vanguards, we are Mao Tse-tung's Red Guards for the defense of Chairman Mao, the party center, and the proletarian dictatorship -- we are Red Guards of the thought of Mao Tse-tung. We Red Guards hereby solemnly declare: If a person dares to oppose Chairman Mao, the thought of Mao Tse-tung, the party center and the proletarian dictatorship, we will reform him, impose dictatorship on him, deprive him of his power, rebel against him, and fight him till the bayonets are stained with blood.

The declaration says: Our Red Guards have been set up on the model of the PLA. Like the PLA, we will resolutely respond to the call of Comrade Lin Piao, hold high the great red banner of the thought of Mao Tse-tung, read Chairman Mao's works, listen to his words, act according to his instruction, study and apply Chairman Mao's works creatively, forever be loyal to the party, to the people, to Chairman Mao, and to the thought of Mao Tse-tung.

In firm response to Comrade Lin Piao's call, we will in the course of the great proletarian cultural revolution observe Chairman Mao's teachings and dare to struggle, to make revolution, to be good at struggle and making revolution. We will regard the thought of Mao Tse-tung as the compass for the great proletarian cultural revolution.

We will implement the 16 points formulated under the personal direction of Chairman Mao seriously, completely, thoroughly, and hundred percent.

We Red Guards will foster the 3-8 working style in a big way, persist in the four firsts, put into practice the party's principle of democratic centralism, master the weapon of criticism and self-criticism, execute the party's policies in an exemplary manner, safeguard the people's interests, protect state property, strictly observe the three big rules of discipline and eight points for attention.

The declaration calls on the Red Guards to hold aloft the iron broom to sweep clean all old ideas, old culture, old customs and old habits!

The meeting was also attended by delegates of Red Guards from Peking and other areas.

Amid thunderous applause, Ch'en Yu (7115 6735), third secretary of the CCP Central Committee's Central-South Bureau, extended the highest greetings and the warmest congratulations to the Red Guards on behalf of the Central-South Bureau.

Comrade Ch'en Yu paid high tribute to the revolutionary actions of Red Guards. He said: Red Guards are the vanguards of the great proletarian cultural revolution. You dare to think, dare to speak, dare to act, dare to break through, dare to make revolution, dare to rise up in rebellion. You dare to open fierce fire on all demons and monsters and declare war on old ideas, old culture, old customs and old habits of all exploiting classes. Not long after its birth, your Red Guard organization has demonstrated an extremely great power, shaking the whole society and the whole world. Together with the broad revolutionary masses you are quickly sweeping clean all rubbish left from the old society. This is bound to cause a change in the spiriritual outlook of our country, greatly consolidate our proletarian dictatorship, and insure that our country will never change color. You have done the right thing. You have done fine. We resolutely support you!

Comrade Ch'en Yu said: The PLA is an example for the Red Guards to study. Like the PLA, we must forever be loyal to the party, to the people, to Chairman Mao, and to the thought of Mao Tse-tung; we must maintain close ties with the masses and modestly learn from them; we must resolutely observe three big rules of discipline and eight points for attention formulated by Chairman Mao, uphold the mass discipline, protect the interests of

the people and the property of the state, and safeguard socialist production and construction.

Kuo Ch'eng-chu (6753 2052 2691), commander of the Canton armed forces, extended his greetings to the Red Guards on behalf of the Party Committee of the Canton armed forces and of the whole body of commanders and fighters. He said: Your revolutionary ideas and strength come from the great thought of Mao Tse-tung. We the whole body of commanders and fighters are mighty proud of the fact that the PLA has such a powerful and reliable reserve army! We will warmly and resolutely support your revolutionary action and swear to be your strong shield. Along with you, we will, under the command of the great leader Chairman Mao, carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end in accordance with the 16 points....

Fourteen delegates of Red Guards in Canton city spoke at the meeting. They said: We are Red Guards of Chairman Mao. We are most obedient to Chairman Mao. We will forever strive to study the 3-8 working style of the PLA, forever uphold the three big rules of discipline and eight points for attention, and build the Red Guards into a fighting force with a high degree of political consciousness and a high level of organization and discipline, a reliable reserve force for the PLA. We are successors of rebels, and we must continue to carry forward with the proletarian revolutionary spirit of rising up in rebellion. Daring to think daring to speak, daring to act, we will smash the old world into pieces and build a new communist world! We will seriously study the 16 points, know them well, apply them, persevere in persuasion and not use coercion, and vow to carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end!...