

Proletarians of all countries, unite!

## THE GUST OF WIND

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...The entire people should be clear that: “Apart from uninhabited deserts, wherever there are groups of people they are invariably composed of the Left, the middle and the Right. This will still be the case after thousands of years.”<sup>2</sup> “When a typhoon strikes, the wavering elements who cannot withstand it begin to vacillate. That’s a law. I would like to call your attention to it. Some people, having vacillated a few times, gain experience and stop wavering. But there is a type of person who will go on wavering forever. They are like some crops, rice for example, which sway at a gust of wind because of their slender stalks. Sorghum and maize with their stouter stalks do better. Only big trees stand upright and rock-firm. Typhoons occur every year. So do ideological and political typhoons at home and abroad. This is a natural phenomenon in society.”

“A political party is a kind of society, a political kind of society. The primary category in political society consists of political parties and political groups. A political party is a class organization.”<sup>3</sup> “Generally, when things are going badly for them, all kinds of representatives of the exploiting classes use offensive tactics as a means of defence in order to survive today and grow tomorrow. Rumours are fabricated out of thin air and lies told point-blank; certain superficial phenomena are seized on for attacking the essence of things; some people are lauded while others are condemned; and matters are distorted and exaggerated to ‘make a breakthrough at certain points’ so as to put us in a difficult position. In short, they are assiduous in studying what tactics to use against us and ‘spying out the land’ in order to attain their end. Sometimes they ‘play possum’ and wait for a chance to ‘spring a counter-attack’. They have long years of experience in class struggle and are skilful in different forms of struggle, legal and illegal. We revolutionaries must know their tricks and study their tactics in order to defeat them. Never be so bookish and naive as to treat complex class struggle as a simple matter.”<sup>4</sup>

“I hold that it is bad as far as we are concerned if a person, a political party, an army or a school is not attacked by the enemy, for in that case it would definitely mean that we have sunk to the level of the enemy. It is good if we are attacked by the enemy,

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<sup>1</sup>[https://cedema.org/digital\\_items/169](https://cedema.org/digital_items/169)

<sup>2</sup>Red Library: Quoted from Chairman Mao in *Peking Review* 19, 1968.

<sup>3</sup>Red Library: From *Talks at a Conference of Secretaries of Provincial, Municipal and Autonomous Region Party Committees*, Chairman Mao Zedong, January 1957.

<sup>4</sup>Red Library: *Preface and Editor's Notes to Material on the Counter-revolutionary Hu Feng Clique*, Chairman Mao Zedong, 1955.

since it proves that we have drawn a clear line of demarcation between the enemy and ourselves. It is still better if the enemy attacks us wildly and paints us as utterly black and without a single virtue; it demonstrates that we have not only drawn a clear line of demarcation between the enemy and ourselves but achieved a great deal in our work.”<sup>5</sup>

Without a doubt, the teachings left to us by Chairman Mao are always great. Undoubtedly, we are living in a season of strong typhoons. The weak and hesitant have fallen by the wayside or have crossed the threshold of reconciliation, renouncing their principles and spouting their philosophical misery with the levity of the traitor who always has an argument for disenchantment.

We cannot deny it, we too have faltered, the blows have been and continue to be severe, but in no way have we been uprooted from our inevitable purposes. Everything will be until we gain experience and develop our capabilities based on the correct guidance, that is, Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. Only then will we lay the foundations to strengthen ourselves like an unshakable tree.

On the other hand, the enemy is always lurking, alert, using all the experience it has gained to its advantage during so many years of dispersion, skepticism, and the dark prevalence of revisionism. Now we know them well. They dress themselves up as revolutionaries, vainly trying to hide their hyena-like nature, in order to covertly attack the interests of our people, growling about the need to reconcile armed struggle with parliamentary cretinism or genocidal co-government. And, moreover, using the dispersion of information, they try to isolate us from the masses, or have they not tried and continue to do so when they try to stigmatize everything that bears the stamp of protest or struggle, such as the People’s War in Peru or the Colombian insurgency, and label us as terrorists, drug traffickers, and other things? Or when revisionism and the occasional horde of miserable opportunists with shady interests weave slander against those of us who raise the flags of the People’s War?

So we must be vigilant, and not forget, NEVER FORGET. The class struggle is complex and has many different scenarios of action, and in each of them we will find new enemies to be exposed and decisively confronted.

And finally, it is acceptable for the enemy to attack us, although we would say it is VERY GOOD because that demonstrates the absence of points of agreement with them. And when we refer to the enemy, we must not only locate them on the side of imperialism, the big bourgeoisie, landlords, and repressive instruments of the old state, because then we would be losing objectivity. We must also look for the enemy among the ranks of the people, the proletariat, and even within the Party. Among the ranks of the people entrenched in their popular organizations, stupidly proclaiming the “benefits” of bourgeois constitutionalism. Among the ranks of the proletariat, seeking to create an ideological rift around the vile proposal of revisionism that distorts the

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<sup>5</sup>Red Library: *To Be Attacked by the Enemy Is Not a Bad Thing but a Good Thing*, Chairman Mao Zedong, May 26, 1939.

methodology, class support, and objectives of the revolution. And finally, within the Party, insofar as there are always petty-bourgeois remnants who, if not correctly treated in the framework of the two-line struggle, using criticism as an instrument to correct, not to kill, “the medicine that serves to save the patient, not to kill him”. But if the contradictions go beyond non-antagonism to become antagonistic and irreconcilable, let us treat them fairly, as if we were fighting any enemy of the Party, the people, and the revolution. Let us cut out that cancer before it becomes endemic and infects the entire organism, causing us great harm. Before these circumstances, we must learn to act decisively and with great determination. Failure to do so would be to continue making a big mistake, “In affairs so dangerous as war, false ideas proceeding from kindness of heart are precisely the worst”.<sup>6</sup> C. Clausewitz

Let it not hurt us when they shout at us at the top of their voices, “TERRORISTS! DELINQUENTS!” In the end, they are our enemies and they have to combat us as we combat them.

Let us not be ideologically weakened by the bloody blows of the armed enemy that cuts us down, harasses us, and pressures us, seeking our elimination. Let us understand this well: these are only gusts of wind. Our roots are firmly anchored in ideology, history, and the purposes of the proletariat and the people. They will shake us, it is true, no one emerges undefeated from this long war, but they will not cut us off at the root because this is not a war of men but of ideologies. They have not been able to do so since the exploits of Marx and Engels to the present day, much less today when Marxism has been tremendously nourished and strengthened by Lenin, Stalin, and Chairman Mao.

It’s okay for them to attack us, and we shouldn’t worry about that. We should worry if the enemy doesn’t do it, or worry about those “revolutionaries” whom the old state allows to develop in naive harmony.

Let us respond to each blow from the enemy with boldness and determination. This, the class struggle, is a bloody war, and we must prepare ourselves to face it in the best possible conditions. Let us be clear that “War is an act of force, and to the application of that force there is no limit”.<sup>7</sup> C. Clausewitz.

Let us manage the new revolutionary wave amid typhoons and complications. This is how steel is tempered in the heat of the fire. This is how the Party is strengthened, amid typhoons and bad weather. But let us strive to change these conditions so that we, the communists of Ecuador, of the world, are the ones who unleash the great workers’, peasants’, and people’s storm that will uproot all vestiges of exploitation, using the only means that classes have known to advance over others in history: revolutionary violence.

GLORY TO MARXISM LENINISM MAOISM!

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<sup>6</sup>Red Library: *On War*, General Carl von Clausewitz, 1832.

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DEATH TO IMPERIALISM!

TO COMBAT REVISIONISM!

TO CONQUER THE RED SUN OF LIBERATION: COMMUNISM!