

# RIM Committee Greet Peru Campaign

The following is a statement from the Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement which was read aloud at the numerous meetings which were held as part of the Worldwide Campaign to Support the People's War in Peru.

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Comrades and friends,

The People's War being waged under the leadership of the Communist Party of Peru is certainly not the only revolutionary war in today's world, nor the only struggle worthy of support, but it is an extremely important ray of hope that shows the potential for a new turn in the history of humanity and helps prepare the conditions for it. We say this not just out of quite correct pride that this Party is among the ranks of our Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, but also because of our understanding of what is going on in the world today and what is needed to change it.

The world situation this assessment is based on was analysed by the *Declaration* issued by the 1984 Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations which formed the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement: "All the major contradictions of the world imperialist system are rapidly accentuating: the contradiction between various im-

perialist powers, the contradiction between imperialism and the oppressed peoples and nations, and the contradiction between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat in the imperialist countries. All of these contradictions have a common origin in the capitalist mode of production and its fundamental contradiction. The rivalry between the two blocs of imperialist powers led by the U.S. and the USSR respectively is bound to lead to war unless revolution prevents it and this rivalry is greatly affecting world events."

Despite these sharpening objective conditions, "the Marxist-Leninist movement continues to confront a deep and serious crisis which came to a head following the reactionary coup d'état in China following the death of Mao Tsetung and the treacherous betrayal of Enver Hoxha. However despite these reversals there are genuine Marxist-Leninists on all continents who have refused to abandon the struggle for communism."

This context is what has given particular significance to a People's War that would have been welcome and important under any circumstances. It has raised high amid the clash of battle itself the banners of Marx, Lenin and Mao Tsetung, and thus served to advance the prestige of revolutionary Marxism;

it has served as a manifesto to the proletariat and oppressed peoples of the world that communism is on the agenda and that the revolutionary movement is once again on the rise. A revolutionary war which has firmly drawn a line of demarcation with all forms of revisionism, which dares to make revolution without the fatal tutelage of any imperialism, a revolutionary war which declares its aim of serving the overthrow of all imperialism and reaction and the world-wide advance to communism — such a war is indeed extremely significant in today's world.

These meetings and the Worldwide Campaign to support the people's war in Peru are also part of something new and important in the world. With this campaign proletarian internationalism — and the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement — is indeed becoming stronger, broader and more organised, more of a material force. In the course of supporting the Peruvian revolution which is increasingly looked to by oppressed and revolutionary-minded people on every continent, our Movement based on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought has had broad opportunities to join together in struggle with other political forces.

The *Declaration* issued by the Second Conference indicated the unity of will and political understanding

Artwork signed by 'Shining Trench of Battle at El Fronton', June, 1985.



upon which our Movement is based. It contains an analysis of the two component parts of the world proletarian revolution and the different tasks and road to revolution in the imperialist countries and the countries oppressed by imperialism. In the countries oppressed by imperialism, the *Declaration* says, "it is often the case that the revolution takes the form of protracted revolutionary warfare in which the revolutionary forces are able to establish base areas of one type or another in the countryside and carry out the basic strategy of surrounding the city by the countryside." This is the road the revolution in Peru is following under the leadership of the PCP and its Chairman, Comrade Gonzalo. In doing so it is playing a vital role in advancing the revolution in other countries, above all because of the political and ideological line that is leading it and which in turn it is unfurling before the world's revolutionary masses.

In the imperialist countries, as the

*Declaration* says, "the October Revolution remains the basic point of reference for Marxist-Leninist strategy and tactics." In other words, in general in the imperialist countries it is not possible today to launch the armed struggle in a way that contributes towards the revolutionary seizure of power; preparing for the moment when that does become possible through agitation, propaganda and revolutionary struggle is urgently required. Today supporting the people's war in Peru is not only an important task in its own right but also an important part of getting ready for the armed struggle that the revolutionary proletariat must prepare to lead at the earliest possible moment.

These meetings to Support the People's War in Peru and the worldwide campaign of which they are part, like the people's war in Peru itself, represent advanced efforts to turn revolutionary possibilities into revolutionary realities. As our *Declaration* solemn-

ly declares, "The revolutionary struggle of the masses of the people in all countries is crying out for genuine revolutionary leadership. The genuine Marxist-Leninist forces, in individual countries and on a world scale, have the responsibility to provide such leadership even as they continue to struggle to solidify and raise the level of their unity."

We will organise the most widespread and powerful support for the people's war in Peru. Proletarian internationalism and revolutionary-minded people all over the world demand it of us, and in correctly so doing we will advance the revolutionary movement in many countries and on a world level.

**LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU!**

**LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT!**

**SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S WAR IN PERU!** □

**The Committee of the RIM**