

# LONG LIVE THE 1ST OF MAY, DAY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT!

Progressive Workers' Movement

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The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles.

Freeman and slave, patrician and plebeian, lord and serf, guild-master and journeyman, in a word, oppressor and oppressed, stood in constant opposition to one another, carried on an uninterrupted, now hidden, now open fight, a fight that each time ended, either in a revolutionary re-constitution of society at large, or in the common ruin of the contending classes.<sup>2</sup>

— Karl Marx

The proletariat has a myth: the social revolution. Towards that myth it moves with a vehement and active faith. The bourgeoisie denies; the proletariat affirms.<sup>3</sup>

— Jose Carlos Mariategui

What do we have? Nothing. What do we want? Everything. We want a new society without rich or poor, a society of eternal harmony.

More than a century ago, the blood of the Chicago martyrs was shed to win the eight-hour workday, and in France, the Paris Commune was established, where for the first time the class took control of its destiny. Then came bitter processes of transformation, victories, and failures, but always the class, the workers, together with their allies, the peasantry, shed their blood for our people to bring about better days. In Peru, the 8-hour workday was achieved at the beginning of the 20th century, a century in which our people produced their greatest creation, founded in 1928, the heroic fighter who will struggle to transform this rotten society into a new, more just one. In short, the proletariat is the new and fights tirelessly to sweep away the old, the bourgeoisie, the rich carry their tomb within them, The contradiction between capital and labor, the private appropriation of the means of production against the social production of goods, the surplus value generated by the laborer and appropriated by the parasitic businessmen. **THE WORKERS HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE, WE HAVE A WORLD TO WIN!!**

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<sup>1</sup>[https://vnd-peru.blogspot.com/2017/04/peru-trabajo-de-frente-volante-viva-el\\_27.html](https://vnd-peru.blogspot.com/2017/04/peru-trabajo-de-frente-volante-viva-el_27.html)

<sup>2</sup>Red Library: Karl Marx; Friedrich Engels, *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, 1848.

<sup>3</sup>Red Library: José Carlos Mariátegui, *The Morning Soul [El Alma Matinal]*, “Man and Myth”, 1925.

In the current situation, we see how our people sweat daily, whether as street vendors, laborers, informal workers, etc. Even in the midst of the mud, we organize and struggle to rebuild the unions destroyed by the miserable revisionists and opportunists (Huamán, Villena, yellows, etc.) and create them where they do not exist, but we are also aware of the vast majority who survive, immense iron legions. It is therefore the semi-feudal character of the nation, where more than 70% of the EAP (economically active population) generates income in various ways. We are aware that our country is not industrialized (the criminal and genocidal Fujimori destroyed and privatized what little industry there was), which is part of the international division of labor imposed by the imperialist powers. We only export stones; we do not generate value-added products. In this sense, the nation's GDP is built on a floor of clay, and crises fall on the shoulders of the people. This leads us to affirm that the bureaucrat-capitalism that exists in our country can only be swept away under the leadership of the proletariat, the peasantry, and the popular masses.

Today we also speak out against these rotten elections. We workers expect nothing from any miserable person who enters government, and we see how reality itself unmasks them. According to the ONPE,<sup>4</sup> more than 5 million of the 22 million eligible voters DID NOT VOTE. Added to the invalid and blank votes, they form a percentage that exceeds any of those miserable candidates. It is therefore their farce of bourgeois democracy that imposes, through organized violence, a state machinery that serves the class of the rich, the Keikos and the PPKs, both enemies of the people, each one a more unbridled servant of the world gendarme, the great genocidal power, the Yankee US, each a servant of CONFIEP, a servant of the rich, each a more unbridled defender of the genocidal repressive forces, and peeking out from the pigsty of Congress are the miserable ones from the Broad Front who have already begun to call for a vote “against the dictatorship, the lesser evil”. Know that our people will continue to fight. DON'T VOTE echoes in our ears, principally in the countryside. Businessmen can be sure that we workers harbor class hatred and organize our rage for the day when they will be swept away for good. We will fight to defend the rights we have won with blood, sweat, and tears, and to create new ones. Special mention should be made of the volcano that is brewing in the sugar mills of the north (Casagrande, Tumbán), the struggle unfolding in Celima, an anti-laborer regime where laborers literally swallow dust, the cruel exploitation in the textile factories where, for trying to organize, the miserable businessmen and their lackeys singled out those of us who tried to develop class-conscious unionism. also the struggle of street vendors against the degenerate lumpen of the municipal police, these scourges will also be crushed, we do not forget their complicity in the deaths of our brothers at La Parada Market and their daily abuses, in short, DON'T VOTE, ORGANIZE TOGETHER WITH THE

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<sup>4</sup>Red Library: National Office of Electoral Processes.

WORKING PEOPLE, THE PEASANTRY, THE STREET VENDORS. CRUSH THE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE.

As a small comment, we salute the struggle undertaken in France against a labor law similar to the Pulpin Law, a forceful struggle that we know will lead to the victory of the working class and at the same time unmask the imperialist dog Hollande, who was labeled by the rotten left as “progressive”, just like the other dog in Greece. We salute the glorious struggle in India, the Philippines, and Turkey, guided by a just and correct line that has been fighting and resisting the state just as in our homeland. We salute the struggles worldwide, the struggles of the people that are part of the final stage of imperialism, collusion, and struggle, where the rotten “reformism” in America is falling apart and applying repression and economic adjustments just like the other reactionaries. Dear people, today, as yesterday, your best sons and daughters are paving the democratic road. The road is long, the river is torrential, but in the end the struggle will bear fruit. The genocidal, the fascists, the reactionaries, the revisionists and opportunists (miserable people who talk like the poor but live like the rich), the capitulationists who ask for cemetery peace, all will pay for the abuses against the people, the workers, the injustices. The day will come when the *puka*<sup>5</sup> flag will blaze high, and history holds a brilliant perspective for us.

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DOWN WITH THE ANTI-LABOR LAWS AND BLOODSUCKING BUSINESSMEN WHO ARE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE!

LONG LIVE THE DEMOCRATIC ROAD OF THE WORKERS, SWEEP AWAY THE MISERABLE CLASS TRAITORS, RECONSTRUCT AND CONSTRUCT CLASS-CONSCIOUS UNIONS!

NOT VOTING IS THE DEMOCRATIC ROAD, NOT VOTING IS THE PEOPLE’S ROAD!

LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLES OF THE PEOPLE!

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<sup>5</sup>Red Library: *Puka* is Quechua for red.