

Proletarians of all countries, unite!

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Comrades of the Communist Party of Peru!
Combatants of the People's Guerrilla Army!
Peruvian People!

We are living historic moments, each of us must be clear that this is the case, let us not fool ourselves. In these moments we should mobilize all forces to confront difficulties and continue accomplishing our tasks and conquering our goals, successes and victory! That is what we must do.

We are here as sons of the people and we are struggling in these trenches, it is also about combat, and we do it because we are communists, because here we defend the interests of the people, the principles of the Party, the peoples war. That is what we do, what we are doing and will continue to do!

We are here in these circumstances. Some think this is a great defeat. They are dreaming and we tell them to keep on dreaming! It is simply a bend, nothing more, a bend in the road. The road is long and we shall arrive. We shall triumph. You shall see it. You shall see it.

We must continue the tasks established by the III Plenum of the Central Committee. A glorious Plenum. You should know that these accords are already being implemented and that will continue. We shall continue applying the IV Plan of Strategic Development of the Peoples War to Conquer Power, we shall continue developing the VI Military Plan to Build the Conquest of Power, that will continue, that is our task. We shall carry it out because of what we are and because of the obligation we have with the proletariat and the people.

We clearly say that today the democratic road has begun to develop as a road of liberation, as a road of peoples liberation, that is the circumstance in which we are developing. We should think with great historic sense, we must stop closing our eyes. Let us look at reality, let us look at the history of Peru. Let us look at the last three centuries of Peru. We should think about it. Look at the XVIIIth century, look at the XIXth century, look at the XXth century and understand them! Those who don't understand them are going to be blind and the blind don't serve the country, they don't serve Peru.

We believe that the XVIIIth century was a very clear lesson. Think about this, there was a dominator. It was Spain and where did that bloodsucking domination bring us? To a very deep crisis, as a consequence of which Peru was divided. From there come the origins of today's Bolivia. It is not our question but facts.

Fine, the last century, English domination. Where did this take us in it's rivalry with France? To another big crisis: 70 of the past century. The result? War with Chile. We must not forget it. And what happened? We lost territory. Our nation suffers defeat despite the blood shed by heroes and the people. We must learn from this!

The XXth century. How are we doing? In the XXth century we are dominated by imperialism, principally Northamerican, that is real, everyone knows it. And where has it brought us? Without even referring to the 1920's, here and now, to the worst crisis of the entire history of the Peruvian people. Learning the lesson of past centuries, what can we think? Once more the nation is at risk, that the Republic is at risk, that the territory is at risk. It can easily be lost, and by interests. This is the situation, this is where they have brought us. But we have a fact, a Peruvian revolution, a peoples war, and it is, and will continue to advance. Where have we gotten with this? To a Strategic Equilibrium. And we must understand this well. It is Strategic Equilibrium which solidifies itself in an essential situation. What have 12 years served for? To plainly show before the world and principally before the Peruvian people, that the Peruvian state, the old Peruvian state, is a paper tiger that is rotten to the core. That has been proven!

Things being that way, let us think of the danger that the nation, that the country, can be divided, that the nation is at risk. They want to dismember it, they want to divide it. Who wants to do this? As always, the imperialists, those who exploit, those who rule. And what should we do? What is our task now? It is appropriate that we push forward the People's Liberation Movement and that we develop it through the peoples war because the people, always the people, have been who defend the country, who have defended the nation.

It is time to form a Popular Liberation Front, it is time to form and develop from the People's Guerrilla Army a People's Liberation Army. That is what we must do and what we shall do. You gentlemen shall be witnesses.

Finally now, listen to this. As we see in the world, Maoism marching unstopably to lead the new wave of world proletarian revolution. Listen well and understand. Those who have ears, use them. Those who have understanding

-and we all have it- use it! Enough of this nonsense. Enough of these obscurities. Let us understand this. What is unfolding in the world? What do we need? We need Maoism to be incarnated and it is being incarnated and that this generate Communist Parties to direct, to lead this new great wave of the world proletarian revolution that is coming.

Everything they told us, the empty and silly chatter of the famous "new age of peace". Where is it now? What about Yugoslavia? What about other places? Everything became politicized, that is a lie. Today there is but one reality, the same contenders of the First and Second World Wars are preparing a new and Third World War. We should know this and we, as the sons of an oppressed nation, are part of the booty. We cannot consent to this! Enough imperialist exploitation! We must finish with them! We are of the third world and the third world is the base of the world proletarian revolution, on one condition, that the Communist Parties brandish and lead! That is what we must do!

We believe the following. Next year will be the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Chairman Mao. We must celebrate these 100 years and we are organizing it with the Communist Parties. We want a new manner, a celebration which will be the conscious comprehension of the importance of Chairman Mao in the world revolution and we shall begin the celebration this year and we shall culminate it in the next. It will be a grand process of celebration. I want to take advantage of this opportunity to salute the international proletariat, the oppressed nations of the world and the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement.

Long live the Communist Party of Peru!

The Peoples War will inevitably win!

From here we salute the future birth of the People's Republic of Peru!

We say: Glory to Marxism-Leninism-Maoism!

And finally we say: Honor and Glory to the Peruvian People!

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