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[Text] In order to defend the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao and Vice Chairman Lin Piao, safeguard Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, and win an all-round victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution, the leading organ of Shanghai's public security units, procuratorates, and courts on 27 April held a public trial rally at the city's Cultural Revolution Square to raise aloft the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought and to resolutely suppress those counter-revolutionary criminals who were caught redhanded.

A group of active and unpardonable counterrevolutionary elements were severely dealt with at the public trial rally. Renegades and active counterrevolutionary criminals (Liu Yu-hsin), (Chen Cheng-pang), (Chen Lin), (Liu Yung-jen), (Lu Hung-an), (Yen Wang-i), and (Chang Teng-hung) received death sentences at the rally and were immediately executed. During the rally, three other active counterrevolutionary criminals were sentenced to life imprisonment or other prison terms.

It was with a deep class feeling and boundless warm love, loyalty, confidence, and respect for our great leader, Chairman Mao, and with inveterate hatred for the handful of class enemies, that over 10,000 proletarian revolutionaries and revolutionary people of Shanghai attended today's rally. The broad revolutionary masses recited in unison Chairman Mao's latest instruction: "The great proletarian cultural revolution is in essence a great political revolution under the conditions of socialism made by the proletariat against the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes. It is a continuation of the prolonged struggle between the CCP and the masses of revolutionary people under its leadership on the one hand and the Kuomintang reactionaries on the other--a continuation of the class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie."

The revolutionary masses present at the rally and those watching its televised coverage waved their fists and shouted: "Resolutely suppress the counterrevolution!" "Defend Chairman Mao unto death!" "Defend Vice Chairman Lin Piao unto death!" and "Long live Chairman Mao and a long, long life to him!"

A responsible member of Shanghai's public security units, procuratorates, and courts spoke at the rally. After analyzing the current favorable situation, he pointed out: "The class enemies will never take their defeat lying down. As the great proletarian cultural revolution approaches its all-round victory, the class enemies will surely put up a last-ditch struggle. At present, the handful of class enemies suddenly appears in the open to carry out frenzied counterrevolutionary sabotage activities, aiming the spearhead at the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao and Vice Chairman Lin Piao, maliciously attacking and slandering our most beloved and respected great leader Chairman Mao and his brilliant thought; and viciously denigrating and attacking Chairman Mao's close comrade in arms, Vice Chairman Lin Piao. If this can be tolerated, what would we not tolerate?"

He continued: "Our great leader Chairman Mao is the great Marxist-Leninist of the present era. With genius and in a creative and all-round way, Chairman Mao inherited, defended, and developed Marxism-Leninism, advancing it to a completely new stage. Mao Tse-tung's thought is the great banner of this era because it represents the most fundamental interests of revolutionary people throughout China and the world. We must therefore be boundlessly loyal to Chairman Mao and his thought.

"As for those who are against Chairman Mao, his thought and revolutionary line, and the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao and Vice Chairman Lin Piao, we must exercise proletarian dictatorship over them."

He declared: "Dictatorship is exercised by the masses. Therefore, the operations of the organs of dictatorship should be linked with mass dictatorship. When the broad revolutionary masses are fully aroused, a dragnet is unfurled and iron walls erected. No class enemies can hide any longer, and their plots and sabotage activities will be completely crushed by the iron fists of the dictatorship of the proletariat."

Representatives of the various revolutionary mass organizations also spoke at the rally, resolutely expressing support for the rally's firm repressive measures in dealing with the active counterrevolutionary criminals. In their speeches they unanimously asserted that during the current great political revolution they will never forget class struggle and the proletarian dictatorship and will heighten their revolutionary vigilance, bring the powerful strength of mass dictatorship into full play, deal relentless blows to the class enemies' plots and sabotage activities, defend unto death the proletarian headquarters headed by Chairman Mao and Vice Chairman Lin Piao, and strive to win an all-round victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution.

At the end of the rally, a representative of the leading organ of Shanghai's public security unit, procuratorates, and courts pronounced the death sentences, life imprisonment, or other prison terms on (Liu Yu-hsin) and nine other active counterrevolutionary elements. Those given death sentences were immediately transferred to the execution ground where they were shot to death. At that very moment people at the rally site and those watching it elsewhere shouted slogans at the top of their voices for a long time, rejoicing and clapping their hands. The rally ended as the band played "Sailing the seas depends on the helmsman."