SPEECH BY COMRADE CHANG CHUN-CHIAO ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES IN FOUR PROVINCES AND ONE MUNICIPALITY

—At the Rally to Inaugurate and Celebrate the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee, April 20, 1967

Revolutionary comrades, comrades-in-arms,

The Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee has formally come into existence today. This is a magnificent festival for the proletarian revolutionaries in Peking, and also for the proletarian revolutionaries throughout the country. We, delegations of the revolutionary committees in the provinces of Shansi, Kweichow, Heilungkiang, Shantung and the municipality of Shanghai, are extremely happy to have been invited to attend this rally. Entrusted by the revolutionary committees and revolutionary people in these provinces and municipality, we extend our heartiest congratulations and great proletarian cultural revolutionary salutations to the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee and the revolutionary comrades-in-arms in Peking!

Comrades, comrades-in-arms, Peking is where our great leader Chairman Mao lives; it is the capital of our great motherland and the centre of our proletarian revolution. In the great proletarian cultural revolution, the proletarian revolutionaries of Peking, under the direct leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Mao, have marched in the van of the battle and made exceptional contributions

and given outstanding meritorious service to the great proletarian cultural revolution of the country as a whole. With the dauntless revolutionary spirit of the proletariat, you have launched strong attacks on the counter-revolutionary revisionist clique of the former Peking Municipal Party Committee and scored the first great victory in the struggle against the handful of Party people in authority taking the capitalist road. You have contributed the first Marxist-Leninist big-character poster in the whole country and initiated the world-shaking movement of the Red Guards. You have warm-heartedly received more than ten million young revolutionary fighters who came to Peking to exchange revolutionary experiences, and you have sent out thousands upon thousands of Red Guard fighters all over the country, who have taken up Chairman Mao's call and the revolutionary style of daring to think, speak out, act, venture and make revolution to every part of China and, together with the proletarian revolutionaries in the various localities, spread the blazing fire of the great proletarian cultural revolution all over the country. Every victory in the great cultural revolution in our provinces and municipality is inseparable from the all-out support given by the proletarian revolutionaries in Peking and the heroic fighting of the young Red Guard fighters from Peking. Here we once again extend our heartfelt thanks to the comrades and comrades-in-arms.

Our great proletarian cultural revolution is in the high-tide of the struggle of the proletarian revolutionaries to seize power on the basis of their alliance. All-out criticism and repudiation of the top Party people in authority taking the capitalist road is starting throughout the country. The establishment of the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee at this important juncture is an immense encouragement to proletarian revolutionaries all over the land. We are fully confident that born of revolutionary struggle, this provisional organ of power which is revolutionary, representative and has proletarian revolutionary authority, will be able to lead the proletarian revolutionaries of the capital forward to continue their march in

the van of the battle for the great cultural revolution in China and make still more brilliant contributions to the complete victory of the great cultural revolution in the capital and the country as a whole. We are also fully confident that this provisional organ of power will be able to build our capital into a great school for the creative study and application of Mao Tse-tung's thought, a capital which will never change its colour, a model for the whole country and an example for the world.

Comrades-in-arms, we are all Chairman Mao's fighters, firing at a common enemy from the same trench. While in Peking, we, the provincial and municipal delegations, have gained much excellent experience, particularly the new experience you have created in the process of bringing about the revolutionary great alliance and the revolutionary "three-in-one" combination and your new experience of establishing the Conference of Representatives of Revolutionary Workers and Staff, the Congresses of Red Guards of Universities and Colleges, and of Middle Schools, and the Conference of Representatives of Poor and Lower-Middle Peasants. Today we have heard Comrade Hsieh Fu-chih's report and speeches by comrades in other fields. We will continue to learn from you. You too will certainly continue to help us as you have done in the past. Let us march forward heroically, shoulder to shoulder, under the leadership of Chairman Mao and the guidance of the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought and strive for the complete victory of the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao, for the complete victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution and for new victories in the socialist revolution and construction!

Long live the victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution!

Long live the dictatorship of the proletariat! Long live the Communist Party of China! Long live Chairman Mao! A long, long life to him!