

May Day 1985

The following is the text of a statement by the Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement prepared for circulation on May 1st 1985 in different languages by participating parties and organisations of the RIM in numerous countries.

Comrades,

One year ago today the *Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement* was released to the working people of the world. In that *Declaration* genuine revolutionary forces of the world who continue to base themselves on the science of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought made an evaluation of the situation in the world, an appraisal of the tasks facing the revolutionaries and the proletariat of every country, and declared their resolve to work towards an organisational form capable of helping turn the call "Workers of All Countries, Unite!" into a reality.

In that *Declaration* the gravity of the present situation in the world is clearly described. The imperialists prepare a third world war, with all the horror that that would mean for the people of the world. But as the *Declaration* also pointed out, revolutionary struggle is also on the rise and this revolutionary struggle can prevent an impending world war by sweeping away imperialism and reaction from large parts of the globe and establishing the regime of the proletariat and its allies.

This is no idle wish. Already we have seen very important achievements by our movement in the last year. In particular the comrades of the Communist Party of Peru, sometimes referred to in the

press as *Sendero Luminoso*, have made great advances in carrying forward the peoples war that they initiated in 1980. The Revolutionary Internationalist Movement is proud to count the Communist Party of Peru in its ranks. In fact, the successes in Peru have been so great that the imperialists were forced to dispatch their holy father—Pope John-Paul II—to try to extinguish the flames of the armed struggle. But his Holiness has been no more successful than the planes and bullets, the firing squads and torture chambers.

The armed struggle in Peru is a beacon which from high in the Andes is spreading its light to the four corners of the earth calling on the oppressed and exploited of the world to rise up. It is a symbol that revolutionary struggle and outbreaks of rebellion are again on the upswing in today's world.

May Day is the day of proletarian internationalism. Although reactionaries attack it and revisionists try to cut the revolutionary heart out of it, May First remains the day in which the workers of all countries take stock of their situation, make their plans for the year ahead, celebrate proletarian internationalism and declare once again their determination to carry their struggle through to the final goal of communism throughout the world.

Comrades, the *Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement* also has described the crisis in the ranks of revolutionaries, ever since the capitalist roaders in China took power after the death of Mao Tsetung and after Enver Hoxha joined in the attacks on Comrade

Mao. This crisis is by no means resolved and we must still battle the capitulationism and demoralisation that are engendered by the imperialists and the revisionists. But our movement is on the rebound. Reports of the death of revolutionary Marxism turned out to be quite unfounded—as is shown by the revolutionary upsurge in Peru.

We are still in a race against time, for our movement still lags seriously behind the developing world situation, the moves towards war and the rise in revolutionary struggle. But we can catch up. Armed with a correct understanding we can move ahead with leaps and bounds.

The Revolutionary Internationalist Movement must be strengthened. It must be spread to every corner of the world. It must become more and more embedded in the proletariat and the people and all their forms of struggle. As you read these lines there are tens of thousands of people on other continents that are doing the same. Like you they long for a world without exploitation. The direction of history depends to a great degree on them—and you. As long as the exploiting classes run society, misery, oppression and degradation will be the daily lot of the majority of the world's people and today these same criminals are preparing an even greater crime—a third world war. The world must be ripped out of their clutches. This May First let us reaffirm the unity of the class conscious proletarians around the banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, around the banner of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement!



The RIM May Day poster distributed in many languages throughout the world. It says "The proletariat has nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. LONG LIVE THE FORMATION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT!"

**PREVENT WORLD WAR!
STEP UP THE STRUGGLE FOR REVOLUTION
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!**

SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S WAR IN PERU!

**BREAK THE CHAINS!
UNLEASH THE FURY OF WOMEN AS A MIGHTY
FORCE FOR REVOLUTION!**

**LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM!
STRENGTHEN THE RANKS OF THE
REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT!**

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Revolutionary Internationalist Movement*