

# China Star

June 19, 1980

## **Destruction by the C.R.**



By Jannel

Ji-Li Jiang was born in 1954. She did not know what pain her family stats would bring her in that faithful year of 1966.

1966, was the year the Cultural Revolution started in China. The Cultural Revolution lasted 10 years. It had ended when the person who started it, Mao Tse-Tung died. The Cultural Revolution was when Mao tricked the Red Guards into hurting the people who

opposed him.



*Red Guards carrying a flag.*

It destroyed many people. They lost there jobs, they were beaten or "remolded" as Mao would say. Thousands were killed, and many families would have

someone not come home from work for months. For example Ji-Li Jiang's father hadn't come home from his acting studio for about three months. They hadn't herd from him, they didn't even know if he was dead or alive. He was accused of listening to foreign radio stations, so the people he worked



*Mao Tse-Tung in front of the Chinese flag.*



*Students paying their respect to Mao.*

with decided to “remold” him. They beat him, screamed and yelled at him, forcing him to confess to something he didn’t do. His family was so worried about him. One time Ji-Li even asked her self “Should I continue to live at all?”

Ji-Li’s best friend An Yi. Her mother was forced to climb up a factory’s chimney she did not hate Mao. “I believed that the Cultural Revolution was necessary to prevent revisionism and capitalism from taking over China. I knew that I was wronged, but mistakes happen under any system. If the country was better for the movement that persecuted me, I was still in favor of it. It was only after Mao’s death that I knew I was deceived.”