

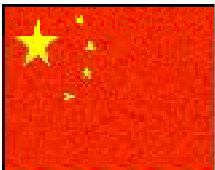
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A CHANGE IN CHINESE HISTORY

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The Chinese Cultural Revolution, the time when China turned communist.

In 1985 years after Mao Tse-Dong was born he became the head of a political party, this party was called the communist party. Mao did not like the state of the government as it was, he wanted it to be a communist country because he thought that communism was better than having the public decide things for themselves and because he wanted to be the dictator.



China's flag red with yellow stars and a moon

During this period of time I, Ji-li Jiang was a child, though head of my class and oldest of three siblings my family

was rich and every body thought that that was bad because Chairman Mao (as he was called when he was the dictator) thought that being rich was bad he even created the Four Olds as guidelines to what he wanted to change. The Four Olds were old ideas, old culture, old customs and old habits. Chairman Mao wanted to destroy these things because they represented the government that he thought were evil.

So when Chairman Mao came to order he wanted to get rid of all of the things that he thought were evil. He created an army to help bring the revolution to the other parts of China. The army marched when he wanted them to because they believed that he was right and they wanted to help him.



Chairman Mao with the back round of the chinese flag.

The army was called the Liberation Army because Chairman Mao thought that he was liberating the people of China from all the bad things of the democratic government. He told everybody the problems of democracy to get them to think that the way of communism is much better, and that is what they did because they all volunteered to be in

the army and they all tried their hardest when the people from the army or the Red Guard were around.

The Red Guard is a group of people that go around in the towns and get rid of all of the things that reminded Mao of the democratic government.

I lived in those times and I too wanted to be a part of the revolution in his Liberation Army or his Red Guards. That was when I learned about democracy and all the things that were before Chairman Mao took over and destroyed everything. Some people including my family did not truly like Mao. My mother and my father did not want me to be in the army so when I came home after school one day and told them that some people had come to my school to see if anyone would want to be in the army. Then my father told me that my grandfather had been a landlord and if anyone found out then they would hate and make fun of me. When I told the people at

school that my parents did not want me to be in that army they found out that my grandfather had been a landlord before he died they wrote a *Da-zi-bao* about me.

A *Da-zi-bao* is a poster of all the things that the person had to do with the Four Olds.

People thought that all landlords were mean and greedy people because they had people who worked for them, and that they mistreated those people who worked and lived on their land. My mother and father did not want anyone to find out because then they would treat us all very badly and raid our home because that is what the Red Guards did to people who had *Da-zi-bao*'s written about them. Red Guards wanted to find out if they were true and they took great pleasure in raiding and beating people and houses because that is what Chairman Mao wanted them to do.



To get more information read my book 'Red Scarf Girl' it is about my life as a child during the Chinese Cultural Revolution.