

# A Call to the Revolutionary

## By the Haitian Revolutionary and the Haitian

Haiti stands at a crossroads. Every day more people take to the streets, struggling for their demands. But how to satisfy the deep hopes and dreams of the Haitian people for freedom and genuine emancipation? Behind all the various programs lie two diametrically opposed answers to these questions; and each answer leads to a very different future.

We propose the following basic answer as a starting point for action and unity among all true revolutionaries and conscious patriots:

### 1) New Democratic Revolution.

One road before us is that of the past. Its proponents loudly propose a few reforms, but would leave Haiti's neo-colonial dependence on the U.S. (and other imperialist powers) untouched. The proponents of this road — from Bazin to PUCH — all talk about the need for elections and parliaments. But they say not a word about destroying the reactionary army, which will always enforce the interests of the big

landlords, the elite and the foreign capitalists. They argue with one another over who should run Haiti, but they all agree that it should *not* be the masses!

The second road is that of genuine revolution. The goal of present-day revolution in Haiti is a new democratic revolution, in which all remnants of feudalism are obliterated, all structures enforcing dependency on imperialism are demolished, and a qualitatively new state power in the hands of the revolutionary classes comes into being. The proponents of this road support the masses' struggle now raging and want to see it grow into a revolution against those classes who maintain and profit from Haiti's backwardness and who channel the sweat and blood of its people into the hands of imperialists and reactionaries.

To truly win emancipation, and not just exchange one imperialist master for another, this revolution must be guided by the concepts of New Democratic Revolution

pioneered by Mao Tsetung in the Chinese revolution, and must apply those concepts to Haiti's particular conditions. This new democratic revolution is not in itself socialist; its targets are the relations of structured dependency on imperialism and the semi-feudal relations in the countryside and the classes and institutions that maintain and defend them. But it must, to ensure final justice and even to fundamentally break those relations, set itself from the very beginning the task to advance further to a socialist stage.

2) "Without a people's army, the people have nothing." This statement by Mao Tsetung is a profound truth. True liberation can only be won by a war of the masses. Any schemes for a so-called "peaceful revolution," or that alternately rely on the heroic actions of a small handful, can only set back the struggle. All revolutionaries must grasp this and begin now to formulate the strategy and tactics of mass armed

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struggle appropriate to the revolution in Haiti.

3) The backbone of the new democratic revolution is the alliance between the proletariat and Haiti's vast and oppressed peasantry. But for the new democratic revolution to win victory, it must be a people's war based on a united front of all the popular classes whose interests lie in the overthrow of the present order. The tasks of leading and forging this united front, with the worker-peasant alliance at its core, falls to the proletariat — the class which alone has no stake at all in the present order and represents a future free from all exploitation and oppression.

4) To shoulder these historic tasks, the working class needs its own vanguard party, based on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. The need to form such a party cries out with special pressing urgency; it must be done as soon as possible! The current opportunity to make

revolution in Haiti will not last forever. While the U.S. and the Haitian army prepare to drown the revolution in blood, we cannot waste a minute! But a party must be built on a firm foundation. In particular, it must demarcate itself from any trends aligning either with the Soviet Union, or Cuba, Albania, present-day China, etc., or social democracy. Instead, it should look internationally to those forces grouping together in the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, including the Communist Party of Peru (known in the media as Sendero Luminoso) which currently wages people's war in Peru.

In the spirit of urgently forming this party and leading the revolutionary process forward we propose that Haitian revolutionary forces — individuals, circles and organized groups — orient themselves politically around the above four points. And based on this political orientation:

That organized and consistent

contact be established among all who agree with these points in order to intervene and raise the level of the current struggle, with the aim of launching the armed contest for power at the earliest possible time;

And second, that the political and organizational unity necessary to form a party be actively developed with the key link in that process: organized debate and struggle around a correct programme for the Haitian revolution.

Comrades! To those whom much is given, much is demanded. The eyes of the world are following Haiti, and what we do will affect not only Haiti but — even more importantly — the whole planet. The times demand that we set aside minor differences, unite on true questions of principle and rise to these truly historic challenges.

**SEIZE THE TIME!  
SEIZE THE HOUR!  
FORWARD WITH REVOLUTION!**