

DON'T VOTE!: INSTEAD, BUILD THE SEIZURE OF POWER IN MIDST OF PEOPLE'S WAR!

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The general elections for the renewal of the authorities of the old state, scheduled for April, have already been exposed as a farce by the reactionaries themselves. The presidential candidates mock the so-called public opinion, and Yankee imperialism intervenes directly and openly in the electoral process; while the candidates without exception knock on the doors of the Yankee embassy, of the barracks and of the big monopoly enterprises of imperialist capital and of the big native bourgeoisie seeking their endorsement and patronage. Our people live in the deepest misery and the imperialists, mainly Yankees, are dividing the country into "regions," that is, the partition of the country among the "gamonales" and "gamonalillos," vassals of the imperialist monopolies. Meanwhile, the "politicians" of reaction discuss everything—abortion, gay marriage, their own consumption of narcotics, etc., with less discussion regarding the real problems of the people. The only thing they have concrete and sustainable proposals on is how to increase the repression of the people's struggle, how to steal more from the people and sell the country to pieces. Even he who acts as the "alternative of the left" is desperate for the patronage of Yankee imperialism and focuses on how to enormously increase the budget of the genocidal Armed Forces. They are charlatans representing the ruling classes, landowners and big bourgeoisie, and at the service of their imperialist masters. They are linked in different ways to drug trafficking, those who are not direct representatives of the mafia, have to make "arrangements" with it to win the support of local caudillos.

The so-called "party system" practically no longer exists, everything is concentrated around the caciques; a system of vassals where among the feu-

dal lords they swear their oath to the person of their immediate boss and not to any principle. That is why they shamelessly change parties or electoral alliances according to their convenience, which has come to be called “transfugism,” that is to say “transformism” properly speaking. The only “party” of the Peruvian reaction that is relatively stable in the present situation is the Armed Forces—and even in such a genocidal, decadent institution, incapable of achieving anything but defeats, their struggles increase.

“Democracy,” bourgeois parliamentarism, is therefore nothing more than a mask, a smokescreen, behind which the ruling classes, that is, the big bourgeoisie and landowners, hide their dictatorship. The only purpose of the elections they organize is to renew their authorities and, mainly, to designate those who, from the executive and parliament, will oppress the people. Nothing has been gained by the people with the elections in the entire history of the republic; they will not do it in these and neither in their future ones, if there are any. The real power of reaction comes from the barrels of the guns of the genocidal and country-selling Armed and Police Forces, they are the ones who with blood and fire keep this outdated and old state on its feet—all under the direct command of the Yankee imperialists. The people have no other road but armed struggle to seize both power and their most fundamental rights such as land, work and national production. This armed struggle cannot be today other than the people’s war led by the Communist Party of Peru.

Down with “Reconciliation”! Long live the New-Democratic Revolution!

The hoax of the “peace agreement” has already been blown to smithereens by the fiery people’s war. What is now being put forward by reaction and its agents of the revisionist and capitulationist ROL is the supposed “reconciliation”—as stipulated by the nefarious “TRC” [“Truth and Reconciliation Commission”—Trans.] imposed by imperialism, mainly Yankee imperialism. To achieve this “reconciliation,” genocidal reactionaries and ROL traitors, led by Toledo, Ollanda and Fujimori’s daughter, are clamoring for “general amnesty.” The MODAEF spawn is an instrument of the ROL rats, revisionist and capitulationist, they traffic in the name of Chairman Gonzalo while denying everything raised by him and the PCP. Reconciliation means

that two parties that have fought each other put aside their differences to march in harmony, but the people cannot “reconcile” with the bloodsuckers. In the class struggle there can never be harmony between the oppressors and the oppressed, this dream has always been what the revisionists have put forward in the world. This scourge of people disavowing the people’s war and seeking to usurp its prestige, simply repeat what the usurpers of socialism in the Soviet Union said, positions that are the pure negation of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, Gonzalo Thought. No one should be confused: the wretches who participate in the elections and traffic in the figure of Chairman Gonzalo are nothing more than traitors in the service of the American CIA, they have nothing to do with the PCP and will have to be brought to account before the people’s justice at the appropriate time. They make common cause in electoral platforms with fascist elements like Ollanta and the Fujimori clan; together with them they are sharpening their knives in order to repress the people’s struggle. As Chairman Gonzalo teaches us, the road of elections is not the road of the people, but the bureaucratic road of reaction. The road of the people is the road of the new-democratic revolution, the road of people’s war.

The fascist, genocidal and country-selling regime of Alan García has tried to give new impetus to bureaucratic capitalism with the signing of the Free Trade Agreement, to the advantage of the comprador bourgeoisie directly subject to Yankee finance capital. The process of concentration of the nation’s wealth and production in fewer and fewer hands has drastically increased. Some, who repeat the revisionist tale that imperialism can bring development (“from bureaucrat-capitalism to capitalism”), ignoring the most fundamental of the political economy of Marxism, welcome this process. For the people it means an evolution of semi-feudalism, an expression not that “bureaucrat-capitalism is revitalized” but shows how its general crisis is deepening more and more; there is no development of national production, of any kind, but on the contrary the economy is more and more oriented to the production of raw materials, mining, monoculture in agriculture, gas exports, etc. This is accompanied by “regionalization,” “decentralization,” and Armed Forces that concentrate exclusively on fighting the people’s war and who do not give a damn about the formal sovereignty of the country; and accompanied by a genocide carried out as part of their electoral campaign, such as the one being committed by the Armed and Police Forces against the people, who do not allow themselves to join the bandwagon of the reactionary elections and persist in their struggles, such as the deaths of the

peasants of the VRAE and of the miners and indigenous people in Madre de Dios by murderous bullets of these Armed and Police Forces, who, receiving orders from García and his Yankee master, have shot at massive protest demonstrations; and by a blatant U.S. military intervention in the country and by political representatives of the reactionaries who receive orders directly from the U.S. embassy. The only force in the country that fights for national liberation is the PCP, only by removing the imperialists from the country by force, expelling them with the people's war, will we be able to have a sovereign and free country. A People's Republic of Peru where the needs and rights of the people are law.

The PCP has gone through complex moments and due to limitations in the work in the cities, which is in the process of being overcome, reaction has been able to drag some sectors of the people under other people's banners. It is necessary that the people know well the position of the PCP and not be confused by all the hoaxes spread by the enemy as part of their psychological warfare within their "low intensity war," therefore:

We start from the fact that the Party is never paralyzed, because it is clear on the course to follow – it has not been stopped even for a minute. Our heroic combatant is assuming with resolve and firmness its central task, the seizure of power for the class and the people; through the people's war, with unanimity in decisive moments, forging a leadership, a leadership in and for the people's war; solving its own tasks facing the arrest of our Great Leadership, applying with firmness our ideology, Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, Gonzalo Thought. In these more than 15 years, Gonzalo Thought lets us confront and solve new problems: analyze and understand the process of the people's war after 1992, pending tasks from the Third Plenum and campaigns, the forging of a leadership and of cadres, the arrest of Chairman Gonzalo and his defence, the struggle against the revisionist and capitulationist ROL (beginning, advance and defeat), the perennial necessity of building the seizure of power in the midst of the people's war, tasks carried out combating the "final offensives" and the counter-revolutionary campaign of the peace accord. Today the Party members

are forging themselves in an implacable struggle against revisionism, unfolding the concentric construction, nourished by the whole Party experience.¹

Thus, fully convinced of the justness of our cause and the unstoppable triumph of the people's war, we raise the following slogans as part of the boycott campaign:

ELECTIONS, NO! PEOPLE'S WAR, YES!
DOWN WITH PARLIAMENTARY CRETINISM!
DOWN WITH "RECONCILIATION"! LONG LIVE THE
NEW-DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION!
BUILD THE SEIZURE OF POWER IN MIDST OF PEOPLE'S
WAR!
PEOPLE'S WAR UNTIL COMMUNISM!

¹PCP-Central Committee, 2007.