

Shinning Path Leader to Stand Trial in March

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[March 2, 2004] A communiqué recently published by the Peru People's Movement [MPP], a generated organism of the *Shinning Path*, has indicated that the Peruvian government intends to try Chairman Gonzalo in a sham court inside the *Callao Naval Base* on the charge of "genocide" with the intention of mandating a "carte blanche" for his assassination.

The MPP has called upon communists worldwide "to strain all forces to carry out overwhelming actions of all kinds" to unmask the bourgeois conspiracy and affect "the public presentation of Chairman Gonzalo, live and direct, before the national and international media, and that he may speak."¹

Another recently released document by the MPP called the *Communist Manifesto* "the birth certificate of the international communist movement" and claimed that "the unity of the international proletariat is indispensable for the triumph of the Communist Revolution" and urged "we must more than ever struggle tirelessly to attain the unity of our international movement on the basis of our universally valid ideology."

The document further asserts that "[with] the triumph of the *October Revolution* [the Communist Party] entered into the era of the world proletarian revolution." The document goes on to affirm the fundamental principles of the *First Congress of the PCP* [Shinning Path].

- The era of the bourgeois revolution has reached its end, it has become decrepit.
- We are in the era of world proletarian revolution.
- The democratic revolution that is unfulfilled in the oppressed countries belongs to or forms part of world proletarian revolution; it is a new-democratic revolution.
- There can be no intermediary stage or any stage prior to the new-democratic revolution.
- If [the revolution] is stopped or postponed, if you abandon arms and the new political power, this amounts to having made the masses work for nothing.

¹ *Nothing Justifies Treason*, MPP, February 2004.

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- The war does not stop with the change of contradiction but advances, uniting the immense majority and concentrating its attack on the aggressor and his lackeys in order to, after having triumphed, throwing out the aggressor, the imperialist occupant, establish the People's Republic and with it socialism, the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The MPP theoretician furthermore elucidates what he calls "three moments in the process of world revolution."

- The strategic defensive of world revolution opposed to the offensive of counterrevolution, starts in 1871 with the Paris Commune and ends in the Second World War.
- The strategic equilibrium, takes place around the triumph of the Chinese revolution, the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and the development of the powerful national liberation movement.
- The strategic offensive; this moment can be situated around 1980, when we see signs like the war between Iran and Iraq, Afghanistan, Nicaragua and the initiation of the People's War.

The document concludes that the MPP, on behalf to the PCP, sees revolution as the main trend in the world today, seeks to reconstitute the *Communist International*, and views the defense of the life of Chairman Gonzalo "a task of great strategic significance."²

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² *Unite under Maoism*, MPP, January 2004.