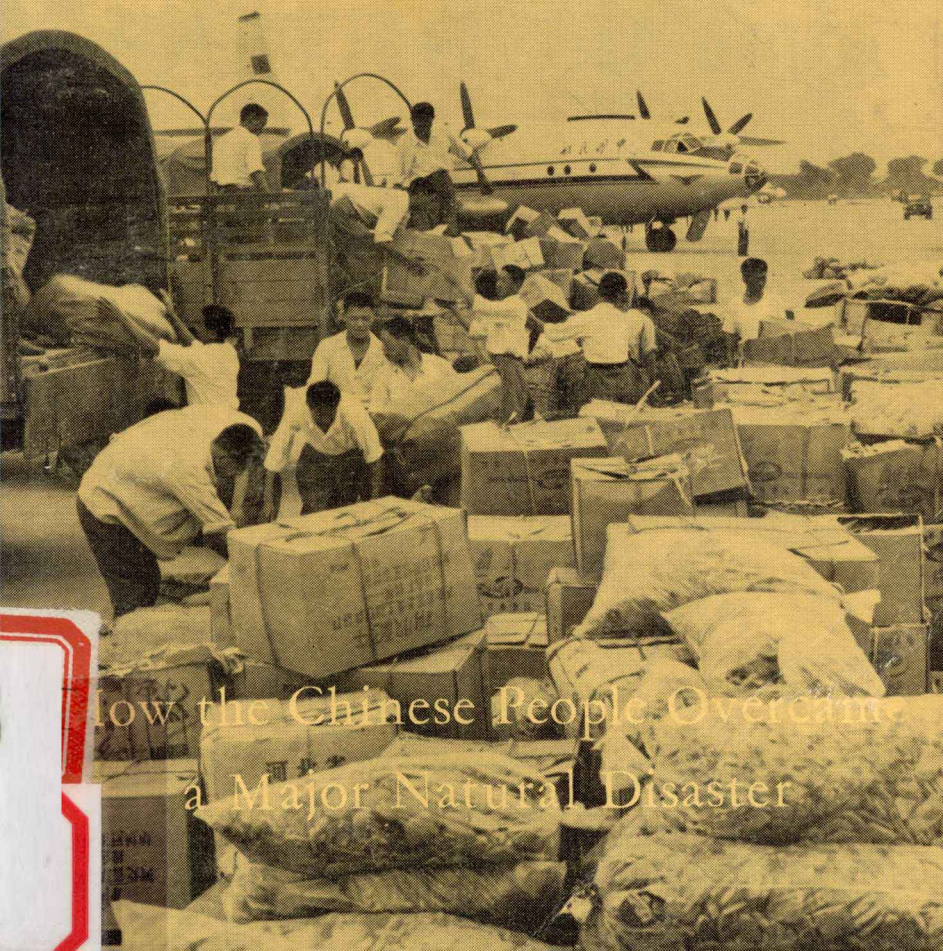


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After the strong earthquake that struck the Tangshan region of China's Hopei Province in late July, 1976, the afflicted people were led by the Chinese Communist Party to launch a magnificent battle for countering the effects of the quake and carrying out relief work. They demonstrated the revolutionary spirit of man conquering nature, and the communist style of devotion to the public interest and of helping others at the risk of one's own safety. Many moving accounts have appeared in the Chinese press. Here we present a number of the articles for our readers.

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August 1, 1976, the delegation sent by the Party Central Committee and the State Council lands at the Fengnan airport to the enthusiastic cheer of the deeply moved local people: "Long live the great leader Chairman Mao!"





The central delegation led by Premier Hua Kuo-feng arrives in the stricken area. Premier Hua and Vice-Premier Chen Yung-kuei express sympathy to the afflicted at the Kailuan mines.

Premier Hua Kuo-feng conveys solicitude at the Tangshan Iron and Steel Company.





Many People's Liberation Army fighters follow the quake into the stricken area where they do rescue and relief work. Their bravery wins warm praises.

Rescued from a collapsed building, Hsu Chia-hsin (*centre*), first secretary of Tangshan city Party committee, is immediately joined by other rescued standing committee members. A command post is set up in a bus at the city centre to direct Tangshan's struggle against the quake and for relief work.





The leading cadres of the Kailuan Coal Mines discuss measures to speedily restore production.

A wounded cadre organizes the people for the struggle against the quake and for relief work.



Li Yu-lin (*first from left*), vice-chairman of the Tangshan colliery trade union, who promptly reported the earthquake to the Party Central Committee, discusses relief work with his comrades.



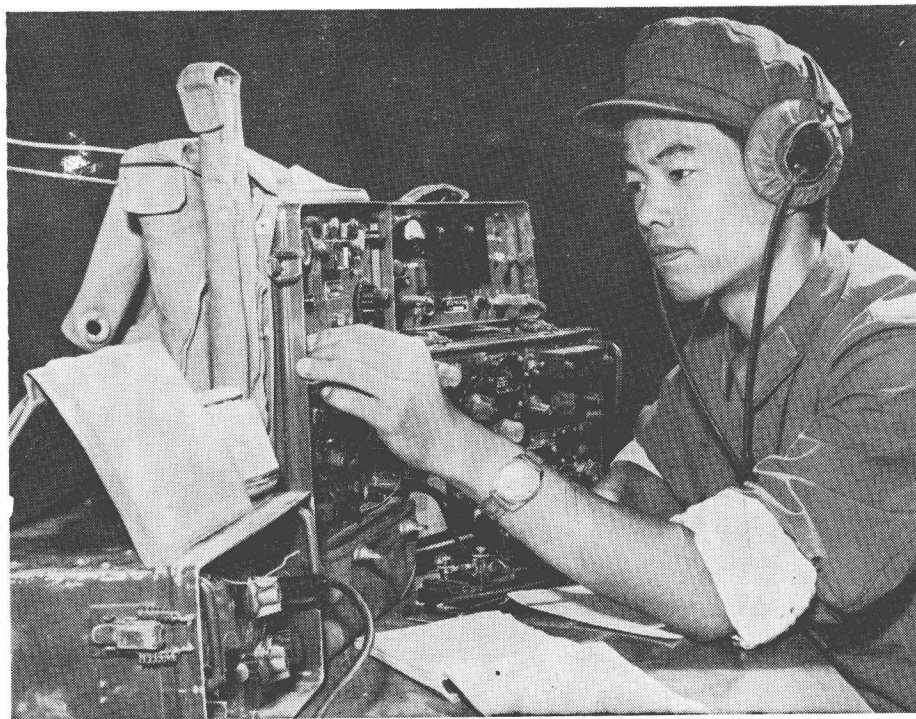


The crew of Train No. 129 who heroically protected their train during the earthquake and later evacuated the passengers safely.



Chia Pang-yu, member of the Party standing committee and vice-chairman of the revolutionary committee of Kailuan's Luchiato colliery, discusses with workers ways to restore production. Chia left the pits last after all miners had reached safety after the quake.

PLA radio operator Wu Tung-liang, who immediately reported the earthquake to Peking after the first shock.

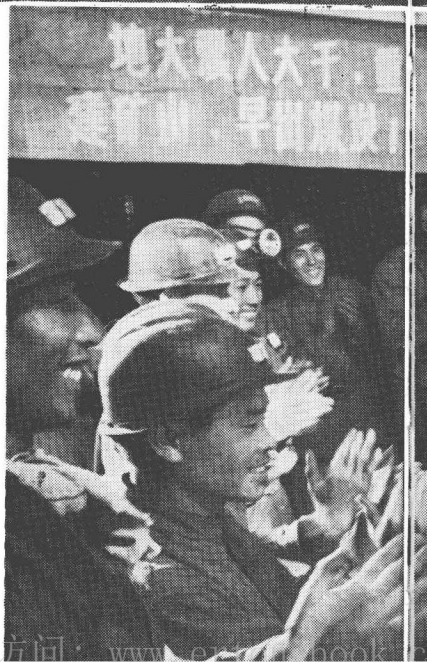
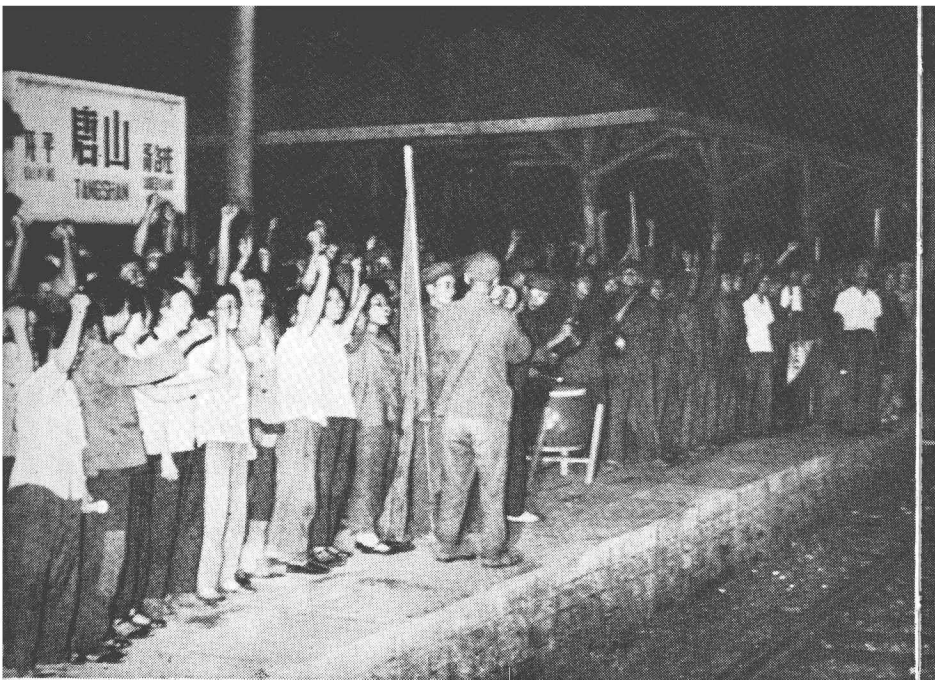




Barefoot doctor Wu Yu-ju (*centre*) rescued seven people from collapsed buildings at the risk of her own safety.

PLA fighters battle day and night repairing the railway.





The first load of coal leaves the pit at Kailuan's Machiakou colliery ten days after the quake.