

STRIKE DOWN THE CAPITALIST ROADERS
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[From an editorial entitled "Rats are Running Across the Street with Everyone Yelling 'Kill them! Kill them!'"]

With greater anger against the enemy, millions upon millions of revolutionary masses and commanders and fighters of the three PLA services in all parts of the country recently held unprecedented gatherings and parades to launch a powerful political offensive to indignantly condemn the towering crimes of China's Khrushchev and his agents in Wuhan, resolutely support Wuhan's proletarian revolutionaries, and warmly hail the new great victory of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line. A new upsurge in the great proletarian cultural revolution has taken shape in all parts of the country.

Now the handful of reactionaries hostile to the people have become rats running across the street with everyone shouting, "Kill them! Kill them!"

The extremely favorable situation with respect to the great cultural revolution in the Wuhan area has again eloquently proved that our great supreme commander Chairman Mao and the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao enjoy lofty prestige in the minds of all Chinese people and maintain unswerving and absolute authority over the proletariat. Any "big shots" and "veterans" who dare oppose Mao Tse-tung's thought, oppose Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, and resist the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao will definitely have their heads bashed in, end up with the masses opposing them, be deserted by those who are close to them, and have their reputations ruined.

The proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary masses, who have tempered themselves in the stormy class struggle, possess a high degree of proletarian revolutionary consciousness. With regard to the proletarian and bourgeois headquarters, they have the most explicit understanding and have drawn a clear line of demarcation between love and hatred. They resolutely support and defend at the cost of their lives the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao. They are determined to overthrow and destroy once and for all the bourgeois headquarters. Therefore, the masses of revolutionary people launched attacks to deal a telling blow at the handful of reactionaries as soon as they stepped forward to perform on stage.

This tiny handful of reactionaries provides the revolutionary masses with the best lessons by negative example. The clumsy farce performed by them has not only deepened the hatred of the broad masses of proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary people but also educated the hoodwinked masses, enabling them to distinguish who are their real enemies, turn the spearhead around, and return to the side of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line.

Obviously, turning the spearhead around is "betrayal" as far as the enemies of the proletarian are concerned. But, judging from the stand of the people, this is a revolutionary action and an honorable event....

The awakening and rebellion by the deceived masses will put the handful of persons in authority taking the capitalist road within the party and army in a hopeless situation of complete isolation....

Facing the new revolutionary upsurge, the proletarian revolutionaries must always bear in mind their enemies and unite all people that can be united in a most extensive and thoroughgoing way to march forward in triumph. Everyone should hit hard at the rats running across the street, thoroughly condemn and criticize their crimes against the party, socialism, and Mao Tse-tung's thought, eliminate their poison in every sphere, and strive for still greater victories in the great proletarian cultural revolution.