

Long Live the 22nd Anniversary of the Speech of Chairman Gonzalo*

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“We are living through historic events, each of us knows this is to be the case. Let us not fool ourselves. In these moments we must ready all our forces to confront difficulties and to continue accomplishing our tasks and conquering our goals, successes and victory! This must be done.”¹

Today, September 24th, marks the 22nd anniversary of Chairman Gonzalo's Speech, which he delivered after a few days of his capture. In the speech, he called on the militants of the PCP (Communist Party of Peru), fighters of the People's Liberation Army (EPL), and the masses of the New Power and broader masses of Peru to continue with the people's war until achieving victory. Following the speech, he was transferred to a naval prison on “San Lorenzo” Island, and since April 1993, he has been confined in an underground cell at the Naval Base of Callao, always under the control of the Peruvian Navy.

*<http://banderaroja.org/viva-el-xxii-aniversario-del-discurso-del-presidente-gonzalo-mppcr/>

¹Chairman Gonzalo, September 24, 1992. Speech from the Cage.

Chairman Gonzalo, under absolute isolation conditions that prevent him from addressing the PCP and the international proletariat and peoples of the world, was “sentenced to life imprisonment” by a military tribunal in a summary trial shortly after his arrest. In November 2004, he was subjected to a farce of a “new trial” after the annulment of the “previous sentence” because the Inter-American Court of Human Rights declared the process that condemned him and other prisoners null and void due to being judged by invalid laws and tribunals. However, this “new trial” quickly broke down due to a governmental order, as Chairman Gonzalo, upon entering the courtroom, shouted slogans in support of people’s war, the Party, the Peruvian people, and Maoism. From mid-2005 to mid-2006, another farce of a “new trial” was staged, supposedly “oral and public,” but it was conducted almost in secret, and Chairman Gonzalo was not allowed to speak. With the complicity of lawyers of the right opportunist line (ROL), a reaction was ensured, and he was “sentenced” once again to life imprisonment, applying the same null laws packaged as new “Anti-Terrorist Decree Laws” to attempt to validate his trial and conviction.

With that null “sentence,” he is kept in prison. Chairman Gonzalo is a prisoner without a conviction or a valid prison mandate issued by a competent judge and in accordance with a valid pre-existing penal law.

To try to “legitimize” his confinement in absolute isolation since his detention in September 1992; since February of this year, he has been subjected to another “trial,” a new parody set up by the reactionary forces, aiming to convict him of “narcoterrorism” with the complicity of the traitor “Artemio” and other members of the ROL. The ROL’s lawyers have already declared the previous “sentence” as valid. However, Chairman Gonzalo is not allowed to speak on this “new public” and “oral” process and is kept in a room behind bulletproof glass and soundproofing, where he cannot be heard or hear anything beyond what his judges allow. The authorities of the old State have stated that this measure is to prevent the accused from repeating what happened in November 2004. Still, they have presented photos showing him in poor physical and emotional condition.

In a recent video broadcasted by a Peruvian television channel in the month of April, he is seen with a strong communist morale, combative, and challenging the old State, its laws, and authorities. His attitude and voice are firm, which disproves the CIA’s deception, the reactionary claims, and both Lines of Demarcation that he has capitulated or become a revisionist. Quite the opposite, he shows himself from the highest trench of combat, despite

the challenging conditions he is facing.

We denounce the plan of physical and psychological annihilation, whose first objective is to annihilate what it is and represents: the leadership of the PCP and the Peruvian revolution. This leadership has defined and applied Marxism-Leninism-Maoism to the specific conditions of the revolution in Peru. They have reconstituted the PCP and initiated and directed the People's War in Peru, which has become the torch of the world revolution.

After Chairman Gonzalo's speech on September 24, 1992, which, as the PCP described, "shines victoriously and powerfully before the world as a combat weapon," the hyenas of the reactionary forces, under the direction of the Yankee-CIA, promoted the structuring of a revisionist and capitulationist criminal organization within the prisons. In September 1993, this organization called for abandoning the people's war, falsely claiming that Chairman Gonzalo was the author of "letters of peace." It has been proven, through the confession of the agent Merino Bartel, that these letters were fabricated under the orders of the CIA. This was an attempt to defame the Leader of the revolution, a staunch Maoist, portraying him as a capitulator and revisionist.

Then, also linked to the Yankee-CIA and the Peruvian reactionaries, in collaboration with the ROL led by the "rat Miriam," another revisionist and capitulationist ROL emerged. In July 1999, they handed over the responsible and other members of the Central Committee to the reactionary armed forces. This faction was headed by the Quispe Palomino clan, true "warlords" who, by usurping part of the Party's Central Committee, established their "own fiefdom." They claimed to be carrying out a "national resistance war," but in reality, they surrendered to imperialism, the big bourgeoisie, and the landowners. These individuals, with their radical rhetoric, serve the CIA's and the reactionary's plan. They accuse and defame Chairman Gonzalo as a terrorist while proclaiming their complete submission to imperialism and reactionaries, presenting themselves as the "good revolutionaries" to the bourgeois media. These despicable traitors, along with the "Artemio" rat from Huallaga, blew up the Party's leadership in July 1999 and turned a significant part of the Central Committee and the Strategic Regional Committee of Huallaga into their "own fiefdoms."

And finally, the reaction with the help of ROL infiltrated an agent into the MPP - Peru People's Movement - and tried to usurp it, but after a long struggle, it was crushed, exposed, and condemned. This agent could only manage to usurp the website "Sol Rojo," where they try to confuse people

about the tasks that correspond to the communists in Peru. Cynically, they claim to “represent” a supposed “Central Committee” and its “Regional Committees,” even going to the extent of publishing actions attributed to the PCP that were actually carried out by the rats of ROL in the Huallaga, aiming to pressure for better conditions of surrender. Additionally, they are associated with the ROL led by “rat José.” Their aim is to present a false PCP, deny the existence of leadership problems, etc., in other words, to blindfold the eyes of the revolutionaries. It is an entire reactionary deceit of psychological warfare aimed at diverting attention from the pending task of the general reorganization of the PCP so that the people’s war can reach new heights, finally overcoming the bend and turning point.

In essence, all these reactionary lies from both ROLs and their followers aim to make the communists in Peru abandon the leadership of the revolution and the Party, thereby preventing the PCP from fulfilling its historical role as the vanguard of the revolution. All these lies are directed against Chairman Gonzalo and the PCP in an attempt to deceive communist militants, confuse fighters, and the masses of the new Power, hindering the necessary and urgent process of the party’s general reorganization, a long-delayed partisan task. This task is being undertaken despite concentrated opposition from revisionism both internally and externally, aiming to prevent the proper direction of the people’s war by the reorganized Party and to lead to its annihilation. In essence, it serves the plans of imperialism, reaction, and revisionism in Peru.

Once again, we commemorate Chairman Gonzalo’s speech and with it, the fundamental task of continuing the development of the People’s War until communism, as he stated on that occasion:

“We are here as the sons of the people and we are fighting in these trenches, this is also part of the combat, and we do this because we are Communists! Because we defend the interests of the people, the principles of the Party, and the People’s War. That is what we have been doing, and will continue to do it!”

The message was clear, today it is even more forceful and necessary. Nothing that the reactionaries and revisionists say or do can overshadow the great directive issued by one of the greatest living communists. That’s what we must do. That’s where we must aim – to defend the interests of the people, and those interests are nothing else but those that lead to the conquest of Power, following the path of the people’s war.

Although it is true that the PCP is going through difficult times, these are inherent to the dynamics of class struggle and people's war. Throughout the history of humanity, no one has achieved Power undefeated, without setbacks and challenges. From the Paris Commune to the October Revolution, the New Democratic Revolution in China, and the Cultural Revolution in China, all have faced moments of difficulty; this is the truth. However, it is also a fact that by firmly adhering to the correct ideology of the class, Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, these difficulties have become part of the strength that has propelled the class and the people along the path of victory—the path of the New Power, achieved and defended through people's war.

In this commemoration of the 22nd anniversary of Chairman Gonzalo's speech, the international proletariat and the oppressed peoples of the world, through us, send a fraternal and internationalist salute to the Communist Party of Peru and its leadership, Chairman Gonzalo. We express our commitment to reinvigorate the campaign to defend Chairman Gonzalo's life and acknowledge the people's war as a torch of world revolution. We salute the communists, fighters, and masses of the New Power, who persist in their fervent struggle of people's war, fighting as a part of and in service to it, and engaging in a life-and-death struggle against revisionism while carrying out the task of the general reorganization of the PCP, aiming to break through and culminate the democratic revolution by seizing power throughout the country. Long live the general reorganization of the PCP!

We repudiate and condemn imperialism, reaction, and revisionism, and it must be made very clear that the international proletariat and the peoples of the world are attentive and vigilant in defense of the life of Chairman Gonzalo and what he represents. We demand his public appearance, live and direct, before the national and international press, and that he be allowed to speak.

Long live the 22nd Anniversary of the speech of Chairman Gonzalo!

Impose Maoism as the command and guide of the world proletarian revolution!

Long live the people's wars in Peru, India, Turkey, and the Philippines!

Combat imperialism, revisionism, and world reaction inseparably and relentlessly!

Long live Chairman Gonzalo! Defend his thought and life with more people's war!

Uphold, defend, and apply Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, principally Maoism!