

ORDER OF THE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S  
LIBERATION ARMY

*October 1, 1949*

Comrade fighters, commanders and political work and rear service personnel,

Together with the rest of the people throughout our country, the armed forces of the People's Republic of China are today celebrating the establishment of its Central People's Government.

The armed forces of our People's Republic have won a great victory in the revolutionary war against the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek government backed by U.S. imperialism. Most of the enemy troops have been annihilated and the major part of our national territory has been liberated. This is the result of the concerted effort and heroic struggle of all our fighters, commanders and political work and rear service personnel. I hereby express my warm greetings and thanks to you all.

Our combat task, however, remains to be completed. Remnants of enemy forces are still colluding with alien aggressors in their counter-revolutionary activities against the People's Republic of China. We must continue to exert ourselves to achieve the ultimate objective of the People's War of Liberation.

Hereby I order all commanders, fighters and other personnel of the Chinese People's Liberation Army to resolutely execute all orders of the Central People's Government and of the great people's leader, Chairman Mao Zedong, and swiftly wipe out the last remaining reactionary Kuomintang troops and liberate all territory not yet liberated and, at the same time, clean out the bandits and all other counter-revolutionary brigands and suppress their resistance and any kind of subversive acts.

Eternal glory to the people's heroes who fell in the People's War of Liberation!

Long live the great unity of the Chinese people!

Long live the People's Republic of China!

Long live the Central People's Government!

Long live Chairman Mao Zedong!

Zhu De  
Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese  
People's Liberation Army