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GONZALO LIVES IN PEOPLE'S COMBATS



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43 years after the start of Peruvian People's War, the world is experiencing a generalised crisis of the imperialist system and bourgeois democracy with a sharpening of the inter-imperialist contradictions that has led to a prelude to world war. Meanwhile, in the country, the general crisis of Peruvian society once again shows that those below do not want to continue living as they are today and that those above cannot continue to rule as they have been up to now.

For a time, at the end of People's War of last century, the people experienced a political and military withdrawal while Fujimori's genocidal and country-selling dictatorship swept away rights and imposed Neoliberalism to the letter. But with the new 21st century, the popular struggle was reactivated and, amid advances and setbacks, the fight against the exploitative and oppressive order continued, eventually developing extensive and massive struggle.

People's War, which undermined semi-feudalism, bureaucrat capitalism and imperialist rule like never before, made possible the end of the old semi-feudal, semi-colonial and bureaucrat capitalist society, as well as the integration of the Peruvian nation. In this way, Peruvian reaction could give way to a capitalist society, dependent on imperialism and with semi-feudal traces. With the end of People's War, the great task of the

revolutionary emancipation of our people was once again postponed, but the struggle never ceased, and, driven by the renewed struggle of the people and the second party reconstitution, the Peruvian revolution has continued its path.

Let us remember that, as Chairman Gonzalo said, independence «was only the replacement of the Spanish masters by the Creoles, children of the Spaniards born in these American lands; thus, the feudal regime remained intact, and the new masters, who were already so before under Spanish control, continued to enjoy the outdated inherited system to which they introduced some formal modifications; in essence, everything remained the same for the masses, especially for the vast peasant majorities. It was, then, the replacement of the old masters by their younger and more spirited sons willing to enjoy absolute and total power; and they do it like that».

The struggle for independence from the Spanish colonial yoke spanned some 50 years, beginning with the great peasant uprisings, mainly that of Tupac Amaru, and had a cost of 200,000 lives sacrificed by the people, until the definitive triumph in Ayacucho in 1824; thus the old feudal and colonial society ended and a semi-feudal and semi-colonial society opened its way. This was 200 years ago and it was the «last day of despotism... and the first of the same».

Only with the appearance of the proletariat at the end of the 19th century did the terms of the political struggle change, the class destined to end the exploitative and oppressive order of

capitalism insured, founding the Communist Party in 1928. «Mariátegui is the founder of the Party, his role is defined in history, no one can ever deny it and his work is imperishable; but it was a necessity to continue and develop it precisely by continuing on its way; [...] we are proud to have been founded by him».

This is how the proletarian revolution began in the country, a new democratic revolution in a first stage and a socialist revolution in a second.

In the midst of the rise of workers' and peasants' struggles and the process of Party reconstitution in the 1960s and 1970s, the Party and the people prepared to initiate People's War that would ultimately shape the new-democratic revolution and continue uninterruptedly towards socialism. But after 12 years of powerful advance, the war was headless and the revolutionary hope was postponed again.

As our Chairman established, there were great achievements and there were also errors, excesses and limitations. A withdrawal was imposed and the great struggle began to defend the historical significance of People's War and defend the Communist Party of Perú. The extraordinary role of Chairman Gonzalo, defeating life sentences and trespassing armored walls, allowed us to enter a new Party stage of political struggle, successfully developing the defense of the Party and the People's War. Our heroic people came out of the retreat, their

vanguard drew new lessons from their armed and non-armed struggle, and they continued their combat.

As for the reaction, the right-wing took advantage of the withdrawal to expand its State control. The last 40 years of the imposition of neoliberalism, together with a Criminal Law of the Enemy, which has been sweeping away the right to guarantees, resulted in an exploitative, police and corrupt State and a general crisis of society at all levels. The exploiting classes and their power groups protected by the Armed Forces —the backbone of every Estate— have tried to maintain their domination forever with repression and they have resorted to militarisation and treacherous massacres in the face of the current fight against Neoliberalism, in which for the first time, Peruvian people en masse began to fight for their right to political participation, they claimed a Constituent Assembly, and they demanded the fall and punishment of the political and military leaders of the massacres against the people. And it has become clear, once again, that the country cannot be changed through elections, and that the people must follow their own path for the total transformation of Peruvian society.

In this persistent combat, our people have been learning that the struggle for their revolutionary emancipation is long; that only the fight educates; that the massive mobilisation of the people, especially the workers and peasants, makes the reaction tremble; that they must prepare themselves ideologically and politically for the decisive battles against capitalism; that class

unity, setting aside sectarianism and hegemonism, is a fundamental weapon; that they must further develop their forms of struggle and organisation; that every fight is done with reason, advantage and limit; that it requires international support; and, mainly, that it needs a fair direction that is key to guarantee any success.

In this fight, the fight for the freedom of the political prisoners of yesterday and today is a fundamental part of the popular part of the popular demands. There will be no constituent assembly with the people and for the people without the release of political prisoners. In the case of the political prisoners of People's War, there are still dozens of them with very high sentences and life imprisonment. Furthermore, it is intended that all of them die in prison, that their remains be cremated and their ashes disappear, as they shamelessly did with Abimael Guzmán, futilely seeking to prevent his memory.

Now, after 35 years in prison, it is time to review the illegal life sentence applied to the communists Osmán Morote, 78, and Margot Liendo, 74. We demand their immediate release, as they have more than complied with their sentence for the political crime of rebelling against oppression. Denying them their freedom is a covert death penalty and an expression of the eternal persecution against the revolutionaries, as has been shown, for example, by the discredited Dircote and the prosecutor's offices, opening a new investigation into Martha Huatay, when she was already dead.

But the McCarthyite and inquisitorial political persecution of the Peruvian State has not prevented the progress of the path of the people nor will it be able to prevent its heroes, like our Chairman Gonzalo —the greatest revolutionary in Peruvian history— from being present in the combats of the popular masses. Gonzalo’s powerful voice is in the resounding slogans they agitate; Gonzalo’s firm steps are in the forceful multitudinous marches; Gonzalo’s rebellious fists are in their righteous fists; Gonzalo’s proletarian ideology is in the correct orientation that guides them. Like a reborn Phoenix Bird, our Chairman Gonzalo and Gonzalo Thought live forever in the combats of the proletariat and the people.

FREEDOM TO THE POLITICAL PRISONERS
OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY!

FREEDOM NOW TO THE COMMUNISTS
OSMÁN AND MARGOT!

LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLE OF PERUVIAN PEOPLE
AGAINST NEOLIBERALISM!

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