

From PCP Central Committee Report

The Revolution Continues to Advance

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All development gives rise to disequilibrium. We should learn how to handle disequilibrium. What does it mean to handle it? To figure out its laws, to grasp the laws that govern a process, whether it be simple or complex, to apply these laws to transform the world in the interests of the proletariat and people, in the service of the revolution.

The process of building the revolution will bring about profound disequilibrium. There will be hardships and stormy winds. All this will temper us. Turbulence and difficulties, never tranquility.

When times are hard we should keep in mind our achievements, and pluck up our courage. Today the revolution is under attack from imperialism and its flunkies. What we are facing is nothing more than a manifestation of disequilibrium. We should always be prepared for the most complicated situations. We

should even be prepared for defeats.

Anyone who does not understand that war involves both victories and setbacks does not understand anything about war. Two setbacks and two victories lead to a better understanding of the laws of revolution. The current situation is part of the more complicated circumstances we are going to have to face. It is a part of the disequilibrium and it is giving proof of our responsibility.

The Party has given rise to leaders and trained us. The risks do not intimidate us; dangers cannot hold us back. Right now, we are simply once again being put to the test! This is a part of the process of revolution and we have to know how to handle it. We can overcome these difficulties because we are a new force, with a brilliant future.

We face this struggle collectively, pulling together, strengthened by our ideology. We are the most advanced part of the class, the vanguard of the proletariat. We are keenly aware of our responsibility to fulfill our objectives, sacrificing whatever the

revolution may demand of us. Our ideology allows us not only to handle these things but even to take full advantage of any situation, to transform a bad situation into a good situation.

We are stronger if we act collectively. United we are invincible. We are steeled not only on great battlefields, but in daily life.

No matter what the Party may ask, need or require, it should be fulfilled and we are fulfilling it. The reaction seeks to destroy our leadership, to destroy the Party and smash the revolution. We must forge ahead always, no matter what the circumstances. We always confront any





hundred thousand people united by the Party cannot be torn asunder. Don't let them seize back what we have already won, fight the enemy and his rotten ideas. Carry out education in revolutionary violence, in the ideology of the proletariat, Marxism-Leninism-Maoism-Gonzalo Thought, so as to understand the laws that govern the universe and apply them to transform the world, and take the future into our own hands. Educate ourselves through the only Marxist tactic — steeling oneself in revolutionary violence and fighting implacably against both imperialism and revisionism, and not letting ourselves be turned from our path.

Because of the mass character of people's war, the reaction is seeking to wipe out the people's war and the Party. We are in a transitional stage, the hardest period, which will mark the turning point of the whole war. The enemy is striving to preserve his system by recovering his lost positions. We are striving to prepare the strategic offensive by organizing for the seizure of power.

The reaction must wipe out the people's war and the Party. We must build for the seizure of political power. This is a task for the people as well as for the Party. The reaction has adopted a rule that characterizes their overall approach to counter-subversive war: take no prisoners. If they don't wipe us out, we'll wipe them out.

The main thing is to rely on our own efforts, and seize political power in the service of the advance of the world revolution. Let us sow the seeds of anti-imperialism. Let our actions resound in the minds of the masses, politically arouse them so that they consciously take their destiny into their own hands. Educate them politically, through our actions driving home the ideas we are sowing.

The decisive thing is to go to the masses and act together with them. We base ourselves on our ideology, weapons are not principal. Let ideas arm hands, our ideology is the arm that will win victory. This is what we have learned from the great teachers of Marxism.

Let us maintain the initiative in the face of encirclement and annihilation campaigns, and carry out our political and military plans. Who leads all

danger with firmness and determination, certain that we can handle it and fulfill our tasks. What we need is not to curse or weep, but to look at objective reality, to find the root cause of events, formulate solutions and shoulder our responsibilities, firmly determined to transform the situation.

The Party can never be paralysed because it is clear on the course to follow and it is united. We emphasize strategic centralization and tactical decentralization. Such a party, united in this way, is strong; the revolution cannot be stopped.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "We pick up our dead, treat our wounded

and continue fighting."

Snatch the positive from a negative situation — this is how it always is because the law of contradiction is universal. Let us develop new forms of work, and debate the main questions of building organization. Let us develop in building organizational structures that are superior to the enemy's. Let us draw in the broad masses and organize them. Without the guarantee of the armed sea of the masses we cannot seize or defend political power. Let us arm their minds and their hands. With loose stalks, even a million of them, how can anything be won? They are fragile. But a

this? The Party. Who sustains it all? The masses. Let us oppose the bourgeoisie's rotten, money-driven systems with the development of proletarian revolution. It is extremely important that we strengthen ourselves ideologically and politically, as much and as well as possible, so that we will be prepared on every level.

We know what we want and what we are fighting for. We will fulfill the Party's goals and serve the people, the proletariat and the world revolution.

Every revolution must go through both successes and setbacks. As the revolution develops, the counter-revolution draws its own lessons. Do not fear imperialism, be prepared on every front, from the ideological to the military. Recover what has been lost, but now far more steeled than ever, more experienced. This defeat is only partial and relative. Let us firmly continue carrying out our strategy, flexibly applying it according to the specific circumstances.

Imperialism's counter-revolutionary actions give rise to anti-imperialist actions by the world's proletariat and peoples. Let us develop the correct and righteous ideological and political line. Fulfill our plan to develop, build and seize political power! Let us develop every committee and organization amidst implacable combat against the enemy; let's smash his schemes, plans and reactionary policies.

Let us demolish the old and build the new, revolution against counter-revolution. Let us carry out our offensives in accord with concrete conditions. We should strive to carry them out thoroughly and never be satisfied with superficiality, to conscientiously and ever more profoundly take all the fundamental elements of our political line to the masses. Let us never cheapen Marxism — a few pills can not educate the masses. We should concern ourselves with constantly raising the political level of the Party, all the organizations it leads and the masses as well. We should sow public opinion for the seizure of political power! Popularize the Party's documents. Fight so that every Party member has a copy of all of them — there are ways to reproduce them without changing them. They can be photocopied or even recopied by

hand. We should give a copy of everything we print to friends or other people who might discuss them. There is nothing to be lost by sending them to all the news media.

Set up cadre schools, without forgetting that cadres are forged amidst class struggles and people's war, and never apart from them. Learn to distinguish between rectification campaigns, passing reports down and political training at different levels for new, intermediate and advanced people. A rectification campaign (which is a form of unfolding two-line struggle) is not the same thing as a regular school for new activists who are just learning the Party's line. Both are important, but they are different, and should be carried out in a disciplined manner. Formulate plans for study, lectures and debates in the people's schools on the basis of the Party's principles of unity.

Reports should be clear and solidly grounded, with emphasis on the main part. All the parts should be submitted to debate — let the rank and file give their opinions, ask questions and wrangle. Without "a clash of currents" a solid group cannot come together. We insist on the Maoist principle that ideological and political line is decisive, and we apply it firmly, because we are building for the seizure of political power and we should always see things from that perspective. Always put politics in command, so that we can handle any problem we may face, even the most complicated.

Root out selfishness, which is the source of revisionism, and let our ideology be concretized in politics, not apart from class struggle but rather taking it as our guideline. Furthermore, let it be applied to building concrete organizational forms and creating new kinds of organization.

The aim in a rectification campaign is to unite, make the proper distinctions and lead, always keeping in mind the Party's basis of unity. Master Party documents, avoiding free interpretations and the study of inappropriate materials. In all our work, apply strategic centralization and tactical decentralization. Don't counterpose armed struggle to study — this is a rightist line and it prepares the ground for revisionism.

Our centre is fighting, our base is the proletariat and people; our road is people's war, our objective the People's Republic of Peru; our ideology is Marxism-Leninism-Maoism-Gonzalo Thought; our final goal is proletarian revolution and communism; the axis of everything is the Communist Party of Peru, its leadership and headquarters.

For a firm and correct political orientation, a style of plain living and hard work, flexibility in strategy and practice. Unity, dynamism, seriousness and liveliness. Against the enemy's slanders and distortions. The reaction and its governments can never really meet the needs of the people, because that goes against their interests and their profits. The charity schemes of the reformist left and the Catholic Church would be impossible without imperialist "aid", and they are an essential part of the counter-subversive war. In opposition to rotten bourgeois democracy, which is simply the class dictatorship of the bourgeoisie, we need to use revolutionary violence to create a new state, a new society and a new democracy.

The road is tortuous but the future is bright. So we should dare to seize power and dare to defend it. The main thing in war is people. Let us take our destiny into our own hands! Advance in political and ideological building as the foundation and carry out organizational building simultaneously, amidst two-line struggle and people's war. We must build organizational apparatuses superior to those of the enemy, more agile, more highly politicized, with well-forged contingents. Let each Party member be a bastion of strength, as the Party is. The work of building unfolds by applying the principles of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism-Gonzalo Thought that guide it, but the way it takes concrete form depends on the development of the revolution. Agitation and propaganda. Create public opinion for the seizure of political power in Peru and the world. Broaden our mass work, use all forms of struggle and take up new ones. Study the main actions and the most problem-ridden actions in order to draw lessons, striving to study, embody and apply the Party's revolutionary line. □