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## LONG LIVE RED MAY FIRST!

May 1st is the revolutionary day for workers and oppressed people all over the world. On this day, even the blinding headlock of the bourgeoisie's "media coverage" is often broken by news of big demonstrations, of revolutionary actions by our class sisters and brothers in distant parts of the globe.

May 1st is the day that symbolises the red might of the revolutionary masses who, under the guidance of their Communist Parties, shall emancipate themselves and all humanity, putting an end to every form of oppression and exploitation by advancing to communism! Communist revolution in Australia will undoubtedly be victorious, provided the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism is really integrated with the concrete practice of the Australian revolution.

Instead of the official May Day committee's pitiful mixture of 'celebrate the 8 hour day', 'jobs and peace' and 'Elect a Labor Government' there should be a combative spirit of proletarian internationalism and revolutionary communism.

Revolutionary forces in Australia can do better than merely attending official May Day in the role of left-wing critics. In the late 1960s to early 1970s and again in the mid 1980s, class-conscious workers, oppressed and revolutionary people, inspired by the revolutionary communism of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao, seriously struggled for militant days of action around May 1st. Many turned out not for a Sunday picnic—but to fight.

The revolutionary internationalist spirit which must be unleashed around May 1st is nothing less than, "working wholeheartedly for the development of the revolutionary movement and the revolutionary struggle in *one's own* country, and supporting (by propaganda, sympathy and material aid) this *struggle*, this, *and only this*, line in *every country without exception*" V.I. Lenin, "The Tasks of the Proletariat in Our Revolution", *Collected Works*, Vol.24, p75.

The militant spirit of Red May First in Australia must be rekindled! No

communist, no revolutionary, no class-conscious proletarian should work for less than paving the way for the all-round defeat of the reactionary Australian ruling class.

The drive to make Australia more 'competitive' has meant a lot of hurt for the oppressed in Australia: unemployment, cutbacks in health, education and welfare, more police and longer prison sentences; crackdowns on so-called 'illegal' immigrants, vicious male supremacy and, the ongoing all-round national oppression of the indigenous peoples.

Jeff Kennett and the 'new' conservative federal government is not the cause of this new wave of reaction.

The disintegration of privileged trading relationships, which until recently have tended to obscure Australia's underlying imperialism, has been one potent force in generating economic crisis and driving the Australian imperialists (governments and businesses alike) into systematic attacks at home — and more open domination of oppressed countries around the world.

Australia uses the Papua New Guinea military to suppress the revolutionary aspirations of the Bougainville people. For the same reason Australia supports the Indonesian occupation of East Timor: the Australian imperialists fear the destabilising effect that an independent Bougainville or East Timor might generate in the region and at home.

In the world today, the storm centres of proletarian revolution are in the oppressed countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. At the very forefront of the world proletarian revolution stands the glorious People's War in Peru.

Sixteen years ago, May 17th 1980, the Communist Party of Peru (PCP by its Spanish initials) launched the armed struggle for power. The PCP has won the support of millions in Peru, and the world, and brought the reactionary Peruvian regime to the brink of collapse.

People's War in Peru has continued to advance, even in the face of the difficulties following the capture of

Presidente Gonzalo (Abimael Guzman) and other PCP leaders in 1992.

The reactionary Peruvian regime notorious for its murders, lies, manipulation and torture of prisoners—falsely claimed in October 1993 (and since) that Comrade Gonzalo had issued a call for 'peace negotiations'.

The PCP and the genuine supporters of the People's War in Peru around the world have denounced and rejected the call for a 'peace accord' as a counter-revolutionary hoax. Support for the 'peace accord' comes from *outside* the PCP from former 'supporters' of the People's War who have been exposed as counter-revolutionary agents of US imperialism and Peruvian reaction.

A new red beacon has been ignited! The Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) launched the armed struggle on 13 February 1996. Around the world revolutionaries look forward to ever greater victories from our comrades in Peru and Nepal as we step up our own revolutionary efforts.

There are times when it is especially important for our class to claim our communist and internationalist banner. May 1st is such a day.

Connecting May 1st as a *revolutionary* day for our class around the world means going up against the official labour movement view of May Day as some kind of show of numbers of workers—and which is aimed at winning concessions (like the 8 hour day) from the Australian bourgeoisie.

Our aim is not a big May Day march. Our aim is not a fair day's pay for a fair day's work. Hastening the development of the world proletarian revolution is the reason for being of all real communists. The central task and highest form of proletarian revolution is the seizure of power through armed struggle.

The masses rising up, seizing power through revolutionary war, and radically changing all of society to serve the revolution worldwide — this is what Red May 1st symbolises — and this is what May Day must come to stand for in Australia.

**IT IS RIGHT TO REBEL AGAINST REACTIONARIES!  
PREPARE THE GROUND FOR REVOLUTION IN AUSTRALIA!  
RECONSTITUTE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AUSTRALIA ON THE BASIS OF MARXISM-LENINISM-MAOISM!**

"The enemy is sharpening his sword,  
we must sharpen ours"

-- Mao Tsetung

The stench of fascism is in the air.

The imperialist parasites that rule over us are growing richer. At the same time, deeper and broader economic and political disaster stalks the workers and oppressed. The chains of national oppression are being tightened on our Koori sisters and brothers. Jobs are being slashed, real wages and social security 'benefits' pushed down. The health care system is coming apart.

**The Australian imperialists are putting into place a lot of the ideology and police powers of fascism.**

The bourgeoisie is trying to channel the fear and anxiety of the middle classes against those on the bottom of society. Immigrants and women are blamed for the economic crisis. There has been the reactionary call to push the burden of the economic crisis even further onto the backs of migrants and women.

An especially vicious and hypocritical attempt is being made to scapegoat, isolate and attack indigenous Australians.

We all need a good grasp of political economy to understand the imperialist stage of capitalism to learn why this is happening now.

No capitalist/imperialist power in the world today can escape the need to gain a competitive edge over its rivals. Australia is no exception. The ruling class agenda of a leaner and meaner Australian imperialism is what stands behind the new wave of reaction sweeping across Australia.

Tweedledee and tweedledum (and tweedlethree) are all capitalist lapdogs. The Australian Labor Party has never been anything other than a thoroughly bourgeois

party that speaks for the Australian state monopoly capitalists (eg Telecom), their (shifting) capitalist allies and the labour aristocracy.

If the ruling class want a Labour government then they make that happen. Just as Menzies was dumped when he'd served his purpose decades ago, Howard's Liberals will go if the Australian imperialists feel its better to have Labor as their puppets.

**THE FIGHT AGAINST THE REACTIONARY ATTACKS OF THE CURRENT LIBERAL/NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN CANBERRA MUST BE DIVERTED AWAY FROM A CAMPAIGN TO 'ELECT A LABOR GOVERNMENT'.**

A deepening economic crisis has made the Australian imperialist ruling class very worried about "Aussie competitiveness."

In order to be competitive on the world market Aussie bosses want to drive wages down. New "downsizing programmes" (i.e. mass sackings) are on the drawing boards of all the big bosses in and out of the government sector across Australia.

New measures to make the dole less and harder to get are also designed to create a flexible, lower-paid (increasingly part-time) workforce.

Politically flabby, better off workers, used to the benefits imperialist Australia has bestowed upon them have been given a rude shock. Tweedledum has been installed in Canberra to preside over a war on the workers and oppressed.

Crisis within the world imperialist system is causing the contradiction between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie to intensify. A saying of Mao Tsetung captures the moment: "The enemy is sharpening his sword, we must sharpen ours."

## 1996: Mao Is The Time!

The continuing national oppression of Australia's Indigenous peoples; concentration camps for Asian and other refugees; the heightened climate of violence against women; homophobia; new police state measures; mean-spirited welfare cuts; and the brutal enforcement of the imperialist world order from the Middle East to East Timor. Enough is enough!

**It Is Right To Rebel!** declared the great communist leader and teacher Mao Tsetung. That is what the people on the bottom of society—the class of modern slaves with nothing to lose but its chains—must do: rise up and throw off their oppressors.

Yes, revolution is the *only* solution to the crimes the imperialist system metes out to the oppressed in Australia and the world over.

In other countries, most notably Peru, our class brothers and sisters are waging People's War and dealing powerful blows to imperialism. In Australia it is the same central task: seizing power and establishing the rule of the proletariat and oppressed.

While taking a different road, communist revolution in Australia will have the same fundamental feature of being a People's War — a revolutionary war of the masses in their millions, led by the proletariat and its vanguard Communist Party. In Australia, People's War will be more like the Bolsheviks' October Revolution:— a (typically long) period of political preparation; mobilising the masses by the Communist Party; developing a revolutionary movement capable, when conditions emerge, of urban based insurrection going over to civil war to defeat the reactionary state power.

Past victories of the international proletariat haven't been able to be sustained. The former USSR *was* a socialist country when it was led by Lenin and Stalin. The destruction of socialism in the USSR came in the mid-1950s with the rise to power of revisionism (personified by Khrushchev).

Under the leadership of Mao Tsetung, the Chinese revolution made the greatest advances on the road to communism. The defeat of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, by China's current rulers after Mao's death in 1976, has seen socialism replaced by capitalism in China.

Proletarians are revolutionary optimists. The world proletarian revolution will speak again in Russian and Chinese!

Hastening the advance of the world revolution through defeating Australian imperialism is our duty here. This requires a vanguard communist party based on the proletarian ideology which today is Marxism-Leninism-Maoism (MLM). Reconstituting the Communist Party of Australia on the basis of MLM is the immediate task facing the genuine communists in Australia.

There is an urgent need for a revolutionary movement in Australia leading the people to fight back, moving the masses of people to battle the system today in a way that is guided by revolutionary ideology and serves revolutionary aims. Through this the revolutionary consciousness and organisation of the masses can gain fighting experience in class struggle and be built up, preparing the revolutionary people to wage People's War when the conditions are ripe.

*1996—A Year For Revolutionary Preparations!  
Take Up the Struggle to Build and Strengthen the  
Revolutionary Movement in Australia!*

*Reconstitute the Communist Party of Australia on  
the basis of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism!*

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## People's War in Peru on the Internet!

The Peru People's Movement maintains a homepage on the World Wide Web. There are documents by and about the Communist Party of Peru (PCP):

- \*Frequently Asked Questions about the People's War in Peru
- \*About President Gonzalo \*PCP documents in English & Spanish
- \* Back issues of *The New Flag* magazine

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