

MESSAGE TO ALL PEOPLE OF TSINGTAO

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The Tsingtao Revolutionary Rebel Committee has published a "Message to All People of Tsingtao." The text is as follows:

"The East is red, the sun is rising." In face of the brilliant glow of the rising sun, we solemnly declare: The Tsingtao Revolutionary Rebel Committee has been born! From now on, the great authority in the political, economic and cultural fields in Tsingtao City is seized by us proletarian revolutionary rebels and revolutionary masses from a small group of power-holders taking the capitalist road in the former Tsingtao Municipal Party Committee and former Municipal People's Council and from the diehards who persist in the bourgeois reactionary line. This is a great achievement of the courageous struggle unfolded by the revolutionary rebels and revolutionary masses in the whole city for the last several months. It marks the beginning of a new stage of the great proletarian cultural revolution in the city. This is yet another great victory for the thought of Mao Tse-tung! Let us wish a long, long life to our greatest leader Chairman Mao!

The great proletarian cultural revolution, like a rushing torrent, is rolling forward. We revolutionary rebels and revolutionary masses in Tsingtao must, in response to the call of our great supreme commander Chairman Mao, concern ourselves with the important affairs of the state and carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end! We have risen to rebel against the old world and launched fierce attack against a small bunch of power-holders taking the capitalist road in the Tsingtao Municipal Party Committee.

When the fire of the great proletarian cultural revolution in Tsingtao was burning violently, the bunch of power-holders in the Shantung Provincial Party Committee and Tsingtao Municipal Party Committee were seized with panic. But when they calmed down, they became fierce again. In an organized and systematic manner they planned the "25 August" and "1 September" counter-revolutionary incidents. They obstinately take the reactionary stand of the bourgeoisie and exercise bourgeois dictatorship over the revolutionary masses. Confusing right and wrong, black and white, they surrounded and suppressed the revolutionary leftists and branded many, many revolutionary people as "counterrevolutionaries." They enforced a white terror, repressing the vigorously developing great proletarian cultural revolution and committing unpardonable crimes against the people of Tsingtao...

Bourgeois bureaucrats, instead of repenting and admitting their guilt, became even more ferocious, stubbornly persisting in the bourgeois reactionary line and more frantically resisting the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao. On the one hand, they recruited and employed "Red Guards" to encircle and suppress the revolutionary rebels; on the other, they did not hesitate to use the political and legal organs to engage in espionage activities on a large scale. Even up to the end of last year, they will continue to compile and conceal black information in the vain hope of "settling accounts after the autumn..."

Hoisting the banner of "supporting the revolution," they allowed a large number of personnel in office to go out to exchange experience and submit "petitions." Moreover, they promoted economism in a big way, wantonly

squandering the wealth of the State and wasting the blood and sweat of the people. Launching a new frenzied attack against the proletarian dictatorship, they plotted to soften the revolutionary masses' revolutionary will and to lead a serious political struggle onto the track of economism. Recently, they again promised to give official appointments to revolutionary rebels as a means of buying them off and dividing the ranks of the revolutionary leftist. In the name of "actively supporting" the revolutionary demands of the masses, they "dismissed" cadres at the basic levels, willfully subverting the policies of the party, again and again directing swindles of "abandoning the knights to save the queen." They created chaos, deceived the masses, and tried all possible ways to absolve themselves from their crimes in order to attain the aim of self-protection...

Since the great cultural revolution was set in motion, a tempestuous class struggle and shocking setbacks have profoundly educated us revolutionary rebels, thereby enabling us to understand that the reason why a handful of reactionaries have been able to launch frantic attack and counter-attack against us from all directions is, in the final analysis, that they have power in their hands. Unless we revolutionary rebels seize this power, we shall not be able to gain a complete emancipation nor thoroughly crush the counter-attack of the bourgeois reactionary line. Unless we seize power, we shall not be able to fulfill the historical task of struggle, criticism, and transformation nor carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end. Unless we seize power, we shall not be able to take into our hands the destiny of the socialist revolution, the destiny of socialist construction, and the destiny of proletarian dictatorship. And unless we seize power, our socialist country will change color, the fruits of victory won by countless revolutionary martyrs for the party and the people will be gone, and we will become culprits of history!

In short, we must seize power! Seize power! Seize power!!! Only by seizing power can we thoroughly crush the stubborn fortress of revisionism and build a brilliantly red socialist, communist new world!

Under the impact of the revolutionary torrents, the Tsingtao Municipal Party Committee and Municipal People's Council have been left in a state of paralysis. At present, serious chaos has occurred in the political, economic and cultural fields in the city. At the same time, "royalists" armed with iron bars of some conservative organizations and false "Leftists" have one after another mounted the stage and walked in the streets swaggeringly.

These people, by taking advantage of certain shortcomings and mistakes of the Leftist organizations, wrote extensively to spread rumors to mislead public opinion and fish in troubled waters. By creating opposition within the ranks of the revolutionary rebels, they attempted to disintegrate the leftist forces, attack the revolutionary masses, recapture power, seriously threaten the proletarian dictatorship and sabotage the extensive democracy under proletarian dictatorship. By so doing, they obstructed the normal development of the great proletarian cultural revolution.

At such a crucial moment, can we revolutionary rebels turn our backs? No, never! We must, and can only, unite on the common basis of the revolutionary rebel spirit under the guidance of the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, unite all revolutionary forces to rebel against the old Tsingtao Municipal Party Committee and Municipal People's Council, seize their power, and place all power firmly in the hands of the revolutionary rebels and revolutionary masses! We have already done so now...

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