

One Million Armymen and Civilians in Peking Hold Grand Rally to Celebrate Great Victory

— Warmly hailing Comrade Hua Kuo-feng becoming leader of the Communist Party of China and angrily denouncing the "gang of four" anti-Party clique's towering crimes

ONE million jubilant and ecstatic armymen and people in the capital held a grand mass rally at magnificent Tien An Men Square on October 24 in warm celebration of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Chairman of the Military Commission of the C.P.C. Central Committee and in warm celebration of the great victory of shattering the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Chun-chiao, Chiang Ching and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power.

The masses of people pledged to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, carry out Chairman Mao's behests, persist in taking class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, win still greater victories in the socialist revolution and construction and carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause in China pioneered by Chairman Mao.

It was bright and sunny in Peking. Tien An Men Gate was bedecked with huge red lanterns and red flags. In the middle of the red ochre wall of Tien An Men Gate was a huge portrait of the Chinese people's esteemed and beloved great leader and teacher Chairman Mao. Huge portraits of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin on the eastern and western sides of the square faced the gate. In front of the Monument to the People's Heroes were two huge streamers reading: "Warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the C.P.C. Central Committee!" "Warmly celebrate the great victory of smashing the scheme of the 'gang of four' to usurp Party and state power!"

Hua Kuo-feng, Chairman of the C.P.C. Central Committee, Premier of the State Council and Chairman of the Military Commission of the C.P.C. Central Committee,

attended the rally. When Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and other Party and state leaders mounted the rostrum atop Tien An Men Gate to the strains of *Sailing the Seas Depends on the Helmsman*, there was a tremendous cheer and a roar of slogans. The beating of drums and gongs and the clash of cymbals rose to a crescendo. It was a vivid demonstration of the wholehearted support for and unreserved trust in their own leader Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the Party Central Committee by the 30 million Communist Party members and the 800 million people throughout the country as well as their full confidence in the great cause of socialism and a bright communist future.

Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, smiling and happy and dressed in a grass-green army uniform, waved cordially to the crowd again and again.

Other Party and state leaders present were: Yeh Chien-ying, Li Hsien-nien, Chen Hsi-lien, Chi Teng-kuei, Wang Tung-hsing, Wu Teh, Hsu Shih-yu, Wei Kuo-ching, Li Teh-sheng, Chen Yung-kuei, Wu Kuei-hsien, Su Chen-hua, Ni Chih-fu, Saifudin, Kuo Mo-jo, Hsu Hsiang-chien, Nieh Jung-chen, Chen Yun, Tan Chen-lin, Li Ching-chuan, Chang Ting-cheng, Tsai Chang, Ulanfu, Ngapo Ngawang-Jigme, Chou Chien-jen, Hsu Teh-heng, Hu Chueh-wen, Li Su-wen, Yao Lien-wei, Wang Chen, Yu Chiu-li, Ku Mu and Sun Chien. Shen Yen-ping, Vice-Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, and Chiang Hua, President of the Supreme People's Court, were also present.

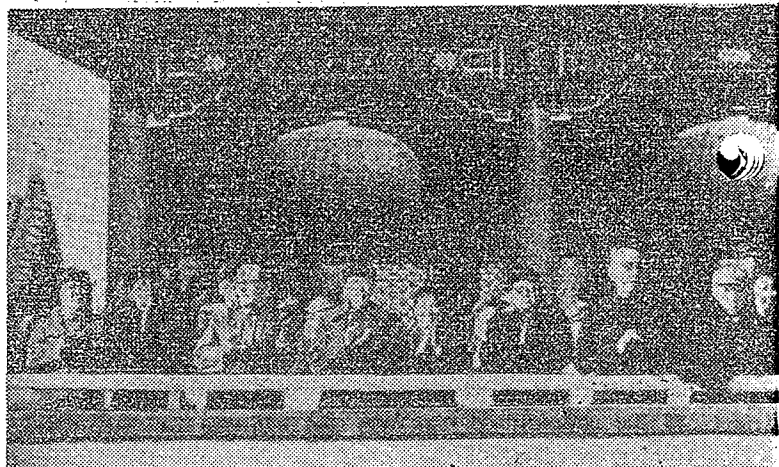
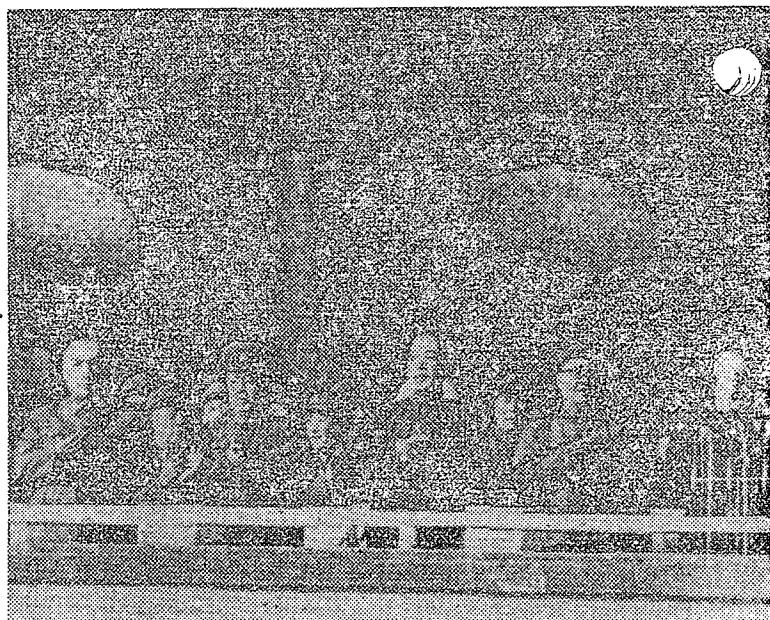
Comrade Hua Kuo-feng was selected by the great leader Chairman Mao himself to be his successor. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng smashed the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power, thus removing from the Party a bunch of hidden traitors, ridding the country of a big scourge and redressing the grievances of the people. These two extraordinarily happy events have

made the people in Peking and the rest of the country tremendously jubilant. From early morning, contingent after contingent of people, brimming with the joy of victory, surged into Changan Boulevard and Tien An Men-Square from all directions, holding high portraits of the great leader Chairman Mao and portraits of Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, carrying red flags, colourful pennants and placards, beating drums and gongs and setting off firecrackers. The entire square and the five-kilometre-long Changan Boulevard were overflowing with jubilant crowds amidst myriads of red flags. Among them were heroic commanders and fighters of the three services of the People's Liberation Army, the worker-militia, workers of various industries and trades, commune members from the city's outskirts, office workers of the central leading organs and of the Peking Municipality, revolutionary teachers and students of universities and colleges, Red Guards and Little Red Guards of middle and primary schools and other inhabitants. In the square the participants thundered slogans expressing the common aspirations of hundreds of millions of people: "Rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng!" "Obey the commands of the Party Central Committee in all our actions!" "Down with the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Chun-chiao, Chiang Ching and Yao Wen-yuan!" "Consolidate and develop the tremendous achievements of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution!" "Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China!" "Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!"

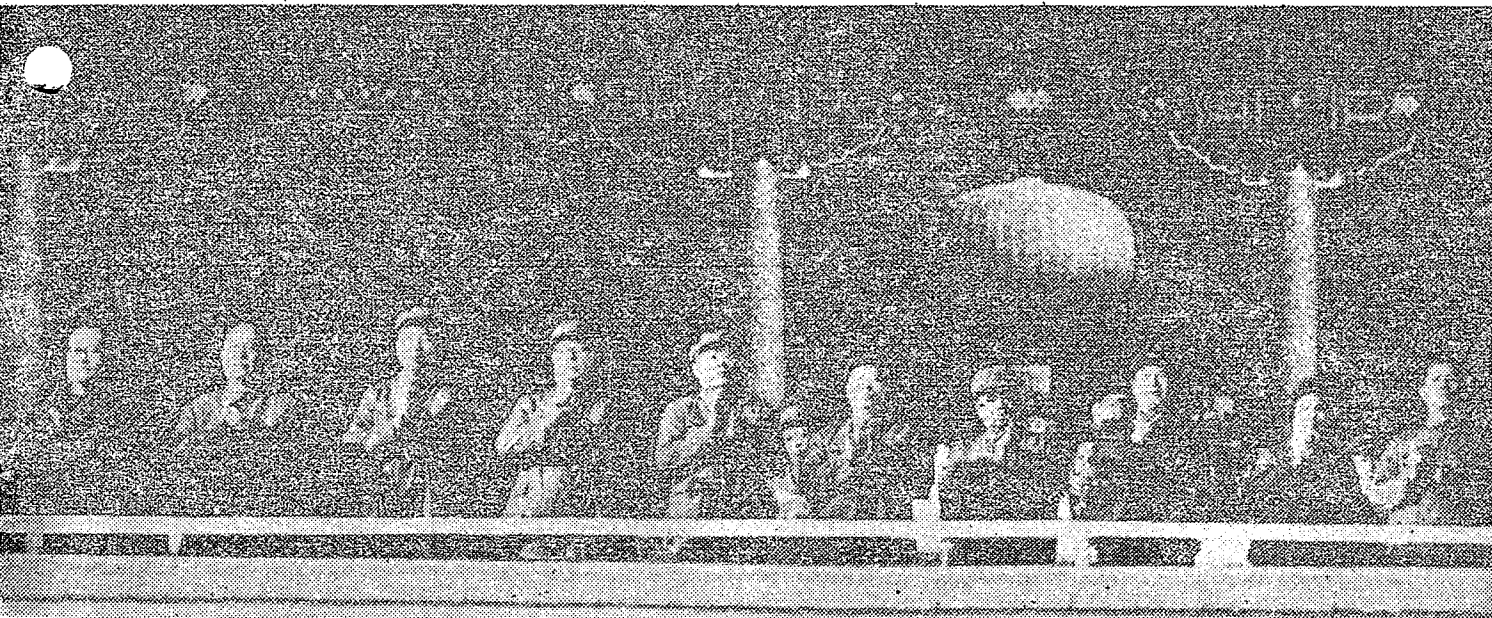
At 3 p.m. Ni Chih-fu, Alternate Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Secretary of the C.P.C. Peking Municipal Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee, declared the rally open. The beating of drums and gongs and the crash of cymbals filled the square. The military band struck up the national anthem of the People's Republic of China followed by *The East Is Red*.

Wu Teh, Member of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee, First Secretary of the C.P.C. Peking Municipal Committee and Chairman of the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee, delivered an important speech at the rally which drew rounds of thunderous applause. (For full text, see p. 12.)

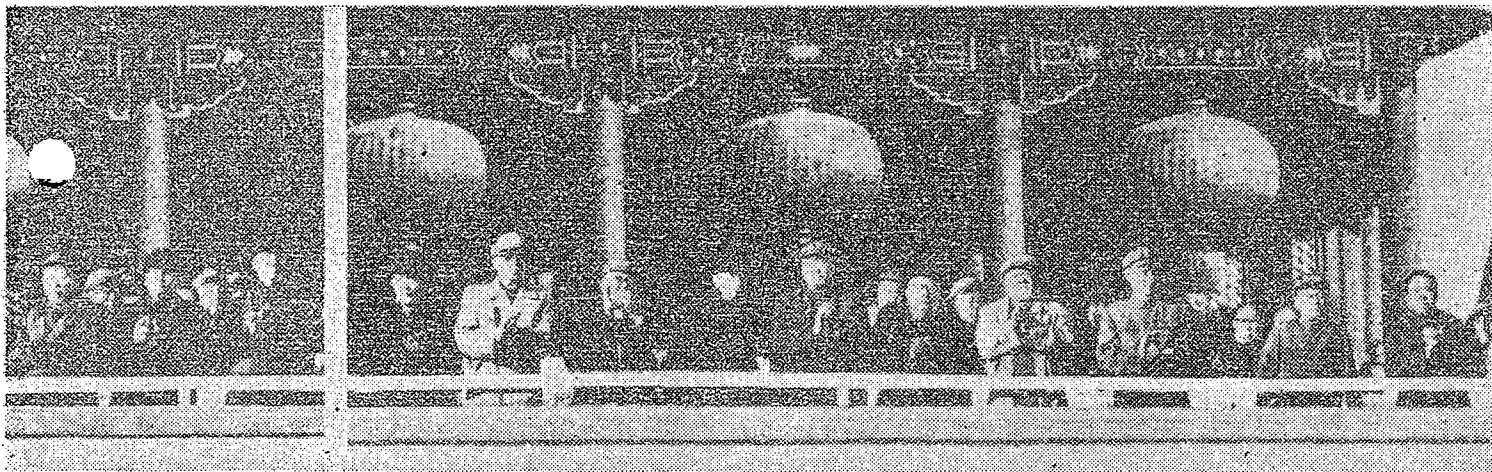
Chen Fu-han, chief driver of the "Mao Tsetung Locomotive"; Chia Huai-chen, deputy secretary of the Party branch of the Hsuehchiawu Production Brigade in Pingku County; Hsu Heng-lu, a P.L.A. combat hero; and Chang Hung, a Red Guard from the middle school affiliated to Tsinghua University spoke on behalf of the



workers; poor and lower-middle peasants, P.L.A. commanders and fighters and Red Guards in the capital respectively. They all said that they wholeheartedly, enthusiastically, and resolutely support Comrade Hua Kuo-feng becoming Chairman of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the C.P.C. Central Committee and that they wholeheartedly, enthusiastically and resolutely support the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng crushing the "gang of four" anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Chun-chiao, Chiang Ching and Yao Wen-yuan. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, they said, was chosen by our great leader and teacher Chairman Mao himself as his successor and enjoys the full trust, warm affection and wholehearted support of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of the whole country. They firmly



Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and other Party and state leaders at the grand rally. *From left to right:* Saifudin, Su Chen-hua, Chen Yung-kuei, Wei Kuo-ching, Wu Teh, Chi Teng-kuei, Li Hsien-nien, Hua Kuo-feng, Yeh Chien-ying, Chen Hsi-lien, Wang Tung-hsing, Hsu Shih-yu, Li Teh-sheng, Wu Kuei-hsien and Ni Chih-fu.



Other Party and state leaders at the grand rally.

believed that, under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country will certainly overcome storms and waves, surmount all difficulties and hardships, and continue to advance triumphantly along the revolutionary course charted by Chairman Mao. They exposed the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power and angrily denounced its anti-Party crimes.

In his speech, Comrade Chen Fu-han said: The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four" are counter-revolutionary conspirators and double-dealers who practised revisionism in the guise of Marxism. They put themselves above Chairman Mao and the Party Central

Committee, had a setup of their own, and gave undue publicity to themselves. They were in effect worse than capitalists and were out-and-out bourgeois elements who sucked the blood of us workers. The great leader Chairman Mao had repeatedly criticized and tried to educate the "gang of four," but they categorically refused to mend their ways. When Chairman Mao was seriously ill and after his passing, they thought the time had arrived and stepped up their criminal activities to usurp Party and state power. With ulterior motives they forged a teaching of Chairman Mao's supposedly made before his death in a vain attempt to overthrow the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, usurp supreme Party and state leadership and subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism.

"We workers of the capital have the revolutionary tradition of waging resolute struggles against revisionism and the heroic mettle of fighting to the finish against the bourgeoisie inside the Party," Chen Fu-han said. "We pledge to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey the commands of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, wage a resolute struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique and consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat. We will, with greater revolutionary vigour, grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war, make a greater success of the movement to learn from Taching in industry, strive to fulfil or overfulfil the state plan, do still better in all work and win still greater victories in the socialist revolution and socialist construction."

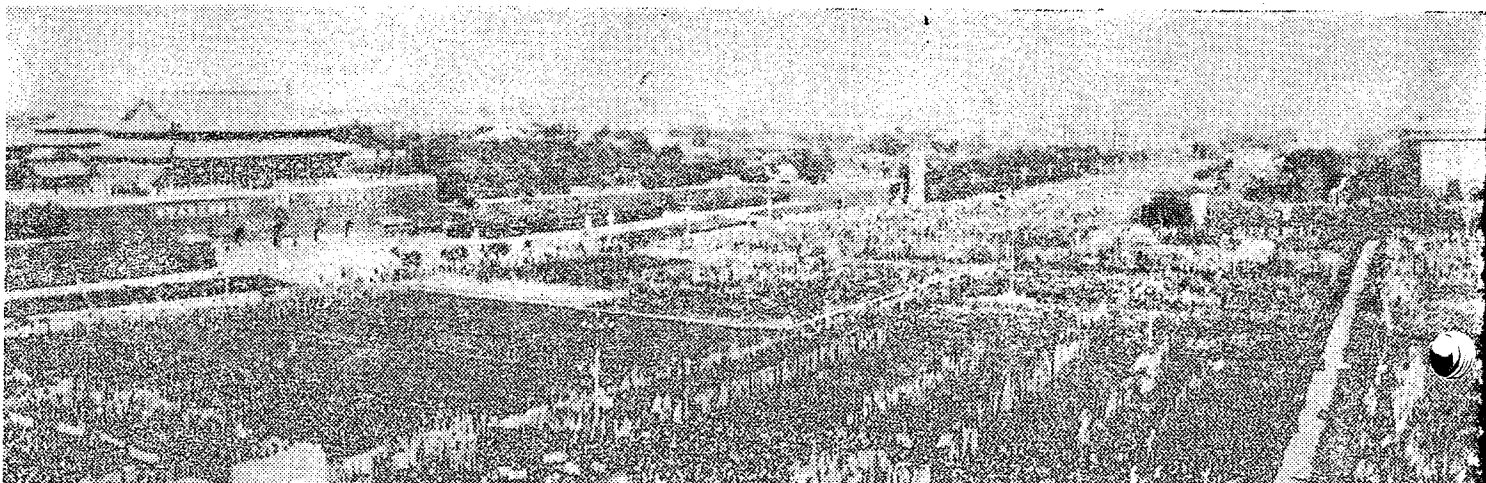
Comrade Chia Huai-chen, in her speech, said: "We poor and lower-middle peasants have bitter hatred for the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao 'gang of four' anti-Party clique who committed towering crimes. They knew nothing about factory and farm work or military affairs; They devoted themselves to conspiring, plotting, bluffing and deceiving and fabricating rumours, did as they pleased and acted like overlords. They are our sworn enemies. We, the slaves who had our fill of suffering from oppression and exploitation in the old society, know best that socialism is fine. We poor and lower-middle peasants will never allow the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao 'gang of four' to drag us back to the old society and plunge us into suffering once again."

Chia Huai-chen said: "The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is of one heart with the poor and lower-middle peasants. We are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, keep to the Party's basic line, take class struggle as the key link, make a greater success of the movement to learn from Tachai

in agriculture and build up Tachai-type counties throughout the country, further develop the excellent situation in the countryside, consolidate the socialist positions in the rural areas and make greater contributions to the state."

Comrade Hsu Heng-lu said in his speech: "Wang, Chang, Chiang and Yao are a handful of extremely insidious and vicious bourgeois careerists and conspirators, and persons of the Khrushchov type. They engaged in unbridled intrigues and conspiracies, frenziedly opposed the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao, opposed our esteemed and beloved Premier Chou, opposed Comrade Hua Kuo-feng and other leading comrades in the central leading organs, and worked feverishly to usurp Party and state power. They frantically opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian line in army building, vilified the Chinese People's Liberation Army founded and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, negated our army's revolutionary tradition, sabotaged the building of the army and the militia, disrupted the unity of the army and its unity with the people in an attempt to make a mess of the army."

Hsu Heng-lu stressed: "We hereby pledge to the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng: We will rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey the commands of the Party Central Committee in all our actions and, with our lives and blood, defend Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, the dictatorship of the proletariat and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng! We will adhere to Chairman Mao's line in army building and, under the centralized leadership of the Party, strengthen the building of the army and the militia, strengthen military and political training, strengthen the unity between officers and men, between the army and the people and between the army and the government, strictly abide by 'the





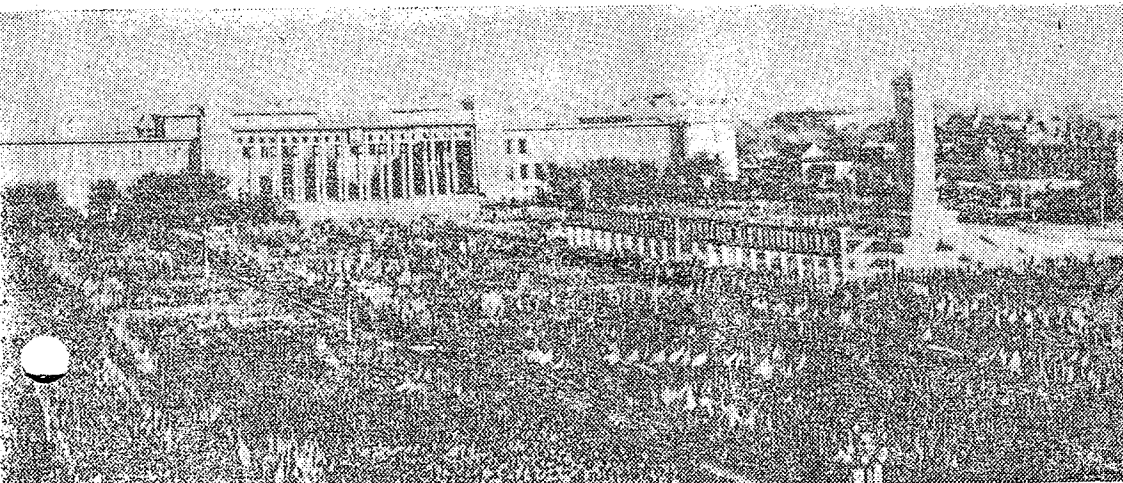
Chairman Hua Kuo-feng waving from the rostrum atop Tien An Men Gate to the crowds at the grand mass rally.

'Three Main Rules of Discipline and the Eight Points for Attention,' heighten our vigilance and defend our motherland. We are determined to liberate Taiwan."

In his speech, Comrade Chang Hung said: "We are Chairman Mao's Red Guards. A decade ago, when the Red Guard movement was rising in the storm of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, our great leader Chairman Mao himself wrote a letter warmly supporting

the Red Guards and praising them for their revolutionary spirit of rising in rebellion. Chairman Mao's teaching, like a radiant beacon, has over the past ten years illuminated the path of advance for us Red Guards and inspired us in our struggle against revisionism, against the bourgeoisie and against the capitalist-roaders in the Party. We are determined to continue holding

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The grand rally in progress.

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high the banner 'It is right to rebel against reactionaries,' mount violent attacks on the 'gang of four' anti-Party clique and sweep away all these pests." "We will carry out Chairman Mao's behests, strive to act in accordance with the five requirements for worthy successors to the revolutionary cause put forward by Chairman Mao and carry on the revolution. We will go to the countryside and advance along the bright road of integrating ourselves with the workers and peasants as pointed out by Chairman Mao and dash the fond hopes of the imperialists, revisionists and reactionaries for restoring capitalism in China."

The speeches by these representatives of the workers, peasants, soldiers and Red Guards were warmly applauded.

The rally ended to the militant strains of *The Internationale*.

As Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and other Party and state leaders walked to the east and then to the west end of the Tien An Men rostrum and waved to the

crowds, the thunder of drums, gongs and cymbals filled the entire square and the million people at the rally waved pennants and colourful bunting. There was cheering and dancing. It was a vibrant scene of unity, militancy and victory.

The rally was also attended by Members and Alternate Members of the C.P.C. Central Committee, who were in Peking, Members of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Standing Committee Members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, leading members of the various departments of the Party Central Committee and those of the state organs, leading members of the various general departments, the Science and Technology Commission for National Defence, the various services and arms, military academies, the Peking Units and the Peking Garrison of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, leading members of the C.P.C. Peking Municipal Committee, the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee and mass organizations, patriotic personages and Taiwan compatriots as well as foreign comrades and friends who were in Peking.