

Usher In the Great 1970's

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THE 1960's is over. The proletariat and other revolutionary people of the world have proudly stepped into the great 1970's with militant strides.

Keeping the whole globe in view and looking ahead into the future, the people of all nationalities in our country are full of excitement, and from the bottom of their hearts they wish Chairman Mao, our great leader and the revolutionary teacher of the proletariat, a long, long life!

Early in the 1960's, Chairman Mao pointed out with great foresight: "The next 50 to 100 years or so, beginning from now, will be a great era of radical change in the social system throughout the world, an earth-shaking era without equal in any previous historical period."

The history of the 1960's has powerfully testified to this great prediction by Chairman Mao.

The past decade has been a decade in which **the enemy rots with every passing day, while for us things are getting better daily**, a decade in which Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought has been engaged in open polemics and fierce struggles with modern revisionism and won great victories, and a decade which has seen a vigorous development of the great struggle waged by the revolutionary people of the world against imperialism headed by the United States, modern revisionism with Soviet revisionism as its centre and the reactionaries of various countries.

In the past decade, under new conditions, the revolutionary movement of the proletariat and the broad masses of the people **has swept the world with the momentum of an avalanche and the force of a thunderbolt**. The national-liberation movement has advanced in surging tides. Revolutionary Marxist-Leninist political Parties and organizations have grown daily in the course of struggle. Capitalism is irretrievably on the decline while socialism thrives with irresistible force. The great socialist China towers like a giant in the East. Albania, the beacon of socialism in Europe, shines ever more brightly. The heroic Vietnamese people with their iron fists have badly battered U.S. imperialism. The great truth "**Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun**" set forth by Chairman Mao has been inspiring the people of Asia, Africa and Latin America in their armed struggle on an ever broader scale. The dyke of the colonial system of imperialism has been falling off one part

after another. The raging flames of revolution have already engulfed the "heartlands" of imperialism. The financial and monetary crises shaking the West and the ever deteriorating and deepening economic crises have landed capitalist economy in a still more hopeless state. The old world is tottering with volcanoes erupting and crowns falling to the ground one after another. Nowhere on the globe can imperialism find a "tranquil oasis" any more.

Not long after it had climbed to the position of the overlord of world capitalism after World War II, U.S. imperialism tumbled down from its zenith. It has engaged in arms expansion and war preparations, committed aggression and built military bases everywhere, putting so many nooses round its own neck, which are being tightened by the people of the world. In the United States which claims to be the "richest" country in the world, tens of millions of people are increasingly suffering from poverty and hunger. The reactionary U.S. rulers are sitting on thorns in the face of the struggle waged by the proletariat and the masses of the people of the United States against monopoly capital and the Afro-American struggle against violent repression. None of the masters of the White House has found a panacea to save U.S. imperialism from its decline. The Wall Street bosses, who boastfully described the twentieth century as "the American century," now helplessly lament that the United States has entered its "difficult years." The rapid decline of U.S. imperialism strikingly demonstrates that the capitalist system is already in the grip of a new and most acute general crisis.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique — the centre of modern revisionism — is heading for total bankruptcy at an accelerated tempo. Khrushchov the clown, who swaggered like a conquering hero not long ago, is now a heap of dirt beneath the contempt of mankind. His successors Brezhnev and company are faring even worse and their conditions deteriorating year after year; they are saddled with crises both at home and abroad. They are enforcing fascist dictatorship at home and carrying out aggression and expansion abroad. This has completely revealed their features as social-imperialists and aroused the mounting opposition of the people in the Soviet Union and other countries. The emergence of Soviet revisionist social-imperialism is but an episode in the course of imperialism heading for total collapse. It can avert neither the downfall of the entire imperialist system,

nor its own destruction. In the final analysis, the so-called "Brezhnev doctrine" is nothing but a variation of moribund neo-colonialism.

In contrast with the plight of the declining enfeebled imperialism and social-imperialism, socialist China under the leadership of the great leader Chairman Mao has become even more consolidated, prosperous, powerful and vigorous. Chairman Mao has personally led our Party in unfolding, together with the Marxist-Leninists of the world, the great polemics against modern revisionism, and this has prepared conditions for even greater victories of the world proletarian revolution ideologically, theoretically and politically. The victory of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution personally initiated and led by Chairman Mao has shattered the dreams of the imperialists and revisionists for the restoration of capitalism in China and opened up, in the history of the international communist movement, a bright road for consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat and carrying the socialist revolution through to the end. The great Mao Tsetung Thought has been disseminated among the 700 million people on an unprecedented scale. The far-reaching historic influence of the Ninth National Congress of the Communist Party of China is more and more manifest. Our great socialist motherland has become a powerful political force of our time in the struggle against imperialism and revisionism; it has become the most reliable friend of the proletariat of all countries and of all oppressed people and nations as well as the hope of the world revolution.

The people, and the people alone, are the motive force in the making of world history. Through the great upheaval, great division and great reorganization in the 1960's, the revolutionary forces of the world have grown and the alignment of classes has become clear. The new development of the fundamental contradictions of the world will inevitably continue to give rise to revolution. The 1970's will be years in which the storms of the people's revolution will rise still more vigorously throughout the world, years in which the collapse of imperialism will be hastened in the midst of countless contradictions, and will be important years in which the revolutionary forces of the world will wage fierce battles against the counter-revolutionary forces which are struggling desperately. U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism can never escape their doom no matter how they collude with each other and contend for spheres of influence, no matter how many schemes and tricks they resort to and what kind of wars of aggression they launch. They will not last long.

Chairman Mao teaches us: **China ought to have made a greater contribution to humanity.** Under the leadership of the great leader Chairman Mao, our great Party, great people, great country and great army can surely fulfil the glorious mission assigned us by history and will never fail to live up to the hope placed on us by the people of the world. In the new year,

the whole Party, the whole army and the people of the whole country should rally still more closely around the Party Central Committee with Chairman Mao as its leader and Vice-Chairman Lin as its deputy leader, arm themselves with Mao Tsetung Thought still better and use Chairman Mao's great strategic thinking of **"Heighten our vigilance, defend the motherland," "Be prepared against war, be prepared against natural disasters, and do everything for the people"** to push forward and examine the struggle-criticism-transformation movement. They should guard against arrogance and rashness and fulfil still better and faster the fighting tasks set forth by the Ninth National Congress of the Party.

At present, the mass movement of struggle-criticism-transformation is deepening on all fronts. The proletarian policies put forward by Chairman Mao are being further carried out in an all-round way. New things of the proletariat with boundless vitality are emerging everywhere. We should integrate the great mass movement for the living study and application of Mao Tsetung Thought with the tasks of struggle-criticism-transformation. We should firmly grasp the struggle between the two classes, the two roads and the two lines as the key link, and carry out the fundamental task of consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat in all the units at the basic level. We should continue to unfold revolutionary mass criticism to eliminate the remaining poisonous influence of the counter-revolutionary revisionist line pushed by the renegade, hidden traitor and scab Liu Shao-chi. In the ideological and cultural fields, we should hold high the great red banner of Mao Tsetung Thought and continue to wipe out the ideological influence of the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes; in the political field, we should do a good job of purifying the class ranks according to the Party's policies and strengthen the dictatorship over the handful of counter-revolutionary forces; and in the economic field, we should consolidate and develop the socialist economic base and, in a planned way, deal blows at the corrosive and sabotaging activities of the bourgeoisie. We should carry on the revolution in education, scientific research, literature and art, the press, public health and other fields perseveringly and in a deep-going way to achieve new successes and gain new experience.

During the Ninth Party Congress Chairman Mao pointed out time and again: **"It is imperative to grasp typical cases well."** **"As regards the entire work it is necessary first to grasp well one-third of it."** We must resolutely carry out this extremely important instruction of Chairman Mao's, make overall plans and actively and carefully fulfil all tasks of struggle-criticism-transformation by stages and in groups and in a deep-going and meticulous way.

On the basis of purifying the class ranks it is necessary to grasp firmly the work of Party consolidation and building. Using Chairman Mao's great theory

on continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat to build our Party is the basic guarantee for developing the great victory of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and a matter of vital and far-reaching importance to the further consolidation of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Throughout the process of Party consolidation and building, we must give first place to the ideological consolidation of the Party, conscientiously study the new Party Constitution, conscientiously educate the Party members and the activists who ask to join the Party in the theory of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought on Party, and the relationship between the leader, the political Party, the political power, the class and the masses and criticize the Right or ultra-Left bourgeois reactionary trends of thought. We must correctly handle the work of "getting rid of the stale and taking in the fresh." Every Communist Party member must examine himself and thoroughly remould his own world outlook in the light of Chairman Mao's instructions and the requirements set in the new Party Constitution.

With the deep-going development of struggle-criticism-transformation, a new high tide of industrial and agricultural production is emerging. The leadership at all levels must stand at the head of the mass movement and implement in an all-round way the general line of "going all out, aiming high and achieving greater, faster, better and more economical results in building socialism" put forward by Chairman Mao and his great instruction "grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war" so that the movement advances along the course of Mao Tsetung Thought in a deep-going and sustained way. So long as we give full scope to the initiative of the working class, the poor and lower-middle peasants and the revolutionary intellectuals, unite all the forces that can be united with and bring into full play the superiority of the socialist system, our country will be able to catch up with and surpass the advanced world levels in industrial and agricultural production and in science and technology. The principles of "self-reliance" and "hard struggle" set forth by Chairman Mao should be put into practice in every province, every county, every basic unit and every undertaking. It is necessary to investigate and study the problems that concern policy in economic work. In making plans, it is essential to mobilize the masses and see to it that there is enough leeway.

Chairman Mao recently pointed out: "People of the world, unite and oppose the war of aggression launched by any imperialism or social-imperialism, especially one in which atom bombs are used as weapons! If such a war breaks out, the people of the world should use revolutionary war to eliminate the war of aggression, and preparations should be made right now!"

This great instruction of Chairman Mao's, with Marxist-Leninist far-sightedness, indicates the orientation of struggle for the people of the world and is of

far-reaching historic and practical significance. Imperialism means war. The people of the world must heighten their revolutionary vigilance a hundredfold! The whole Chinese people must heighten their revolutionary vigilance a hundredfold! We must be fully prepared both ideologically and materially. The centralized leadership of the Party must be strengthened. The leading organs at various levels must go a step further and achieve proletarian revolutionization ideologically, organizationally and in working style, and apply the policy of "better troops and simpler administration" so as to suit the needs of preparedness against war. We must consolidate and perfect the revolutionary committees at various levels, continue to strengthen the revolutionary great alliance and the revolutionary "three-in-one" combination and unite in the common struggle against the enemy. It is necessary to strengthen the unity between the army and the people and between the army and the government. The Chinese People's Liberation Army should continue to carry forward its glorious revolutionary tradition and the spirit of serving the people wholeheartedly and continue to do a good job of the "three supports and two militaries" (i.e., support industry, support agriculture, support the broad masses of the Left, military control, political and military training) and should make further progress politically and militarily; it must persevere in giving prominence to proletarian politics, implement the "four goods" (i.e., good in political and ideological work, in the "three-eight" working style, in military training and in arranging everyday life) in an all-round way, enhance its fighting capabilities and be ready at all times to win new merits in defending our great socialist motherland.

It has long been our consistent policy to develop diplomatic relations with all countries on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, but on no account can we tolerate the invasion and occupation of our sacred territory by any imperialism or social-imperialism. We are determined to liberate Taiwan — the sacred territory of our motherland! If imperialism and social-imperialism dare to invade our country, we will resolutely drown them in the vast ocean of people's war!

The revolution is forging ahead and the people are marching forward. The dawn of a new world without imperialism, without capitalism and without the system of exploitation is ahead. Workers of all countries, unite! Proletarians and oppressed people and nations of the world, unite! Be resolute, fear no sacrifice and surmount every difficulty to win victory!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China!

Long live the invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

Long live our great leader Chairman Mao! A long, long life to Chairman Mao!