

PEKING STEPS UP ATTACK ON GROUP

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Wall Posters Critical of Teng and His 'Cliques' Suddenly Increase

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HONG KONG, Feb. 13—An

ideological campaign against alleged rightist party officials has suddenly intensified and spread through China. The campaign follows reports yesterday that the senior Deputy Prime Minister, Teng Hsiao-ping, may be under attack.

The campaign has developed so rapidly and unexpectedly that analysts here, as well as Chinese Communist representatives, seem uncertain how to interpret it.

But the attacks appear to be broadening, with the focus shifting from educational issues to economic issues, and some of the criticism is evidently aimed at China's emphasis last year on stability and economic growth.

Moreover, fresh articles and broadcasts from Peking and the provinces this week have also indicated that whoever is behind the campaign may now be trying to tie together all the ideological attacks of the last two years in one major effort. The new articles have begun linking the current attacks to the criticism of the sage Confucius and the late Marshal Lin Biao in 1971 and the attacks last fall on the classic novel, "The Water Margin."

The most startling development is a series of strongly worded wall posters that have reportedly appeared in Peking.

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Shanghai and Wuhan during the last two days. Without mentioning Mr. Teng by name, the posters are said to have criticized an "old capitalist roader who formed cliques around himself" and who had emphasized production at the expense of class struggle.

Mr. Teng was purged during the Cultural Revolution after being denounced as "the No. 2 power-holder taking the capitalist road within the party." It had been widely expected that Mr. Teng, who was rehabilitated in 1973, would be named Prime Minister succeeding the late Chou En-lai.

But last weekend Peking dis-

closed that Hua Kuo-feng, a relatively unknown and younger official, had been named Acting Prime Minister. The surprise move raised speculation over the fate of Mr. Teng, who has not been seen in public since he read the eulogy at funeral services for Mr. Chou on Jan. 15.

Diplomats in Peking said today that they had been told by the Chinese Foreign Ministry that Mr. Teng was still a Deputy Prime Minister. They did not say, however, whether Mr. Teng also still held his other jobs as party deputy chairman and chief of staff of the armed forces.

Among the many questions troubling analysts is why Mr. Teng and the numerous senior party officials close to him, many of whom also suffered during the Cultural Revolution, have made no public response so far to the new criticism campaign. Until just a week ago, Mr. Teng had been presumed to hold tight control over China's daily administration.

Hua Called Mao's Choice

It is also unclear what role Mr. Hua, the new Acting Prime Minister, is playing. According to the Venezuelan Ambassador to China, José de Jesus Sanchez Carrero, the only foreigner to meet with Mr. Hua since his appointment was disclosed, Mr. Hua said that "certain" persons in China constituted a revisionist danger to the country.

The Venezuelan Ambassador, who later talked with reporters in Peking, added that Mr. Hua had told him that these erring comrades should "return to the straight road." The Ambassador said that Mr. Hua explained that the ideological debate should enable a distinction to be drawn between the "correct political line" and the "rightist deviationist line."

Chinese Communist representatives in Hong Kong have insisted in private conversations that the idea of a power struggle in Peking is being exaggerated abroad and that Mr. Hua was picked personally by Chairman Mao Tse-tung simply to bring younger men into China's leadership.

But there are other indica-

tions that many Chinese are as confused as foreign analysts about what is happening. Over the last week the local Chinese Communist newspapers in Hong Kong have been printing less and less news about China, indicating uncertainty about events there. And yesterday the weekly English language edition of the Communist paper, Ta Kyng Pao, did not even mention Mr. Hua's appointment in its summary of the week's most important events.

The current ideological campaign began last December in Peking as a debate over the radical education policies devised during the Cultural Revolution. Several educators, including the Minister of Education, Chou Jung-hsin, were accused of stirring up "a right deviationist wind to reverse the verdict" on the Cultural Revolution. But the official Chinese press repeatedly stressed that the debate was under careful party control.

Then on New Year's Day a major editorial in the official Chinese Communist party daily, Jenmin Jih Pao, and other party organs revealed a new instruction from Chairman Mao warning that the emphasis of the last year on unity and stability did "not mean writing off class struggle."

This theme was picked up much more strongly in an article in Jenmin Jih Pao on Feb. 6 attacking "party power-holders taking the capitalist road who were criticized and exposed during the Cultural Revolution."

These unnamed officials, who might easily include Mr. Teng, were said to have used the emphasis on economic growth and modernization "as a big stick to strangle the Socialist new-born things and attack the proletariat."

The Socialist new-born things were the reforms developed during the Cultural Revolution like the new education system.

Posters at 2d Campus

PEKING, Feb. 13 (Reuters)—Wall-poster attacks on the senior Deputy Prime Minister, Teng Hsiao-ping, spread to another Peking university today as the official press carried new charges against opponents of Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

A group of West German visitors was shown the new posters at the Tsinghua University campus. Members of the group reported that like those at nearby Peking University, the posters unmistakably alluded to Mr. Teng as a "capitalist roader."

In Shanghai, China's largest city, the anti-rightist campaign reportedly was being waged in the streets. Sources there reported that big-character posters were being pasted up attacking "capitalist roaders" and "this great evil wind."