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EDITORIAL NOTE

We publish this second newsletter with much enthusiasm as, although it has been too long since our first edition, we have grown firmer in our convictions through practice, as we see the ever-growing intensity of the class struggle in the world, as in Peru and here in the US. There have been even more powerful actions by the People's Liberation Army that have shown the greater strength and larger capacity of the Communist Party of Peru (PCP) in the People's War, notably the recent taking of the city of Aucayacu, the capital of a district of over 25,000 people, and the actions of armed agitation and propaganda in November, 2004. Everything shows how the Central Committee is through People's War solving the problems of leadership and of the correct application of Gonzalo Thought.

We are particularly very concerned with the state of our Great Leader, Chairman Gonzalo, in his complete isolation, and this hoax of a so-called "new trial" which is nothing but a vile attempt to assassinate him and discredit his name and prestige, completely under the control of the genocidal armed forces led by their Yankee imperialist masters. As the Party explains, the People's War is the main way of defending his life. This Campaign has become a most pivotal issue to the development of the entire International Communist Movement, and inside you can see how it is unfolding today, particularly within the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (RIM). So with firm conviction we reaffirm our promise to give tireless effort to defending his life, as a part of developing the work in support of the People's War of Peru—which is the principal way to defend his life—and reaffirming ourselves in our promise to never let down our Great Leadership.

New Peru Friendship Association (USA)

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This “new trial” that they have commenced to try Chairman Gonzalo, Great Leader of the Communist Party of Peru (PCP) and of the Peruvian revolution, for genocide is part of a plan being worked out by imperialism, principally Yankee, Peruvian reaction and the revisionist and capitulationist right opportunist line (ROL). The overwhelming popular love for Chairman Gonzalo that is embedded in the hearts of the Peruvian people generates great fear in the enemy. Perhaps this fear that Peruvian reaction has can be traced back to the famous news headline from many years ago when a reporter was quizzing the “patriotism” of a Peruvian

child about who their president was (in Spanish, the word for *chairman* and *president* is the same), and got the shocking response “*Presidente Gonzalo!*” But this fear they have that the greatest living communist is deep in the hearts of the people is very real and even more so over 12 years after the arrest and total isolation of Chairman Gonzalo. And they are not far off the mark, given that Chairman Gonzalo translates to people’s war, revolution, which spells their doom along with the entire imperialist system. For the Chairman is the one who has defined Maoism, itself, and has proven it on the battlefield. And now it is the case that it is not just Peru, but

since then, Nepal and Turkey have also risen in people's war, confirming even more that Maoism is the third and superior stage of Marxism, people's war being an essential part of that. The imperialists, their reactionary lackeys and the revisionists are scared stiff by the inevitable doom they face, and will use any means to buy themselves time. Reactionary armed forces, death squads and paramilitary, "disappearances" and genocides are just throwing fuel on the flame, so they find the need to complement these basic tactics with measures that target the popular heart and mind. This is very clearly shown by this "new trial". By accusing Chairman Gonzalo of genocide, and by trying to label him a revisionist and capitulator they aim to change public opinion, to separate the Chairman and the Party from the masses, to defame him; and to finally, afterwards, finish him off—assassinate him. The PCP has never committed genocide, not even once, throughout the entire development of the People's War from 1980 to date. It is them, rather, through the different regime changes, via the Armed Forces, the old state's police force, led directly by imperialism, mainly Yankee, who have committed the most atrocious genocides—they are the genocides.

It is important to clarify that the regime of that "Yankee with Indian Hat" Alejandro Toledo is nothing but a continuation of the fascist, genocidal and country-selling Fujimori regime, who ushered in Yankee imperialism to **directly** lead the counterrevolutionary war

with his "self-coup" in 1990 (and even more so today), against the glorious People's War that has been blazing for over 24 years now. Although imperialism and Peruvian reaction have time and again tried to fool the people with their electoral circuses, "decentralization" plans, and "de-Fujimorization", there is an underlying economic reality, as Lenin said: "politics is the concentrated expression of economics". They can change their appearance, but in essence Peru is an oppressed nation, part of the Third World, semi-feudal and semi-colonial, is ruled by the landlords and bureaucrat big bourgeoisie serving their masters imperialism, mainly Yankee imperialism. So this same landlord-bureaucrat dictatorship remains, it is impossible for them to wage their counterrevolutionary war with, as they say, "the book of law in their hands". The democratic "facelift" is a total failure. The "democratic honeymoon" is long gone by and even reactionaries from competing factions now talk of how much Toledo resembles the Fujimori regime. The Toledo government is just like Fujimori centralizing power in the hands of the Executive, thus showing how the "democracy" and "human rights" they talk of are nothing but old, decrepit and ragged banners. So to be fooled by "regime change" or *coup d'etats* or their rants about "democracy" is a serious error. The only solution to Peru's problems is the revolution, the People's War led by the Communist Party of Peru. So within this framework one can see how they use this trial against

Chairman Gonzalo to try and achieve their objectives, since the main problem they (and the Yankees) have is the People's War.

The main objective of this "trial" is to defame Chairman Gonzalo as a revisionist and capitulator, since the enemy dreams of taking Gonzalo Thought away from the people, to label their Great Leader a revisionist and capitulator in order to bring the whole Party to peace talks and stop the People's War. They have attempted to achieve this ever since they captured him, and his complete isolation was for this purpose, so that they can launch their hoaxes. It began after his capture and detention in 1992; after the public presentation on September 24, 1992, which Chairman Gonzalo used to give his masterful Speech calling to continue developing the People's War, he was deprived of all contact with the outside world. In 1993, the infamous Montesinos, CIA agent and top advisor to President Fujimori, put together the hoax that Chairman Gonzalo was suddenly calling for an end to the People's War, and beginning of peace talks. If any of this were true, then they would not be afraid to present the Chairman live in front of the national and international televised media so that he can make a pronouncement, a demand the Communist Party of Peru has been making for a long time. They can't do this because it's not true. They elaborated a hoax about a "peace letter" supposedly written and signed by Chairman Gonzalo, providing an accompanying video of some stand-in signing the letter,

then came "the repentant" rat called Nancy who did the scripted "self-criticism" written and directed by the CIA agent Montesinos and the Peruvian intelligence services, which was later exposed by the Hildebrandt videos. This was just the beginning of their plotting to produce "evidence" to prove that Chairman Gonzalo was calling for an end to the People's War. But all these plans were crushed by the unstoppable march of the People's War of Peru, as the PCP applies the great principle: *once the banner has been raised it shall never be lowered.*

So they started this "trial" on November 5, 2004, which is in total violation of all his rights. They are trying him in a military prison, denying him his own legal council, with judges appointed purely in order to condemn him, paid by imperialism through the so-called United Nations Development Program, all under the control of the Peruvian Marines under the leadership of the CIA. And this rat Fajardo, who is falsely presented as the Chairman's "defender", works for them. To begin, they put Chairman Gonzalo together with some of the rats from the revisionist and capitulationist ROL in the courtroom (and since he has been in isolation, how does he know who the rats are?). In the edited images they have broadcast, they display Chairman Gonzalo and the other prisoners making greetings, and he leads the agitation with slogans (which did NOT include any nonsense about "peace accords", etc.), but not all of them participate, showing that not all of them fall into

line. So afterwards some of the “press” (a mere tool of imperialism and of the old Peruvian state) start to chatter about how there was no control in the courtroom, how the Chairman has no respect for the judges, that “the Central Committee is being allowed to meet” and so on. What they are aiming at with this pre-planned display is twofold:

1) by showing the Chairman and the ROL together, they aim to draw the PCP to capitulation, since this is what the ROL is calling for “a political solution to the problems derived from the war”, and

“peace accords”; 2) They follow this with Toledo being “outraged” by the abovementioned “anarchy” in the courtroom, and therefore orders a “summary trial”, or a secret trial, with very brief proceedings and without any of the formalities or procedures of an ordinary trial, breaking all demo-bourgeois norms, discarding any last right to a fair trial even by their own definition. Toledo taking charge of the whole legal procedure is just further evidence of how they break the demo-liberal norms and impose everything via the Executive, negating the independence of the Judiciary Power.

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They dare to condemn, not just Chairman Gonzalo and the Communist Party of Peru, but what they try to do is condemn the highest right of the proletariat and people, the one to rebel, to make revolution by people's war. This is what they are trying to do. They, on the other hand, are the real genocides, who set themselves up as

judges to relentlessly defend the rotten and decrepit system of exploitation and oppression in Peru and the whole world. As Chairman Mao said:

It's right to rebel!

On the alleged crime of “genocide”, they have their old hacks and, Toledo having taken even more control over the media than his predecessor, Fujimori, they are able to make these allegations widespread to deceive the masses. With this so-called “Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)” — which has been imposed, controlled and paid by Yankee imperialism, a commission of hoaxes, an instrument for their counterrevolutionary war—a report was produced that accused the PCP of being indirectly responsible for over 69,000 deaths in Peru since 1980, and 40,000 directly. This, complemented by their

fake dialogue with Chairman Gonzalo, where he supposedly admitted: “I don’t deny my responsibility...”, sets the stage for their whole trial for genocide, laying the foundation for their ultimate intention, his assassination. Conveniently, he was still without his own lawyer, and this whole “dialogue” took place behind closed doors. But even this they can explain by taking one of the rats of the ROL to play the role of his lawyer, one of the traitors who goes by the name *M a n u e l Fajardo*. Not coincidentally, here in the US these revisionists from the *R C P - U S A*

headed by that black chieftain Bob Avakian have, in their *Revolutionary Worker*, echoed this and instead refer to this rat Fajardo as Chairman Gonzalo’s lawyer, despite the position taken by the Communist Party of Peru who said very clearly that he is a traitor, and in no way is he Chairman Gonzalo’s lawyer, but a member of the ROL who seeks to kill our Chairman. Very significantly, it was at the very moment when Chairman Gonzalo was to make his declarations concerning how his defense was to be taken up, that the press was ordered to leave the courtroom and the “trial” was subsequently suspended.

The International Emergency Committee (IEC) to Defend

the Life of Dr. Abimael Guzmán (Chairman Gonzalo) was set up thanks to efforts made not least by the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (RIM) after our Great Leader’s capture, and some very good work was done in defense of his life for many years. But the revisionist positions within the Committee of the RIM (CoRIM)—headed by Bob Avakian through his revisionist pseudo-party RCP-

USA—played a role in trying to murder the IEC, while giving “credibility” to the “peace accords” *h o a x*, thereby insinuating that Chairman Gonzalo

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was a revisionist and capitulator, with nothing but the words of imperialism, reaction and the revisionist and capitulationist ROL to support their “doubts” and “investigations” about the integrity of the greatest Marxist-Leninist-Maoist living on the face of the Earth and the foremost prisoner of war in the world. These positions they upheld despite an immediate and clear position taken by the Communist Party of Peru that this was nothing more than a hoax engineered by the fascist, genocidal and country-selling Fujimori regime under the leadership of Yankee imperialism. Having been obliged to step back from these positions, they refused making the self-criticism they promised



March organized by comrades in Bangladesh for the International Day of Action to Defend the Life of Chairman Gonzalo, September 24, 2004

to give, and instead continue on with repeating the new hoaxes and disregarding and refusing to make known the positions of the PCP. One can even find a “news item” published by “A World to Win” where they call a ROL rat “comrade” and propagate the activities of the rat Fajardo, who is the lawyer of basically all the rats, and notably is at the direct service of the leading rat Morote. Maybe we should take them at their word—If traitorous rats from the ROL who are out to kill our Chairman are their “comrades”, then what does that make them? The advances made by the IEC, including the sending of several delegations of lawyers to Peru to attempt to visit Chairman Gonzalo and campaigns all around the world that were launched were no thanks to the Bob Avakian clique, but rather in spite of their attempted sabotage. In Nepal, for example, very good activities were made for Chairman Gonzalo, which

were linked to their initiation of people’s war in 1996. Even the name of the campaign, was a result of the revisionists’ rejection of Chairman Gonzalo as Great Leader of the Communist Party of Peru and the Peruvian Revolution. Instead, they insisted on focusing on the campaign being in defense of the professor and intellectual Dr. Abimael Guzmán, not the greatest living Communist in the world today. Has the PCP ever referred to him in this way? Never. Only imperialism, reaction and revisionism, since they despise everything that Chairman Gonzalo implies. We don’t believe that this is coincidence, but a logical direction for a revisionist party like the RCP-USA. In the document of the Peru People’s Movement (MPP), which is the PCP’s generated organization for the Party work abroad, entitled “Chairman Gonzalo is People’s War!” dated December 2004, they point out: “And we once more recall that, as

everybody can see in the documents of the members of the RIM from this time, Avakian opposed Maoism; we repeat: Avakian opposed Maoism, no matter what they say now" (see REDSUN.ORG). And now they are promoting this ROL rat Fajardo, who is essentially declaring that Chairman Gonzalo is indeed a "genocide". So they are really aiding the enemy's psychological warfare, fulfilling the plans of imperialism, reaction and revisionism, particularly the ROL's intention of exchanging the life of some of their rats for the assassination of Chairman Gonzalo, in order to, ultimately have a "party" without the Great Leadership, a "party" without Gonzalo Thought, a "party" without people's war, so they can go to the bargaining table. This is what they want. But these rats of the ROL have sold themselves for a plate of beans, which they have never even received; instead imperialism and reaction are planning a genocide that includes them if they mutiny, even though they don't know it yet, sparing only people like Morote. The PCP has said before that those who even lift a finger against our beloved Chairman Gonzalo will pay with interest for any harm they cause him, and the word of the Party has never been belied.

Chairman Gonzalo, the foremost prisoner of war in the world today, is still being held in the old and rotten Peruvian state's filthy dungeon of the Callao Naval Base outside of Lima. Here he has been for over 12 years in complete isolation, without the right to meet with any of his lawyers, not even

once, not to mention any of his family members nor, even less, any comrades from the Communist Party of Peru (until the brief moment inside the courtroom where they mixed together some comrades with rats from the ROL). All of his rights as a prisoner of war, and even as a political prisoner, have been completely discarded, as the fascist and country-selling Toledo regime unmasks more and more their "democratic" facade to reveal their genocidal faces before the peoples of Peru and the world. Acting as stooges for imperialism, principally Yankee, they desperately try to resuscitate their dying system, but all in vain, as the People's War, all-encompassingly led by the PCP, without stopping for a single moment, instead marches forward each day more, delivering increasingly stronger blows to this mortally wounded system. The People's War of Peru itself is the best defense of Chairman Gonzalo's life. These executioners think they have devised the ultimate scheme, the one they think will finally defeat the "Shining Path" once and for all. Their plan is to assassinate Chairman Gonzalo, through a 3-step process: 1) to defame him by sentencing him as a mass-murderer, a genocide, (the ultimate hypocrisy); 2) to defame him in order to rob the Peruvian and world's people of their North Star by trying to label him a revisionist and a capitulator; and finally, 3) to assassinate him. We reaffirm our promise to do everything to contribute in defeating the sinister plans to murder Chairman Gonzalo, and we say with full conviction that, no

matter what happens, these black dreams will become a lifelong nightmare for imperialism, reaction and revisionism, for although the commander may die, the command does not, since as the Communist Party of Peru has shown, the People's War will not stop and will only grow, and Chairman Gonzalo will never be

stolen from the hearts and minds of the world's people, in fact the whole imperialist system is just asking for a quicker doom, since this deep admiration mixed with the infernal class hatred that will be generated by his assassination will quickly close the darkest chapter in world history of imperialism.

DEFEND THE LIFE OF CHAIRMAN GONZALO!

DOWN WITH THE ISOLATION!

WE DEMAND THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF CHAIRMAN GONZALO, LIVE AND DIRECT BEFORE THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TELEVISED MEDIA SO HE MAY MAKE A DECLARATION!

NPFA (USA)

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Banner in Queens, New York, 2003

INTRODUCTORY NOTE:

The New Peru Friendship Association republishes this intervention made by the Peru People's Movement at the International Conference of Paris held on March 27-28, 2004. It was a great victory for Chairman Gonzalo, the Communist Party of Peru and the Revolution, and served well to advance the struggle to impose Maoism as command and guide of the world revolution, delivering a devastating blow to revisionism, which is against this, but can only dream otherwise. The victories won by Marxism-Leninism-Maoism on an international level fills us with optimism and joy, and we close ranks around this, and the preceding conference in Palermo for the reconstitution of the Communist Parties as Marxist-Leninist-Maoist parties that initiate and develop People's War until Communism. These developments on an international level show us how the wind is blowing in our favor, and shows us how the struggle is unfolding around the defense of our Great Leader, Chairman Gonzalo, and the universal validity of people's war. The communists are taking position, closing ranks around these two points, and the revisionists are also positioning themselves, more and more openly attacking our Great Leader, and now stooping so low as to attack the three great titans of the international proletariat: Marx, the Great Lenin, and Chairman Mao Tsetung. Not only do we feel, here in the US, that we have a special duty to take up our responsibilities by the mere fact that the revisionist headquarters lie here, but even more so by the clamor of the masses in our lands for the new society, for the leadership and organization that only a militarized Marxist-Leninist-Maoist party can provide. The question about violence or no violence is being pondered in the ivory tower of the petty-bourgeois intellect, meanwhile the cities like LA, St. Petersburg, Cincinnati and Benton Harbor (among others) have inflamed with the masses overflowing with revolutionary violence. Who says the masses aren't ready? Who says there is "not a revolutionary situation in the US"? Only those revisionists who are completely detached from the class struggle here. There is a rich history of a US Communist Movement which was always intimately linked to the struggle against revisionism, and this generation owes it to our forefathers and the next generations to reconstitute the Communist Party here, which will imply struggling untiringly against revisionism. We would also like to refer our readers to the excellent video from the Malmö conference on the website REDSUN.ORG, which sums up brilliantly the rich history and current situation of the World Proletarian Revolution. The following is a translation by the NPFA, which is entirely responsible for any mistakes.

Being a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist means initiating and developing people's war until communism

In the world today, the clamor of the peoples of the world to combat imperialism is rising evermore forcefully. All fundamental contradictions sharpen and the revolutionary situation in uneven development manifests itself with greater force all over the planet. This demands of the communists of the world to constitute or reconstitute the Communist parties as militarized Marxist-Leninist-Maoist parties, in order to initiate and develop the people's war and, thus, lead the masses of the world in people's wars that will join the ones presently waged, forming a single torrent, the world people's war, in order to sweep imperialism and world reaction from the face of the Earth.

As our starting-point we reaffirm the universal validity of revolutionary violence. As formulated by the Communist Party of China in a masterful document published on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Paris Commune:

“Violent revolution is the universal principle of proletarian revolution. A Marxist-Leninist party must adhere to this universal principle and apply it to the concrete practice of its own country. Historical experience shows that the seizure of political power by the proletariat and the oppressed people of a country and the seizure of victory in their revolution are accomplished invariably by the



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power of the gun, they are accomplished under the leadership of a proletarian party, by acting in accordance with that country's specific conditions, by gradually building up the people's armed forces and fighting a people's war on the basis of arousing the broad masses to action, and by waging repeated struggles against the imperialists and reactionaries... On the other hand, a proletarian party suffers set-backs in the revolution if it fails to go in for or gives up revolutionary armed force, and there have been serious lessons."

(Long Live the Victory of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat!, March 18, 1971)

The Communist Party of Peru (PCP), which leads and develops the People's War of Peru as part and in service of world proletarian revolution, is the red fraction of the international communist movement. The Communist Party of Peru, within the international communist movement in general, and particularly within the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (RIM), struggles for the unity of the communists of the world on the basis of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, principally Maoism. To achieve such a unity, it is indispensable to combat revisionism; in order to overcome the current division within it, it is necessary to impose Maoism and crush modern revisionism, and their henchmen, which today unfolds as part of the general counterrevolutionary offensive of imperialism, revisionism and world reaction, which Yankee imperialism, being sole hegemonist and great gendarme, is leading in the midst of collusion and contention. The Party is struggling for

the unity of the communists of the world in order for our ideology, Maoism, to be the command and guide of world revolution, for it is only in that way that the international proletariat, the international communist movement through their Communist Parties, will be able to lead the conquest of political power and emancipate the oppressed in order to emancipate themselves as a class. Otherwise, the time that imperialism remains an unburied corpse will be prolonged. It is Chairman Gonzalo, Great Leader of the Communist Party of Peru and of the Peruvian revolution, who has defined Maoism as the third, new and higher stage of Marxism, specifying its content and in addition making contributions having universal validity. Against the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist, Gonzalo Thought position of the Communist Party of Peru, revisionist positions negating Maoism are being raised, some openly and others covertly. Inside the RIM, of which our Party is a founding member, and for the unity of which it struggles, these revisionist positions are headed by the RCP of the United States.

The trajectory of moonshine "Maoism"

In order to see the role that the RCP and others play today, we should recall some facts concerning the trajectory of these people, which they do everything to deny and hide. When the RIM was founded (1984), they opposed Maoism, which at that time was upheld, applied and defended only by the Communist Party of Peru. As Chairman Gonzalo points out in the International Line from the First Congress of the Party (1988):

“Our position on the incorporation of the PCP within RIM is condensed in a letter written to the Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement dated October 1986: ‘We wish to reiterate two questions about this point. First, from the beginning of our ties, the origin of our differences was around the substantial and decisive question of how **M a r x i s m - L e n i n i s m - M a o i s m** is the sole, true and new stage in the development of the proletarian ideology, how it has universal validity, and how the key to the matter is principally Maoism; consequently, our disagreement is with the expression ‘Marxism-Leninism-Mao **T s e - t u n g Thought.**’ Nevertheless, we have thought and still think that the resolution of this mat-

ter (for us an indispensable point of departure) is complex and demands time and, especially, development of the revolution.”

“Second, in signing the Declaration derived from the Second Conference which created the RIM, we had

observations and even clear opposition, which was expressly set forth in brief. We reiterated these issues in meetings, reports and communications which clearly indicate differences on the principle contradiction, the revolutionary situation of unequal development, on world war, and over some criteria on the role of the move-

ment; along with some other more important points, such as the universal validity of **M a r x i s m - L e n i n i s m - M a o i s m**, and in particular the general validity of people’s war—the expression of the military theory of the proletariat which our class has newly formed totally and completely with **Chairman Mao Tse-tung**—and our insistence on always raising the great slogan: ‘Proletarians of all



Paintings made by PCP sympathizers at the Indian embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark, in support of the People’s War of Nepal and for the defense of Comrade Gaurav of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) (October, 2004)

countries, unite!’»

In this quote, we highlight that “the origin of our differences was around the substantial and decisive question of how **Marxism-Leninism-Maoism** is the sole, true and new stage in the development of the proletarian ide-

ology, how it has universal validity, and how the key to the matter is principally Maoism”, as well as the clear opposite positions on points of utmost importance, such as “the universal validity of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, and in particular the general validity of people’s war—the expression of the military theory of the proletariat which our class has newly formed totally and completely with Chairman Mao Tse-tung”.

With the powerful development of the People’s War in Peru and the masterful handling of the two-line struggle by Chairman Gonzalo, the international communist movement was made to advance, as a whole, as well as the RIM. With the arrest of the Chairman and the bend in the road of the People’s War and with the emergence of the revisionist and capitulationist right opportunist line (ROL) in the prisons, the situation was opportune for the right to break out in the RIM and for it’s head – using others – to more openly raise their opposition against Maoism, but now stuffing their mouth with “Marxism-Leninism-Maoism”. The RCP, with its hegemonist strivings within the RIM, launched a campaign of attacks against Maoism, first centering on the one who has defined it, Chairman Gonzalo and the Communist Party of Peru. Thus, they act like Khrushchev, who launched his attacks on Marxism-Leninism and the dictatorship of the proletariat under the pretext of attacking Comrade

Stalin. The revisionist positions headed by the RCP then centered on Chairman Gonzalo, spreading that “he may be the author of the peace letters”, etc., attacks without any foundation whatsoever, except what emanates from the sewers of reaction, as the Party has established and as we are affirming, by fulfilling the tasks they have established.

The People’s War – the military theory of the proletariat

As we have seen previously, the question of the military theory of the class, the people’s war, has been one of the principal points of difference since the formation of the RIM.

Today, the initiation and development of the people’s war, applied to the concrete conditions of each country, is more urgent than ever, it is a demand for all communists in the world. Because of this, and also because of the advances

made in making Maoism be recognized as the current stage of Marxism, the struggle around the question of the people’s war necessarily grows sharper. The Marxist-Leninist-Maoist position is that the people’s war is the highest military theory of the proletariat, of universal validity, which the class obtains for the first time with Chairman Mao and which has to be applied in all countries –imperialist or oppressed, small or big, cold or hot, Western or Eastern. This is the position of the PCP, this is Maoism, this is the position around which the communists of the

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world have to close ranks, and there is no better way of closing ranks around this position than by initiating and developing people's war in your own country, thus showing your agreement in practice and confirming once more its universal validity. The revisionist positions either completely negate the people's war, or, as in the case of the positions expressed by those from the RCP and others, proclaim to accept it in words, but negate the concrete content and its application, talking about "two basic roads", summed up as "protracted people's war" in oppressed countries and "insurrection" in imperialist countries.

The *military line* of the Communist Party of Peru, center of the Party's General Political Line, is a masterful document of the First Congress of the PCP (1988). Here, Chairman Gonzalo synthesizes what people's war is, as a universal theory and in its application in the case of Peru:

"...in order to carry forward the People's War we must take into account four fundamental questions: (1) The ideology of the proletariat, Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, which must be specified in a guiding thought—therefore we base ourselves on Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, Gonzalo Thought, primarily the latter; (2) the necessity for the Communist Party of Peru, which leads the People's War; (3) The People's War is specified as a peasant war that follows the road of surrounding the cities from the countryside; and (4) Support Bases or the New Power, the construction of the Support Bases, which is the essence of the path of surrounding the cities from the countryside."

These four points are universally valid; without them, there can't be people's war, and they are universally applicable. Let us see:

1) The ideology of the proletariat, Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, which has to be specified in the form of a guiding thought. It is through the people's war that this guiding thought proves its validity in practice and it is on the basis of such a guiding thought that the Great Leadership every revolution needs is sustained. This has universal validity. This has been the case in China and in Peru.

2) The necessity of the Communist Party of the country in question, in order to lead the people's war; this is also universally valid; without the leadership of the Communist Party, there is no proletarian revolution.

3) The road of the people's war. Concerning this point, revisionism tries to distort the theory of the people's war, in order to say that the road of encircling the cities forms part of its essence, and that it is thus only applicable in oppressed countries. What really is generally valid is the necessity of **specifying** the people's war, and of establishing the road it has to follow. Here, it corresponds to point out, as Chairman Gonzalo does, against those who brand us as "dogmatic", that in Peru, there is a particularity: the unitary people's war is being developed, with the countryside as principal and the cities as necessary complement. In the different imperialist countries, it is necessary to establish the road, seeing where the masses are, for they are the makers of history and thus those who make the people's war, under the leadership of their Party.

4) Support bases or new political power. What is universal, is that without new political power, there is no people's war. The concrete forms of the new political power, its location, etc., depends on the concrete conditions of each country. We are going to look more closely at this point further on in our speech. For now, we point out that: **"The Support Bases are the strategic bases which the guerrilla forces rely on to fulfil their strategic tasks and to achieve the objective of preserving and increasing their forces, as well as annihilating and throwing back the enemy. Without such strategic bases there would be nothing to base ourselves on to carry out any one of our strategic tasks, nor to reach the war's objective."** (*Military Line*, center of the General Political Line, I Congress of the PCP, 1988) Always keep in mind that with Chairman Mao, guerrilla warfare acquires a strategic character, without guerrilla warfare there is no people's war, and as we have seen above, without Support Bases, the guerrilla forces cannot fulfill their strategic tasks.

These four problems – to which must be added many other questions concerning the laws of war, tactics and strategy, which we cannot treat in this speech – already shows us what is fundamental to the meaning of people's war. The unsolved problems, such as the concrete application in imperialist countries, are precisely on the level of the *application* of this theory, it is not

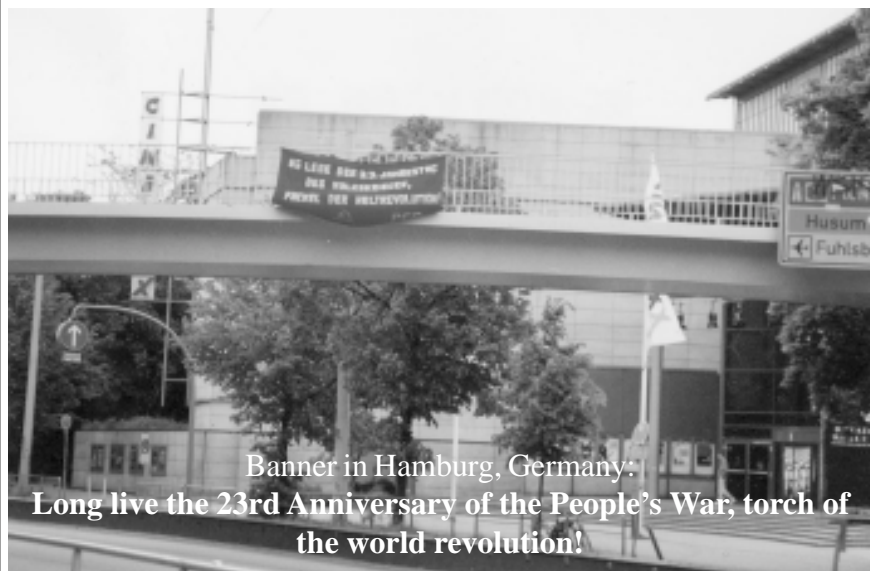
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a question of the theory being incomplete, but only that it by necessity has to be developed. It is complete but will continue to develop by the application of the communists until through this we enter communism. It is like in the case of a human being, he isn't born incomplete, he is born with a head, torso and extremities, with a nervous system, a cardiovascular system, etc., and thereafter he will develop until the last day of his existence. True advances in this can be made only through practice, only by waging war is it possible to learn to wage war. It is up to the communists of each country to take on this application through practice, committing the errors that will surely occur, and paying the necessary cost, but it has always been in this way that Marxism has advanced.

It also rests on the communists, especially those of the imperialist countries, to treat the problem of the duration of the war, the protracted people's war, which derives from the interrelation of the factors of the enemy and our forces. The starting-point is the objective fact that there is a great disparity between the enemy forces and our forces, and for us to go from weak to strong is something that requires a period during which the defects of the enemy will express themselves and our advantages develop themselves. That's why we say that our army in appearance is weak but in essence is strong, and the enemy is strong in appearance but weak in essence. Thus, in order to

go from weak to strong, we have to wage a protracted war, and this has three stages: the first is the period of the enemy's strategic offensive and our

includes even its centralized state power and the fact that it is distributed across the country, for it is an old and rotten imperialist state power. What is this talk



strategic defensive. The second is the period of the enemy's strategic consolidation and our preparation for the counteroffensive. The third will be the period of our strategic counteroffensive and the enemy's strategic retreat. This is how Chairman Gonzalo sees the correlation between the enemy's factors and ours; in the oppressed countries as well as in the imperialist countries, when you begin, there is a great disparity of forces that are against us, and the people's war serves precisely to snatch this advantage away from the enemy and finally defeat him. This is why the proletarian military line does not center on the enemy's strength, whose advantages boil down to only one: the numerous armament they count on, including their technology; all the others are weak points, and this

of it being distributed in a uniform way? This immediately goes against the law of imperialism's uneven development, established by Lenin, with this they smash their argument to pieces all by themselves. Doesn't everyone know that in their cities, there are neighborhoods that they cannot control, the so-called "ghettos"? Their army is a mercenary army, the base of the imperialist armies is of worker origin and from the poorest strata. As the pseudo-theoretician does not have this line, but the one contrary to it, he says that we have to sit down and wait for the enemy to hand us this advantage, we have to sit down and wait for the day when we, by means of the labor press, will be millions, we have to wait for the world war to take place and a great crisis to break out. No! **"We don't consider the prob-**

lem to be that revolution comes from the war of the reactionaries. Revolution comes from the revolutionary war, from the people's war, others stand idle simply dreaming of how to transform the imperialist world war into revolution. It's an absurd theory." This is why the pseudo-theoretician denies that revolution is the main trend historically and politically, for he denies that the struggle for power has sharpened, the struggle of the masses, of the proletariat, of the Communist Parties, and in this struggle for power, what is principal is the revolutionary struggle, not the counterrevolutionary struggle for political power.

Against these revisionist positions, Chairman Gonzalo tells us: **"Our problem is the people's war, concretely preparing ourselves for it, how to transform into people's war these imperialist aggressions or this inter-imperialist war or this imperialist world war, how to wage it so as to prepare ourselves; even if there is no imperialist war, no direct aggression of imperialism, we have to uphold the people's war and dare to fight, which is the case of Peru"**. The Chairman stresses: **"as we have started from 'nothing', because that is what Chairman Mao taught us, and as we had a Party with a just and correct line, the problem was to begin, because the problem is not how many you are, but if you want to initiate the people's war or not. We have developed the Party, built the PGA, we concretize the new political power and our mass work is taking quantitative and qualitative leaps, we have snatched the arms from the enemy and the passage to**

more modern weapons is taking place"... **"We have applied, and we persist in the principle that the Party must lead the people's war, and lead the army absolutely, for we guide ourselves by 'the Party commands the gun, and we will never permit the gun to command the Party.' We must also persist in what Chairman Mao taught us, that war follows politics, and we subject ourselves to Lenin, 'war is the continuation of politics by military means', this is the way it has been and will continue to be, and from this derives the class character of the war"**.

The revisionist positions that negate the people's war

The theory of the people's war is being negated in many forms: some negate it openly and shamelessly, others talk of "people's war" but change the content, or recognize its application only in oppressed countries, or only in countries with certain geographic characteristics. Others at least have the merit of waging armed struggle, but oppose themselves to converting it into people's war. Due to the importance of making the RIM advance, as part of the International Communist Movement, in order to advance in the crushing and sweeping away of the revisionist positions within the RIM, we are going to look at how the RCP of the United States revises the theory of people's war in its so-called "Draft program". It is fitting to point out beforehand that these positions, like others, center on exaggerating the differences between imperialist countries and oppressed countries, but in reality, they revise the theory of the people's war for the op-

pressed countries as well, distorting its essence.

According to this "Draft program" there would be *"two basic roads"*: in the oppressed countries, protracted people's war, and in the imperialist countries, an insurrection followed by civil war, which isn't people's war in any way but words.

In order to supposedly "back up" this theory, the RCP of the United States asserts that *"in the imperialist countries ... the power of the ruling class is centralized and evenly distributed over the entire country, and the technology, the means of transport and communication are highly developed."*

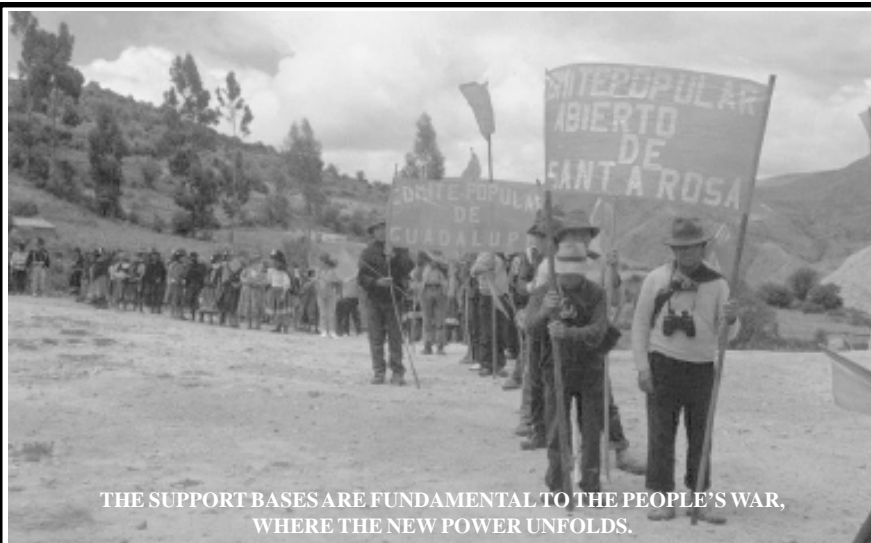
But it is an undeniable fact that *protracted* armed struggles have been waged and are being waged in various imperialist countries, independently of how many problems they may have ideologically, politically and in the other aspects. We can name examples of countries with a vast degree of variety in the political, economical and social situation: Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, United States, France, Ireland, Italy, Japan, etc. They have not been people's wars, for they have not been based on the military theory developed by Chairman Mao, they have not fulfilled the four criteria pointed out above, but they have still been, and are, armed struggles and civil wars waged for years, in some cases for decades. What has not been repeated, as the First Congress of the PCP points out, is an insurrection like that in Petrograd and

that **"...in the final analysis, the October Revolution was not only an insurrection but a revolutionary war that lasted for several years."** The centralization of the imperialist power, of which the "Draft Program" speaks, has not been able to crush these struggles, led by forces that do not base themselves on the military theory of the proletariat.

Let us briefly look at a concrete example in Europe: Northern Ireland. For almost 40 years, the republican forces developed armed struggle, and up to

now, they have not been able to put an end to it (here we make reference to the "reinitiation" of the 60's). This, being guided by ideologies alien to the class, without a Communist Party. They brought about a situation where the troops of English imperialism and their mercenary forces had to deploy themselves as an occupation force in hostile territory, using the rules of conduct of war just in order to be able to move from one neighborhood to another. There, great ambushes and massive assaults were carried out (even with artillery – mortars, homemade, but high capacity), and helicopters were brought down: guerrilla warfare; this without even mentioning the countless sabotages, annihilations and propaganda actions. The result was that, in large parts of the bigger cities, "the catholic neighborhoods", and even almost totally in some small towns (in the South Armagh region), the paratroopers and assassins

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WHERE THE NEW POWER UNFOLDS.

of British imperialism's SAS had to remain in their barracks, for if they went out, they would immediately suffer losses. They even called it "Bandit country" – the term Anglo-Saxon military slang uses for territory dominated by the enemy. It was war. This was achieved because the masses wanted to fight, because the masses there were ready to give their lives, arms in hand, to crush imperialism. If it has not developed more, it is because the leaders never wanted to triumph, because they had other class interests, because of the lack of the leadership of a militarized Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Communist Party applying people's war. These are facts that must be studied, but what has been pointed out here once more shows that the problem lies not in whether it is possible or not, because it has been shown abundantly that it is possible. And if the other class was capable of this: what could the proletariat not do?

The possibility of waging a pro-

tracted people's war – as far as the objective conditions are concerned – depends on the existence of a revolutionary situation. The RCP of the United States uses the old revisionist trick of confusing revolutionary situation with revolutionary crisis, which is the moment when you seize political power in the whole country, a crisis that doesn't fall from the sky, like these pseudo-theoreticians believe, but arises due to the development of the revolutionary situation, in uneven development, to being one in growing development, until the revolutionary crisis or revolutionary high tide, for which the very development of the war is decisive to us, the rest depends on the complex development of the national and international situation as a whole. In addition, these pseudo-theoreticians only talk of "*situations of extreme crisis*" and "*normal times*": they deny the agony of imperialism, they deny that imperialism in its process of putrefaction ripens the conditions for revolution, they deny the ex-

istence of a revolutionary situation in uneven development in the whole world.

New Political Power – the core of the people’s war

Many who deny the possibility of waging people’s war say that it is not possible to build new political power for instance in the imperialist countries. To this end, they traffic with quotes of Chairman Mao, quotes that date from the period when he was just beginning to establish the theory of people’s war. **“It cannot occur in any imperialist country or in any colony under direct imperialist rule”** says Chairman Mao in 1928 (*Why is it that Red Power Can Exist in China?*). But, watch out! This phrase is accompanied by a note in Volume I of the Selected Works. After having pointed out the circumstances of the strategic equilibrium of world revolution (without using this term), the note points out: **“Thus, much as in China, it has become possible for the peoples of all, or at least some, of the colonial countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America to maintain big and small revolutionary base areas and revolutionary regimes over a long period of time, and to carry on long-term revolutionary war in which to surround the cities from the countryside, and then gradually to advance to take the cities and win nation-wide victory.”** Thus, the Chinese communists tell us that the question of the possibility of building new political power depends on the national and international situation, it depends on the moment of world proletarian revolution. This is why we, being faithful followers of Chairman Mao, assert that

in the strategic offensive of world proletarian revolution, new political power can exist, before the country-wide conquest of political power, even in the imperialist countries.

The problem once more lies in applying the theory of the people’s war to practice, in order to arrive at establishing the concrete forms for this new political power, in order to conquer, defend and develop it. The armed struggles waged in Europe contain important experiences concerning this matter, and in Peru as well, it was the very experience of the war that showed the feasibility of building new political power in the cities, with the appearance of the sixth form of new political power, the Committees of Popular Struggle.

Yet another revisionist trick is not to talk of new political power but of “liberated areas”. The character of the new political power is always fluid, it follows the fluidity of the war, it may disappear in one place in order to reappear in another. The relative stability is only achieved with strategic equilibrium, that is, after years of development of the war, and what can be called “liberated areas” is a phenomenon that in general arises only in the offensive, when you approach the countrywide conquest of political power. Making the existence of “impregnable” support bases as a condition for waging people’s war goes against experience, it means negating the possibility of waging people’s war even in the oppressed countries.

On this question, you must carefully study what Chairman Gonzalo points out in his speech *We are the initiators!*, one month before the initiation of the people’s war:

"...in our mind, in our heart, in our will, we carry the unborn popular political power, we carry it with us. At first, we have no rearguard, or we have only a small, weak, fragile and variable one. Comrades, we must not forget the popular political power, the State of the working class; the workers' and peasants' State marches with us, we carry it in the barrels of our guns, it dwells in our mind, it throbs in our hands and it will always be with us, burning in our hearts. Let us never forget it, it is the first thing that should be in our minds. Comrades, it will be born fragile, weak, because it will be new, but its destiny is to develop through change, the fragility will be modified, like a tender plant. May the roots that we plant today be the future of a vigorous state. All this, comrades, begins to

be born from the modest and simple actions that we are initiating tomorrow."

And Chairman Gonzalo further explains the development of this process more in the document *Elections, No! People's War, Yes!* (1990):

"Since 1982 we have been destroying the Old Power in the countryside; generating in consequence a Power vacuum, each day greater and extending to larger areas; as is well known and recognized. Does that Power vacuum remain a political limbo, an interregnum of the class struggle? Can anyone believe that the Old Power is destroyed and nothing can replace it? Doesn't the destruction of the Old Power imply, as counterweight, the construction of the New Power? Aren't destruction of the



PCP sympathizers make action in New York City, February 2005.

Old Power and construction of the New Power two terms of the same contradiction? Well then, over the destruction of the Old Power the New is created, which is a joint dictatorship, based on the worker-peasant alliance and supported by the People's Army. As the ABC of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism reads, the New Power in its development obviously follows the fluidity of the People's War, and the specifications of our concrete reality. But precisely with the multiplication of the Open People's Committees, in 1989, the New State tends to achieve a relative stability."

To negate the people's war leads to elections and to the "peaceful transition"

The negation of the possibility to wage people's war in the imperialist countries also implies negating the necessity of militarized Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Communist Parties. Instead of centering all the forces, all the work of the Party on the initiation and development of the people's war, the RCP of the United States says "prepare" the initiation of armed struggle when the revolutionary crisis falls from the sky by means of their "*central task*": *Create public opinion, seize political power! Prepare minds and organize forces for revolution*" and in this, the "*key role*" lies with the "*press of the Party*". Concretely, journalistic work, distributing papers – i.e., peaceful, legal work. Or in other words, to continue with their petty-bourgeois life, dedicating their "spare time" to wave their little red flags but not making revolution advance one inch.

And where does this lead? To what they are saying through others that put themselves behind their revisionist positions: "*participate in elections*", or, as in other cases, to seeking "*A round table conference, an interim government and election to a Constituent Assembly*". Thus, the negation of the universality of the people's war leads to negating revolutionary violence as the only way of conquering political power, it leads to the "peaceful transition" of Khrushchev. It is therefore no coincidence that the same ones launch attacks against Comrade Stalin, and neither that some speak of "*the bitter experiences of the 'Socialist' models of the 20th century*", without differentiating between the glorious experiences of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the fascist regimes imposed with the counter-revolutions, in order to, echoing the general counter-revolutionary offensive attacking socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

We conclude: We, the international proletariat and the peoples of the world can no longer continue to live in this world of oppression and exploitation that every day brings ever more misery to all its corners. A revolutionary situation in uneven development exists on the whole planet, and it is up to the communists to organize the wrath of the masses, transform the protests, the rebellions, the armed struggles into people's war. To do this, we have to crush and sweep away all the revisionist rot that opposes people's war, we need militarized Marxist-Leninist-Maoist, Communist Parties; *today*, so that they initiate people's wars in their respective countries as soon as possible.

Below we republish, in part, an article from Red Sun #25, entitled "National Political Situation: The Old Peruvian State is Only Maintained Out of Inertia and By the Force of Arms. The People's War Advances With the Wind Blowing in Its Favor." All mistakes in translation are entirely the responsibility of the NPFA.

C.-REVOLUTION IS THE ONLY SOLUTION

UNDENIABLE FAILURE OF REACTION IN ITS PRINCIPAL TASK OF ANNIHILATING THE PEOPLE'S WAR

The enemy's "encirclement and suppression" campaigns and our counter-campaigns is the main pattern of the People's War. During the second part of 2003, the old Peruvian state's armed forces carried out a series of massive encirclement and suppression campaigns, which it called "Storm" (initiated in 2001) and in November, those called "Iron 2003", the latter under the heading "counter-narcotics operations." Like all the others, this "encirclement and suppression campaign" by reaction applied more genocide; thus you can for instance see a TV report by the news agency *Reuters* (dated September 11, 2003), where they first show a People's Committee being machine-gunned from the air; thereafter, how members of the masses and combatants' children are kidnapped (the British journalist enthusiastically presents this action as "liberation of captives"); finally, they show how the reactionary armed forces subsequently set fire to the houses.

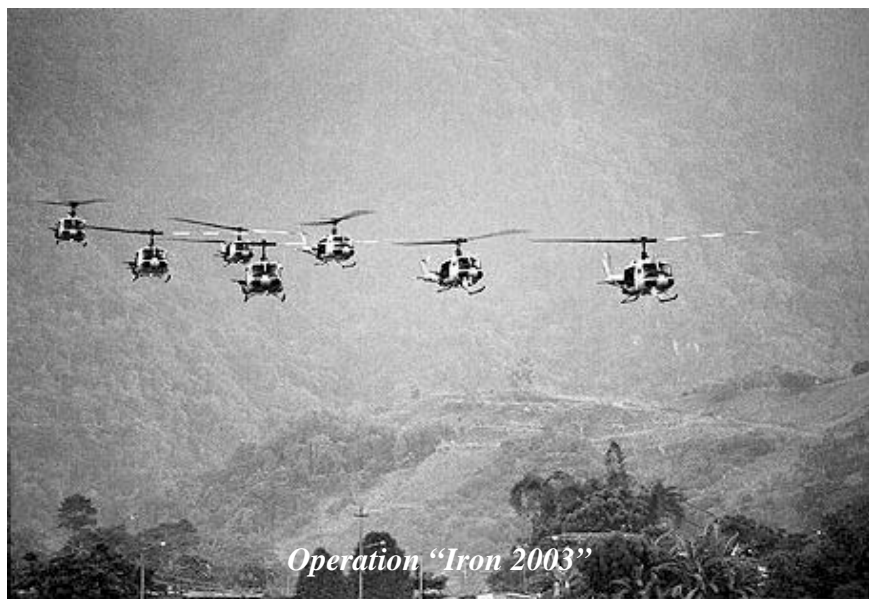
But all this genocide has not given them any results. The PLA, all-encompassingly led by the Communist

Party of Peru, has developed very successful counter-campaigns, applying active defense of the new political power in order to thereafter go on the offensive, making, among other actions, magnificent ambushes that have meant resounding defeats for reaction on the battlefield. Reaction bragged about "great triumphs" and set up a whole show before the national and international press, making big talk of "a hard blow to the Shining Path" and the supposed "destruction of large quantities of cocaine," trying to throw sand in the eyes of the Peruvian people and the peoples of the world. But they were unable to hide the fact that they did not attain any of their objectives, for their "great campaign" ended in a new great failure; they have suffered defeat after defeat and the new political power, the support bases and the People's Committees shine more defiantly than ever as irrefutable proof of the universal validity of the People's War.

Another successful campaign of the People's War develops from May 2004 on, with resounding actions in the countryside, with ambushes against

combined forces from of the police and Marines in Aguaytfa (Ucayali) on June 3; the incursion on the military encampment of Cangari (Huanta province, Department of Ayacucho) on June 23; the incursions and taking of villages in several parts of the country, and sabotage actions like the blackout in Huancayo in celebration of the 24th anniversary of the People's War, or the

mobilize the masses and increase the direct intervention, principally Yankee, and despite the resistance from many representatives inside and outside government, reaction has to acknowledge this reality that it can no longer hide: the advance of the People's War; it is no longer a question of only some of its spokespersons, but the majority. They are thus preparing public opin-



Operation "Iron 2003"

massive campaign of armed agitation and propaganda with graffiti, putting up flags, leafleting and other actions in Lima and other cities of the country.

The advance of the People's War sharpens the contention within reaction, the different contradictions inside it, between the bureaucrat and the comprador factions, and inside each one of them as well, between the most diverse groups they are divided into, today more than ever. Facing the necessity to develop the counter-subversive warfare, reinforce the military actions,

ion for reinforcing their counter-subversive warfare, for a greater genocide. Declarations like the following are typical: *"The first thing we have to recognize is that the Shining Path never was completely defeated. We are seeing that it is indeed feasible to talk of a reorganization. Facts speak for themselves. The fact that the Shining Path has attacked repeatedly during the last two years is the best evidence to be sure that they have enough organization."* (Interview with José Páez Bartra, teacher at the Center for Higher Mili-

tary Studies [CAEM] and at the Advanced School of War of the Army, *Expreso*, June 27, 2004).

All the declarations made in this sense form part of a coordinated campaign, in which it is notorious that everybody centers on the government of the “Yankee with Indian hat,” Toledo, and try to exonerate the armed forces from their failure; those propelling this

to this terrorist group the last four years... The armed forces know what measures have to be taken, for they are one of the few in the world that have anti-subversive experience. They simply have to be given the means and the legal protection to be able to fulfill their mission, in order to avoid that we thereafter once more will be putting officers on trial or in prison for



Yankee floating base in Peru “to be the center for all anti-drug operations in the region”(reported by the reactionary press, 12/1/03), signifying the increased intervention of Yankee imperialism to combat the People’s War.

campaign are the armed forces themselves, under Yankee command. This is a concrete expression of how the People’s War sharpens all their contradictions. Some among the military explicitly declare themselves in favor of a regime openly under military command, at the same time as they ask for *carte blanche* to commit more genocides: “*The recomposition of the Shining Path (SL) is due to the opportunities the ‘democratic system’ has given*

having fulfilled their duty.” (Interview with vice admiral (ret.) Luis Giampietrie, *Expreso*, April 21, 2004) The bottom line of this quote is in accord with that of the commander of SOUTHCOM, General James T. Hill, and with that of Gino Costa concerning “*the new role of the military and the police,*” included in our article: “The application of the ‘New U.S. Security Strategy for the Western Hemisphere.’”

The new political power is not only being maintained, but expands

Within the framework of what has been pointed out above, the enemy sees itself forced to admit what it can no longer hide, what the Party points out, that the new political power, the People's Committees and the Support Bases are growing. The chairman of the Regional Leading Council of the Self-Defense

Committees of Ayacucho, Huancavelica and Apurímac, "the leader of the 250,000 *ronderos*" thus says: "They are indeed located along the



Action by the People's Liberation Army against the US embassy in Lima just prior to the genocide Bush's arrival, March 2002.

left bank of the Ene River, close to the Shining Path bastion Vizcatán, and they are classified as bases in the places called Los Nogales, Pampa Aurora, Paquichari, San Miguel de Ene, San Juan de la Frontera, where there is a very strong upheaval. They deploy groups of 30 or 40 armed persons, misleading the people". (República, June 1, 2004) The last campaign of the Party has made all this come to light on a higher level, with the recognition by reaction of the existence of "liberated areas": "The Na-

tional Anti-terrorist Service is to have knowledge of influence obtained by the Shining Path in 50 settlements in the Ene River valley... The political control the Shining Path (SL) is to have obtained in several communities in the Ene River valley, in Satipo, is the result of the government's negligent attitude towards terrorism, agreed the members of the Congressional Defense Commission." (Correo of Lima, July 19, 2004).

But at the same time, and as part of the psychological war that is led directly by Yankee imperialism, reaction seeks to isolate the Party from the masses; it aims at denying that

it is **new political power**, that new politics, a new economy and a new culture is being developed there; that the masses are the ones who exercise political power there, under the leadership of the Party. In its hoaxes, reaction says that the masses are "kidnapped," that the Party is financed "by narco-trafficking," that "they offer salaries of up to \$250," etc. But even so, the confidence the masses have in the Party is undeniable, despite the attempts to distort reality, as we see in an article from *La República*, June 25, 2004, which says:

“The inhabitants who dedicate themselves to growing coca leaves asked the members of the Shining Path for protection against the robbers who attack the farmers every time the narco-traffickers pay for their harvests. The subversives committed themselves to doing so, according to an intelligence report of the PNP in the Ayacucho Police Region.” Everything reaction does to try to vainly twist reality is part of its psychological warfare and of its preparation of public opinion for the application of their plans, but facts are stubborn things and the best testimony to the truth of the Party, to the development of the People’s War.

To sum up: the enemy itself admits the existence of support bases, of “bastions” and “classified as bases” where the Party has “political control,” several of these having existed for 15 years or more, and others being new ones where only recently “the farmers live together with the Shining Path,” as they say. This shows, to everyone who wants to see and hear, the development of the strategic equilibrium, and within it, the advance of the relative stability of the new political power. Thus we see how the People’s War marches ahead steadily, fulfilling the Party plans, advancing along the road of encircling the cities from the countryside

and in the preparation of the insurrection in the cities, building the countrywide conquest of political power.

The development of the protracted people’s war, through plans, fulfills the purpose of making our strategic advantages and the enemy’s strategic disadvantages express themselves, as established by Chairman Mao. The Party points out that the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) is being strengthened ideologically and politically, increasing

its bellicosity and that the Main Force is becoming stronger and stronger, dealing devastating blows to the enemy powers that be; the military actions have developed and their quality has in-

creased, as shown by the People’s Liberation Army’s successful command of anti-aircraft action. The development of its combativeness, efficiency and armament is due to the correct application of Gonzalo Thought, which has made it possible to conquer new arms and resources: *“Since comrade ‘Alipio’s’ troops ambushed an Mi-17 helicopter on October 2, 1999 and seized a powerful machine-gun, the security forces have not been able to attack the area under terrorist influence from the air, because the Mi-25, the only mechanisms capable of carrying out this kind of action, are inoperative.”* (República, April 16, 2004)



Painting in Calca, Cusco

The real problem for the enemy, a problem for which it will never be able to find any “solution” whatsoever, is that we wage a just war, which counts on the support of the masses; we have the highest military theory the Earth has seen, which nobody can supersede, that of the proletariat: we have the theory of people’s war, we have Maoism and its creative application to the concrete

conditions of the Peruvian revolution, Gonzalo Thought and the Great Leadership of Chairman Gonzalo; we have a militarized Marxist-Leninist-Maoist, Gonzalo Thought,

mainly Gonzalo Thought Communist Party that all-encompassingly leads the three instruments of the revolution (Party, Army and Front) and a Central Committee that establishes and ensures the fulfillment of the Party plans, headed by a Comrade around which the entire Party closes ranks, a recognized and proven leadership.

In the different articles of this current issue of Red Sun, we have thus looked at the situation of the old society and of the old Peruvian state, placing it within the international framework, that is to say, within the current political situation. To us, all of this leads to one single conclusion: **“There is one and only one solution for Peruvian society, the new-democratic**

revolution, which economically implies satisfying the needs of the proletariat, of the peasantry, of the petty bourgeoisie, of the people, and which also takes into consideration the interests of the national bourgeoisie. Every other ‘alternative’ is nothing but a plan for the old order to unfold, not for it to develop, but, in other words, for the old order to sub-

sist and evolve. The only solution is to destroy the old state, its armed forces and the institutions that sustain it, and all the social relations of exploitation,

in order to create a new state and new social relations of production... To destroy the imperialist dominion, principally Yankee for us, averting the action of the other superpower...and of the other imperialist powers.”

This is our politics, this is the struggle of the Party for the General Program of the Democratic Revolution and for the Concrete Program. Today, the Party develops our struggle with victorious people’s war, building the conquest of political power. In the present conjuncture, the Party work develops with the wind blowing in its favor, applying “rapid advance,” propelling the growing development of the



Painting by the PCP at an office of the corporatist National Food Assistance Program (PRONAA).

revolutionary situation, when class struggle is sharpening and the masses show a greater explosiveness on all fronts, and the struggles increase their political quality, the masses act, using organized violence against the institutions and representatives of the old state, against the imperialist organizations and companies (military and police quarters, town councils, authorities on all levels, against Devida, Enaco, Derrama Magisterial, etc.). All conditions for a leap in the incorporation of masses to the People's War are

present. With the PLA and the masses of the People's Committees, under the absolute leadership of the Party, the People's War defends and develops the support bases, the new political power, widening the range of action, developing guerilla warfare and unfolding mobile warfare, in accordance with the plans. The Party develops the mass work via the PLA. The Party leads the struggles of the coca-growing peasants and of the broadest masses of workers and inhabitants of the cities. The Party has crushed revisionism in its desires to ride on the backs of the masses, it

has crushed the ROL which is in disband. The actions of the People's War, in its different forms, take place in the entire country. The class, the people, the masses clamor for developing the People's War to conquer political power. Everything confirms that we are closer to the overcoming of the bend in the road with every day that passes. Ev-

everything shows that the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Peru with people's war is solving the problems of leadership, correctly applying Gonzalo Thought.



Teacher's strike and popular uprising in Huamanga, Ayacucho, June-July 2004.

The Comrade who leads the entire Party and the Central Committee are a leadership, recognized and forged in hard struggle, being highly firm on principles; the Principal Regional Committee stakes out the terrain for the others and all Committees on all different levels close ranks around the Central Committee, applying the development of more actions per Committee. **The Party sums up all this in one position: persist in developing the People's War, serving the world revolution, for communism to be established on Earth.**

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