

# Then the revolution will begin...

## **The outbreak of the French Revolution**

The "French Revolution" is a civil revolution that was brought about by the people who were dissatisfied with the "absolute monarchy" in which the king had absolute power, in order to break it down. At that time, France was in financial difficulties due to repeated wars and the luxurious lifestyle of the court. King Louis XVI also tried to tax priests and the nobility, who were "privileged status" that had been exempted until now. However, since the aristocracy strongly resisted, a meeting called the "Three Committees" was held by representatives from each class. "Since it was the first time in 175 years that the assembly was held, there was a conflict over the method of voting, and the angry third-class commoners established the "National Assembly" themselves. The privileged people use force to try to dissolve the National Assembly, but the anger of the people reaches its climax. On July 14th, 1789, the people attacked the Bastille prison, which triggered the French Revolution.

(Picture ①) "Bastille attack"

## **Revolutionary War and the Pandemic of "La Marseille"**

Amidst the chaos, the king did not come up with an effective plan. Queen Marie Antoinets tries to escape to her hometown of Austria, relying on her brother, Emperor Leopold II. When Leopold II found out that the royal family had been apprehended, he called for the restoration of the monarchy, but it developed into a revolutionary war with France. In 1792, France asked officer Rouge de Reel (1760-1836) to compose a military anthem in order to encourage the army. De Reel is a military anthem for the Line Army.

It was made overnight. On August 10 of the same year, the people, soldiers, and Marseille League soldiers attacked the Tuileries. The "August 10 Incident" occurred, in which the royal family was apprehended and imprisoned in the Temple Tower.

"On this occasion, the Confederate soldiers of Marseille hummed the "Song for the Rhine Army", which became popular among Parisians." The citizens who thought it was a Marseille song called it La Marseille, and it was established as the French national anthem in 1795. In 1814, the monarchy was restored and singing was illegal, but the July Revolution of 1830 brought renewed attention, and it was revived as the French national anthem in 1879.

## **End and Beginning**

Although France won the Revolutionary War, the fugitive actions of the royal family increased the public's distrust. The National Assembly declared the abolition of the monarchy, marking the origin of the "First Republic" and becoming the French Republic. On January 21st, 1793, Louis XVI was executed. Marie was later tried and executed on October 16 of that year.

(Picture ②) "Marie Antoinette sentenced to death on October 16, 1793"