

International Campaign Forward Along the Path Charted by Mao Tsetung!

Twenty years ago Mao Tsetung kindled the flames of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. As the *Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement* puts it:

“The Cultural Revolution represents the most advanced experience of the proletarian dictatorship and the revolutionising of society. For the first time the workers and other revolutionary elements were armed with a clear understanding of the nature of the class struggle under socialism....Great victories were won in the course of the Cultural Revolution which prevented the revisionist restoration in China for a decade and led to great socialist transformations in education, literature and art, scientific research and other elements of the superstructure... The Cultural Revolution was waged as part of the international struggle of the proletariat and was a training ground in proletarian internationalism....

“The Cultural Revolution was the living proof of the vitality of Marxism-Leninism. It showed that the proletarian revolution was unlike all previous revolutions which could only result in one exploiting system replacing another. For all these reasons the Cultural Revolution and Mao Tsetung earned the lasting and vicious abuse of all the reactionaries and revisionists and for these same reasons the Cultural Revolution remains an indispensable part of the revolutionary legacy of the international communist movement.”

For all these reasons it is fitting that the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement has decided to launch a coordinated, international campaign entitled “Forward Along the Path Charted by Mao Tsetung” on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the opening salvos of the Cultural Revolution. Nor can we forget that it was ten years ago that the great leader and teacher Mao Tsetung died and that right on the heels of his death the capitalist roaders in China launched a vicious coup d'état and began restoring capitalism.

Combatting the current revisionist rulers in China remains an on-going task of the genuine revolutionary communists. The upcoming campaign must be an occasion for further exposure and denunciation of these usurpers and a time to refute the lies and calumnies generally directed against Mao Tsetung and the Cultural Revolution.

Most importantly, this campaign must be a further occasion for the dissemination of the teachings of Mao Tsetung on the widest possible basis. At a time when revolutionary struggle is again on the rise it is all the more vital that this struggle be infused and illuminated by Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought.

Those who remember the exhilarating victories of the Cultural Revolution and who were inspired by the example of the construction of a new society in China must not forget that a new generation of revolutionaries is coming to the fore who did not share this experience. It is vital that the legacy of Mao Tsetung and the Cultural Revolution be made the common property of



all who are striving to tear down exploitation and oppression.

The Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, along with other Maoist forces, must vigorously spread this campaign throughout the globe. It must be a campaign of denunciation of revisionism, but also of holding aloft the great accomplishments achieved under the leadership of Mao Tsetung. It must be a living example of proletarian internationalism, with the multiple forms of activity most reflecting the ability of the genuine communists to apply our revolutionary science to the concrete realities of different countries.

This campaign must be at once both a celebration of the victories won and the achievements accomplished along with a renewed declaration to use the weapon bequeathed us by Mao Tsetung to defeat imperialism and reaction and march forward on Mao's road toward a communist world.

The Committee of the RIM

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