

THE WORKING CLASS IS THE LEADING CLASS

Only When One Understands Exploitation Can One Understand Revolution

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THE Santiaoshih, or "Three Lengths of Stone", is a street in Tientsin which is the home of the machine-building and foundry industry of north China. We who worked in factories on this street for many years before liberation knew every barbarous kind of exploitation and oppression by the imperialists, the bourgeoisie and the feudal elements. In that narrow street paved with green stone, how many class brothers died of exhaustion, hunger, cold and beatings by the capitalists and

Holding up his stumps of fingers, Wang Fu-yuan angrily denounces the criminal old society, and criticizes and repudiates Liu Shao-chi's reactionary theory that "exploitation has its merits".



foremen! There used to be
in

er Santiaoshih

! you'll suffer the agonies of
ell,

like pigs and dogs,

! like oxen and horses.

hed with whips, beaten with
ubs,

backs are broken, our bones
rushed.

blood stains the Santiaoshih,
nember this hatred, remem-
er!

veteran workers understand
what exploitation is and why
ust make revolution. We bit-
hate capitalism and deeply
socialism. During the great
arian cultural revolution we
been holding meetings to crit-
and repudiate Liu Shao-chi
is monstrous crimes in trying
store capitalism, this Khrush-
of China who said in Tientsin
liberation that "exploitation
ts merits". To counter this
nous influence the workers of
factory organized Mao
ang's thought propaganda
to go to brother factories,
ountryside, schools and gov-
ent organizations of Tientsin
ak on our past bitterness and
are it with how good life is

the old society, Wang Fu-
a veteran worker now 63,
once shut up in a small room
re capitalists and forced to
Working on a machine he lost
ips of 9 fingers. No longer
ble for work, he was thrown
at a recent criticism and repu-
n meeting, Wang Fu-yuan
up his deformed hands and
he story with angry tears in
yes. In fury he charged Liu
chi and his agents in Tientsin
their crimes. His speech
d burning anger in the rev-
ary masses.

another criticism and repu-
n meeting, a capitalist-roader
lly argued for and defended
relationships with the capital-



The members of a Mao Tse-tung's thought study class of the Santiaoshih Measuring Tool Factory study Chairman Mao's latest instructions.

ists. I who began to work for the
capitalists standing on a stool at a
machine at the age of six, burst
with anger when I heard this snake
defending his sinister relations
with reactionaries. I jumped onto
the platform, pointed to the scar
on my head and charged the crim-
inal capitalists with burying my
wounded older brother alive and
beating me until I was covered
with bruises. I shouted my blood-
and-tears accusations and my repu-
diation in this capitalist-roader's
face. The people at the meeting
shouted again and again, "Down
with Liu Shao-chi! Long, long live
Chairman Mao!"

Our propaganda team of veteran
workers has done a lot to push the
revolutionary mass criticism and
repudiation forward in Tientsin.
Not long ago an exhibition was
opened in the Santiaoshih His-
torical Museum to give education
on class struggle. Here was the
bloody history of the capitalist
exploitation of the working class
in the old society and the workers'
heroic struggle against their ex-
ploiters. Thousands came to the
exhibition. We old workers were
the first visitors. We who suffered
the most terribly in the past said,

"We will never forget the brutal
oppression of our class nor the
blood and tears of the past. We will
follow Chairman Mao and make
revolution for ever!"

At the end of September I was
selected to go to Peking to attend
the National Day celebrations as a
representative of the veteran work-
ers at Santiaoshih. As I left, my
class brothers said, "When you see
Chairman Mao, you must wish him
a long, long life for us."

On October 1, I finally, actually,
stood at Tien An Men and with my
own eyes saw our great leader
Chairman Mao. With tears of
happiness in my eyes I shouted
again and again, "A long, long life
to Chairman Mao!" In my heart I
pledged to Chairman Mao, "The
capitalists in the old society looked
on us as nothing more important
than a blade of grass. But Chair-
man Mao looks on us workers as
treasures. We the working class
will never fail to live up to Chair-
man Mao's hopes for us. We will
play the leading role in the great
proletarian cultural revolution and
in all fields of work and continue
to make new contributions for the
people!"