

Overcome the Bend in the Road, Developing the People's War!*

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SELLING AND GENOCIDAL DICTATORSHIP, PERSIST IN THE PEOPLE'S WAR!

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[Before, during or after the important dates, make every effort to develop offensives and counter-offensives according to the national situation and the specific conditions of each Committee. And in the framework of our counter-campaigns (campaigns)]

- CELEBRATIONS: (Before, during or after)
 - 10/7/1995. DAY OF THE PARTY: “The Communist Party of Peru, guided by Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, Gonzalo Thought, is the heroic combatant that leads the revolution.”
 - 12/3/1995. CHAIRMAN GONZALO’S BIRTHDAY AND DAY OF THE PEOPLE’S LIBERATION ARMY: “What is People’s War? People’s War until Communism.”
 - 12/26/1995. CHAIRMAN MAO ZEDONG’S BIRTHDAY: “Marxism-Leninism-Maoism is the new, third, and superior stage of Marxism.”
 - 5/1/1996. LONG LIVE THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT!
 - 5/17/1996. OVERCOME THE BEND IN THE ROAD, DEVELOPING THE PEOPLE’S WAR!
- ATTITUDE:
 - Nothing is hard in this world if you dare to scale the heights!
 - Be superior to the reaction!
 - Nothing and no one can detain us: not imperialism, not reaction, not revisionism or nature!

Development

Overcome the Bend in the Road, Developing the People's War!

Quotes

1. "The correctness or otherwise of the ideological and political line, decides everything. When the Party's line is correct, then everything will come its way. If we have no followers, then we can have followers; if we have no guns, then we can have guns; if we have no political power, then we can conquer it. If the line is not correct, we will lose what we have."¹
2. "The central task and the highest form of revolution is the conquer of power through armed struggle, in other words, the solution of the problem by means of war. This Marxist-Leninist principle of revolution has universal validity, for China as well as for all other countries."²
3. "In China, the main form of struggle is war and the main form of organization is the Army. All the other forms of struggle such as the mass organization and mass struggle are also very important and indispensable, and under no circumstances should be overlooked. The purpose of other forms of struggle is to serve the war. Before the outbreak of a war, all organizations and struggles have the purpose of preparing it, as in the period from the May 4th Movement of 1919 to the May 30th Movement of 1925. After war breaks out, all organizations and struggles are coordinated with the war either directly or indirectly."³
4. "In China, without armed struggle the proletariat and the Communist Party would have no standing at all, and it would be impossible to accomplish any revolutionary task."⁴
5. "...Without armed struggle neither the proletariat, nor the people, nor the Communist Party would have any standing at all

¹Chairman Mao, Talk with Responsible Comrades during the Provincial Tour, 1971.

²Selected Works (SW), Vol. II, Problems of War and Strategy, p. 219.

³SW, Vol. II, Problems of War and Strategy, p.221.

⁴SW, Vol. II, Problems of War and Strategy, p. 222.

in China, and it would be impossible for the revolution to triumph. It is in the midst of revolutionary wars that our Party has developed, consolidated and bolshevized during the last eighteen years. Without armed struggle, the Communist Party would not be what it is today. No comrade in the Party must ever forget this experience, which was paid for with blood.”⁵

6. “According to the Marxist theory of the state, the army is the chief component of state power. Whoever wants to conquer and retain state power must have a strong army. Some people ridicule us as advocates of the ‘omnipotence of war.’ Yes, we are advocates of the omnipotence of revolutionary war; that is good, not bad, it is Marxist. The guns of the Russian Communists created socialism. We shall create a democratic republic. Experience in the class struggle in the era of imperialism teaches us that it is only by the power of the gun that the proletariat and the other working masses can defeat the armed bourgeoisie and landlords. Thus, we we must affirm that only with guns can the whole world be transformed. We are advocates of the abolition of war, and in order to get rid of the gun, it is necessary to take up the gun.”⁶

7. “The operations of the Red Army take the form of counter-campaigns. For us, victory means mainly victory in combating ‘encirclement and annihilation’, that is, victory in the strategic field and in the campaigns. The fight against each ‘encirclement and annihilation’ campaign is a counter-campaign, which usually comprises several or even scores of battles, big and small. Until an ‘encirclement and suppression’ campaign has been basically smashed, one cannot speak of stratetegic victory or the victory of the counter-carnpaign as a whole. The history of the Red Army’s decade of war, is a history of counter-campaigns against ‘encirclement and annihilation.’ ”⁷ 8. “In the enemy’s ‘encirclement and suppression’ campaigns as well as the Red Army’s counter-campaigns against them, both offensive and defensive forms of fighting are employed. And in this matter, there is no difference from any other war, ancient or modem, in China or elsewhere.

⁵SW, Vol. II, Introducing “The Communist”, p. 292.

⁶SW, Vol. II, Problems of War and Strategy, p. 219.

⁷SW, Vol 1, Problems of Strategy in China’s Revolutionary War, Chapter IV.

The special characteristic of China's Civil War, however, is the repeated alternation of these two forms of fighting over a long period of time. In each 'encirclement and suppression' campaign, the enemy employs the offensive against the Red Army's defensive, and the Red Army employs the defensive against their offensive; this is the first stage of a counter-campaign against 'encirclement and suppression.' Then the enemy employs the defensive against the Red Army's offensive, and the Red Army employs the offensive against their defensive; this is the second stage of the counter-campaign. Every 'encirclement and suppression' campaign has these two stages, and they alternate over a long period of time.

By repeated alternation over a long period of time we mean the repetition of this pattern of warfare and these forms of fighting. This is a fact that is obvious to everybody. An 'encirclement and suppression' campaign and a counter-campaign against it— is the repeated pattern of the war. In each campaign the alternation in the forms of fighting consists of the first stage 'in which the enemy employs the offensive against our defensive and we meet his offensive with our defensive, and the second stage in which the enemy employs the defensive against our offensive and we meet his defensive with our offensive.'⁸

9. "2. The subjective forces of the revolution have indeed been greatly weakened since the defeat of the revolution in 1927. The remaining forces are very small and those comrades who judge by appearances alone, naturally feel pessimistic. But if we examine the essence of things, it is quite another story. Here we can apply the old Chinese saying: 'A single spark can start a prairie fire.' In other words, our forces, although small at present, will grow very rapidly. In the conditions prevailing in China, their growth is not only possible, but 'indeed inevitable.' "⁹

10. "With the exception of a few short chapters, every important part of the history of the revolution from 1848 to 1849 carries the heading: Defeat the revolution! But what succumbed these defeats was not the revolution. It was the pre-revolutionary tradi-

⁸SW, Vol. 1, Problems of Strategy in China's Revolutionary War, Chapter IV.

⁹SW, Vol. 1 , A Single Spark Can Start a Prairie Fire.

tional appendages, results of social relationships, which have not yet come to the point of sharp class contradictions: persons, illusions, conceptions, projects, from which the revolutionary party before the February Revolution was not free, and from which it could be free, not by the victory of February, but only by a series of defeats.

In a word: revolutionary advance made headway not by its immediate tragi-comic achievements, but on the contrary by the generation of a powerful and united counter-revolution, by the creation of an opponent, and by fighting the enemy that the party of subversion has developed to become a real revolutionary party.”¹⁰

11. “...The development of the struggle in the countryside, the establishment of Red political power in small areas, and the creation and expansion of the Red Army are, above anything else, the major prerequisites for helping the struggle in the cities and hastening the rise of the revolutionary tide.”¹¹

12. “...only the concentration of our forces will enable us to wipe out comparatively large enemy units and occupy towns. Only after we have wiped out comparatively large enemy units and occupied towns can we arouse the masses on a broad scale and set up political power extending over a number of adjoining counties. Only in this manner, can we make a widespread impact on other populations (that’s what we call ‘extending political influence’), and thus, effectively contribute to the advance of the revolutionary tide.”¹²

13. “As to dividing our forces over a wide radius, it is possible only under two conditions: that the circumstances are comparatively favorable and that the leadership be fairly strong.”¹³

14. “The most adverse the circumstances are, the greater the need for concentrating our forces and for the leaders to be resolute in struggle, because that’s the only way we can have internal unity against the enemy. Only in favorable circumstances is it advisable

¹⁰[Marx, *Class Struggle in France*, p. 33] from *Elections, No! People’s War, Yes!*

¹¹SW, Vol. 1, *A Single Spark Can Start a Prairie Fire*.

¹²SW, Vol. 1, *A Single Spark Can Start a Prairie Fire*.

¹³SW, Vol. 1, *A Single Spark Can Start a Prairie Fire*.

to divide our forces for guerrilla operations, and it is only then, that the leaders need not stay with the ranks all the time, as they must in adverse circumstances.”¹⁴

15. “To extend stable base areas, employ the policy of advancing in waves; when pursued by a powerful enemy, employ the policy of circling around.”¹⁵

16. “Revisionism is an agent of the bourgeoisie in the ranks of the proletariat, and so it provokes splits. It divides the Communist Movement and Communist Parties, divides the trade union movement, and breaks up and divides the people’s movement.”

“Revisionism obviously is a cancer, a cancer that must be eliminated. Otherwise we won’t be able to advance the revolution. Let us remember what Lenin said, ‘in a concise way, we must forge ahead two questions, the question of revolutionary violence, and the relentless struggle against opportunism, against revisionism.’”

“Revisionism has already lost and, the rest is only a matter of time. The problem has already been defined, and the waste has begun to be swept away and incinerated. As I said, it’s only a matter of time. The process of their demise began years ago. If we go back further, to the beginning, they lost the ball game when they became revisionists, and so the games were lost when one abandoned the principles.”¹⁶

17. “Make trouble, fail, make trouble again, fail again... until their doom; that is the logic of the imperialists and all the world reactionaries in dealing with the people’s cause, and they will never go against this logic. This is a Marxist law. When we say “Imperialism is ferocious”, we mean that its nature will never change, the imperialists will never lay down their butcher’s knives, and they will never become Buddha, until their doom.

Fight, fail, fight again, fail again, fight again... until their victory; that is the logic of the people, and they too will never go against this logic. This is another Marxist law. The revolution of the

¹⁴SW, Vol. 1, A Single Spark Can Start a Prairie Fire.

¹⁵SW, Vol. 1, A Single Spark Can Start a Prairie Fire.

¹⁶Interview with Chairman Gonzalo, 1988. pg. 15-17.

Russian people followed this law, and so has the Chinese People's Revolution."¹⁷

18. "Since currently there are still serious weaknesses in the War of Resistance, it is likely that many setbacks, retreats, internal splits, betrayals, temporary and partial compromises and other such reversals may occur. Therefore, we must be aware that this will be a protracted hard fought war. But we are convinced that because of the efforts of our Party and the people, the on-going resistance will sweep aside all the obstacles, and continue to advance and develop."¹⁸

19. "We are here in these circumstances. Some think that this is a great defeat. They are dreaming! We tell them to keep on dreaming! It is simply a bend, nothing more than a bend in the road! The road is long and we shall arrive to our destination. We shall triumph! You shall see!"¹⁹

20. "One does not play at revolution, one does not play at insurrection. But when one raises the banner of insurrection, when one takes up arms, there's no taking down the banner, it must be held high and never lowered until victory! This is what Marx taught us, no matter how much it costs us! He has armed us, and so has Lenin, and, principally, Chairman Mao Zedong taught us about the price we have to pay, what it means to annihilate the enemy forces in order to preserve ours, and what it means to hold the banner high no matter what."²⁰

21. "Have we gone through difficult times? Yes. But what has reality shown us? That if we persist, keep politics in command, follow our political strategy, follow our military strategy, and have a clear and defined plan, we will advance, and we will be capable of facing any bloodbath carried out by the enemy."²¹

22. "THE PEOPLE'S WAR WILL INEVITABLY TRIUMPH!"

- **NEW PLAN:** Is part of the VI Great Military Plan.

¹⁷SW, Vol. 4, Cast Away Illusions, Prepare for Struggle.

¹⁸SW, Vol. 11, On Protracted War, p. 121.

¹⁹Chairman Gonzalo, Speech of September 24, 1992.

²⁰Interview with Chairman Gonzalo, 1988.

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POLITICAL STRATEGY: CONQUER POWER

MILITARY STRATEGY: PEOPLE'S WAR. "TAKE GUERRILLA WARFARE AS FUNDAMENTAL, BUT LOSE NO OPPORTUNITY TO REALIZE MOBILE WARFARE WHEN THE CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE." PREPARE INSURRECTION IN THE CITIES.

STRATEGY OF CONSTRUCTION: BUILD THE CONQUEST OF POWER IN THE MIDST OF THE PEOPLE'S WAR.

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Documents for Study

- *On Protracted War.* Chairman Mao, Vol. 2, pg. 113-138, points 1 to 34.
- *Six Military Writings,* Chairman Mao, pg. 205-248.
- Great Strategic Concept.
- *The Foolish Old Man who Removed the Mountains,* Chairman Mao, Vol. 3, pg. 281-283.
- *The Three Main Rules of Discipline and the Eight Warnings.* In Quotations from Chairman Mao, p. 271.
- *Five Articles by Chairman Mao.*

- Our Position.
- *Problems of Strategy in China's Revolutionary War*, Chairman Mao, Vol. 1, pg. 216-269, Ch. IV to the end.
- *Problems of Strategy in Guerrilla War Against Japan*, Chairman Mao, Vol. 2, pg. 79-88, Ch. IV and Ch. VII, pg.101-106.
- *Quotations from Chairman Mao*. Chapters 12, 13, 9, 10, and 16.
- Unity, Dynamism, Seriousness and Vivacity.
- *The Four Relationships*.
- *Problems of War and Strategy*, Vol. 2, pg. 225-240.
- *New Tasks and New Forces*. Lenin.
- Document: *Against the Genocidal Sellout Dictatorship, Persist in the People's War!*

Notes for the Balance of the Great Completion

The People's War is developing victoriously against wind and tide, and in July has successfully completed the first part of the Great Plan to Construct the Conquest of Power! In Defense of the Leadership, Against the Genocidal Dictatorship! It set up the basis for the development of the second part which shall be guided by the slogan OVERCOME THE BEND IN THE ROAD, DEVELOPING THE PEOPLE'S WAR!

Once again, the country was trembled by the blazing fires of the People's War, from the Principal Regional Committee to the capital itself, the area of the Metropolitan Committee. Similarly, in the Ayacucho Zonal Committee, we defeated the sinister campaigns of "encirclement and annihilation" implemented by the genocidal and sellout armed forces. We advanced through Base Seven and Base Fourteen, agitating and mobilizing the masses, developing the take over of cars on the Ayacucho-San Francisco highway, and annihilating the mesnadas [army run paramilitary forces] in the locality of Ccano; conducting sabotage against the old State's tractors in Yanamonte, and annihilations, confiscation of cattle to supply the Revolutionary Support Base Area "Red Bastion" and the forces of the People's Army of Liberation.

This was complemented with ambushes, annihilating and scourging enemy bases located in the vicinity of Revolutionary Support Base 33 (river Ene.) In the same manner, the Cangallo-Fajardo Zonal Committee conducted a magnificent incursion [in the provinces] of La Mar, Vilcashuaman and Cangallo, right under the noses of the anti-subversive base, and later confiscated more than 30 boxes of dynamite and a radio transmitter. Meanwhile, the PCP Huancavelica Zonal Committee carried out a powerful ambush at the locality of Supuymayo-Lachoc, annihilating nine police members, including a Major, and confiscating the same number of HK rifles. In addition, devastating were the ambushes unfolded in the Huallaga Regional Committee, in which more than 50 troops of the special forces (“comando”) were annihilated, capturing a MAG machine gun, an RPG rocket launcher, more than 30 FAL, M-16, AKM automatic rifles, and a radio transmitter. In Lima, the Metropolitan Committee and Socorro Popular [People’s Aid] carried out powerful car-bombs against tourist Hotel Maria Angola, and the house of the lackey Congressman, Joy Way. These are only some of the outstanding actions conducted as part of the offensives unfolded in the month of July. There were also other actions carried out in the North, in the South, and in the Central region, such as the ambush [to a military convoy] in the locality of Pichanaki.

Because of all this, we say that our plan has been successfully achieved. We are now celebrating the 15 years of the invincible People’s War crushing the rotten cackling of the genocidal sellouts Hermoza Rios and Fujimori, who repeatedly claimed that “in July 1995 Shining Path will be liquidated.” Once again, they were defeated and had to swallow back all of their black vomit. The same has also occurred with the revisionists and capitulators who claimed in 1993 that the People’s War could not be maintained “because there are no conditions.”

It is important that we take into account and greet with revolutionary fervor the extraordinary Heroism and the Great Firmness of the Base Areas, in enduring suffering and sacrifice. These masses are an example for all the Peruvian people and deserve all of our respect and admiration. They fight shoulder to shoulder with the People’s Army of Liberation and the Communist Party of Peru, to maintain the New Power at whatever cost, developing a new economy, new politics and a new culture.

At the same time, we salute the heroic militants and combatants of the Communist Party of Peru and the People’s Army of Liberation, who have always been guided by Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, Gonzalo Thought. They

place politics in command and achieve victory after victory overcoming all difficulties and always maintaining the flags of the People's War to the very end; combating imperialism, reaction and revisionism.

Take Into Account the Following Conditions:

PEOPLE'S WAR: It must be developed with a Proletarian Military Line as a basis and the experience of more than 15 years of victories and setbacks, particularly in the countryside, with utmost attention to the handling of the campaigns and counter campaigns, the main form of the Civil War. The enemy campaigns are being conducted within the strategy of the so called "Low Intensity Warfare"; which are its principal form, and are complemented by population control, civil control and "intelligence" work, including psychological operations. We must carry out our offensives and counter-offensives within this context, not out of it, and always considering the national political situation and the specific situation in each Committee, without underestimating nor overestimating the enemy. Apply the Great Strategic Concept²².

With respect to the cities, maintain the criterion of a unified People's War. In this period it has the specific characteristic of unfolding a gradual advance, seeking to fuse the People's War with the class struggle of the proletariat, and with the masses of people in the neighborhoods and shanty towns, managing at every moment the two hills, and setting up the basis for the insurrection.

CONSTRUCTION: Crushing revisionism, unfolding a General Reorganization of the Party. In the countryside, a corporative militarization has been implemented for some time, which seeks to subjugate the peasant masses; therefore, only through armed struggle and political mobilization can we incorporate such masses to the People's War, and wipe out little by little the repressive control imposed upon them by the reactionary armed forces and the paramilitary (Resettlement without repressive force! Resettlement without mesnadas! Civil Defense is criminal defense!).

In the cities, the regime has imposed a semi-fascist police control, directed by the armed forces. This must be exposed and crushed. Because of this, it will be necessary to pay much attention to the relationship between open work and secret work, aiming toward the development the secret work. In

²²see Problems of Strategy in Guerrilla Warfare Against Japan, SW, Chapters IV and VII.

everything we do, we must be superior to the reactionaries!

Two-line Struggle: Develop the two-line struggle against the revisionist and capitulationist right opportunist line (ROL).

Study the documents, Lenin: *The Struggle Against Revisionism, The Proletarian Revolution and Khrushchev's Revisionism.*

- **OVERCOME THE BEND IN THE ROAD, DEVELOPING THE PEOPLE'S WAR!**

OBJECTIVES:

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