PRESS COMMUNIQUE OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE PRESIDIUM OF THE NINTH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA

April 24, 1969

The Ninth National Congress of the Communist Party of China came to a victorious close on the afternoon of April 24. The great leader Chairman Mao attended today’s session. Vice-Chairman Lin Piao presided over today’s session.

The Ninth Central Committee of the Communist Party of China was elected at the plenary session of this congress. An extremely enthusiastic, revolutionary atmosphere prevailed throughout the process of voting in the election. When the names of the great leader Chairman Mao and his close comrades-in-arms Vice-Chairman Lin Piao were read in the announcement of the list of the elected members at the session, prolonged thunderous applause resounded throughout the hall and the delegates burst into prolonged hearty cheers: “Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China!” “Long live the united and victorious Ninth National Congress of the Party!” “Long live invincible Mao Tsetung Thought!” “We wish our great leader Chairman Mao a long, long life!”

After the Congress took up the third item on the agenda on April 15, the delegates set to work conscientiously and with a great sense of responsibility. In accordance with the rules laid down by the Presidium of the Congress, candidates for membership and alternate membership of the Central Committee were first nominated by the delegations freely. The Presidium, after collecting the opinions of the delegations, proposed a preliminary list of candidates and handed it back to the delegations and a list of candidates was worked out after full consultation. A preliminary election by secret ballot was then conducted. After such repeated, full democratic consultation from below and from above, a final list of candidates was decided upon and it was submitted by the Presidium to the Congress for final election by secret ballot. The process of the election of the Ninth Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party was a full manifestation of the spirit of democracy and mass line.

Among the 179 Members and 109 Alternate Members elected to the Central Committee, there are proletarian revolutionaries of the older generation of our Party and new proletarian fighters who have come forth in the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. There are leading cadres from the various fronts of the Party, the government and the army, outstanding Party members working at production posts and outstanding members of the army, outstanding Party members working in scientific and technological circles, and outstanding Party members working in cultural and scientific work and outstanding men and women in the army. Among the 179 members of the Central Committee, 131 are new members, 52 being new at the age of 40 years or younger.

The Congress holds that it is essential to further unfold a great mass movement for the living study and application of Chairman Mao’s theory of continuing the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and for the achievement of still greater victories. The Congress calls on the leading cadres at all levels in the Party and the army and on the broad revolutionary masses to carry out Chairman Mao’s teaching that policy and tactics are the life of the Party and conscientiously carry out all Chairman Mao’s proletarian policies. We should, under the leadership of the proletariat, consolidate the working-class alliance, re-educate the intellectuals and win over and unite all people that can be united with to fight against the handful of counter-revolutionaries who vainly attempt to run counter to Chairman Mao’s policies and combat all manifestations of the bourgeois world outlook.

The Congress urges all the comrades of the Party and the revolutionaries to carry out the masses conscientiously and comprehensively in mind Chairman Mao’s teaching that policy and tactics are the life of the Party and must be extended to every single cadre at all levels. We should take into account the unevenness in the various places and the difference in the various problems. We should trust the masses, count on the masses, and win confidence in the masses. We should confide in the masses and win their support. We should lead the masses and do the work step by step. We should make analyses of everything and everything, step by step and in a deep-going, meticulous, down-to-earth and appropriate way. We should make concrete analyses of the conditions in different places and, taking into account the unevenness in the development of the movement, draw up the necessary plans in order to fulfill the tasks for all the stages of struggle-criticism-transformation transformation throughout the country.

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The Ninth National Congress of the Communist Party of China extends a warm proletarian revolutionary salute to the working class, the poor and lower-middle peasants, the Red Guards, the revolutionaries and the revolutionary intellectuals all over the country who have made remarkable contributions in the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, and to the commanders and fighters of the People's Liberation Army who have done meritorious service in safeguarding the sacred territory of our motherland and in the work of supporting industry, supporting agriculture and supporting the broad masses of the Left and exercising military control and giving political and military training. The Congress sends warm regards to the broad sections of the patriotic overseas Chinese and our patriotic compatriots in Hong-kong and Macao, to our compatriots in Taiwan who are under the oppression and exploitation by the U.S.-Chiang reactionaries and the U.S. imperialists. The Congress calls on all those who support socialism and love the motherland and have for many years done useful work for the revolution and the construction of the new society to continue their revolutionary activities. The working class, the poor and lower-middle peasants and the people of all nationalities in our country to persist in building socialism independently and with initiative in our own hands and through self-reliance, and by going all out in our work and achieving greater, faster, better and more economical results, help bring about a new high tide in revolution and production by taking the concrete action of grasping revolution, promoting production and other work and preparedness against war and other new achievements in the three great revolutionary movements of class struggle, the struggle for production and scientific experiment.

The Ninth National Congress of the Communist Party of China extends a warm and militant salute to the heroic Albanian Party of Labour and the genuine Albanian Marxist-Leninist Parties and organizations all over the world, to the revolutionary people of the five continents who are waging valiant struggles against imperialism headed by the United States, modern revisionism with the Soviet revisionist renegade clique as its core, and the reactionaries of various countries, and to the heroic Vietnamese people who persist in carrying through to the end the war of resistance against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. The Congress solemnly declares: The Communist Party of China, nurtured by the great leader Chairman Mao, always upholds proletarian internationalism and firmly supports the revolutionary struggles of the proletariat and the oppressed peoples and nations of the whole world. We are determined to unite with the genuine Marxist-Leninists all over the world and the broad masses of the proletariat and of the revolutionary people in all countries, thoroughly smash the plot of U.S.-Soviet collusion to redivide the world and carry through to the end the great struggle against imperialism, revisionism and all reaction.

U.S. imperialism, Soviet revisionism and the reactionaries in the world are all paper tigers. They cannot escape their doom. Their difficulties are insurmountable. The revolutionary cause of the people of the world will only definitely triumph. We are fully aware: There will still be difficulties and twists and turns on our way forward, and the reactionaries at home and abroad will still put up a last-ditch struggle. But all this cannot stop the victorious advance of our great cause of socialism. Armed with Mao Tsetung Thought, the Chinese people and the Chinese People's Liberation Army are invincible. We are determined to liberate Taiwan! We are determined to defend the sacred territory and sovereignty of our great motherland! All the schemes, sabotage and shameless aggression by U.S. imperialism, Soviet revisionism and the reactionaries abroad and all the schemes and sabotage by the domestic reactionaries are bound to be smashed to smithereens by the iron fist of the Chinese people and the Chinese People's Liberation Army who are fully prepared! Ours is an era in which imperialism is heading for total collapse and socialism is advancing to worldwide victory, a great era in which Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought triumphs all over the world. Let us closely follow the great leader Chairman Mao and advance valiantly with the might of the world's greatest and greater victories!

Long live the Ninth National Congress of the People's Party! Long live the victory of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution! Long live the dictatorship of the proletariat! Workers of all countries, unite! Proletarians, oppressed peoples and nations of the world, unite! Down with U.S. imperialism! Down with Soviet revisionism! Down with the reactionaries of various countries! Long live the great unity of the people of all nationalities in our country! Long live the great unity of the people of the world! Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought! Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China! Long live our great leader Chairman Mao! A long, long life to Chairman Mao!