The Surest Guarantee for the Victory of World Revolution

In a recent interview with a Chinese correspondent, three American comrades in Peking—Frank Coe, Sol Adler and Ruth Coe—talked about the great world significance of Mao Tse-tung's thought and China's great proletarian cultural revolution. Following is the main content of their statements about the thought of Mao Tse-tung.—Ed.

Chairman Mao Is the Great Leader of the World Revolution

Frank Coe: We consider that the three greatest communist leaders and thinkers have been Marx, Lenin and Chairman Mao Tse-tung. The fact that there have been only three men of their great stature in more than a century shows how fortunate it is for China and for the world that Chairman Mao is with us today, leading the world's revolutionary struggle!

Marx founded scientific socialism and had rich practice. Lenin greatly developed Marxism for his epoch and led the Great October Revolution. Chairman Mao has greatly developed Marxism-Leninism for his epoch, led the great Chinese revolution to victory, and is leading the great proletarian cultural revolution, which is carrying socialism into an entirely new stage in China.

Ruth Coe: Like Marx and Lenin, Chairman Mao is a great proletarian internationalist, the leader of world revolution. He is beloved by the revolutionaries and working people of every country in the world, and they look to him for leadership. So it was with Marx and Lenin. Again like Marx and Lenin, Chairman Mao is hated and feared by the imperialists, revisionists and all the reactionaries of his epoch.

Chairman Mao Has the Richest Experience in Revolutionary Practice

Frank Coe: As to revolutionary practice, Chairman Mao has had the richest experience of anyone in the world because for fifty years he has led struggles against every type of class enemy ranging from imperialism, feudalism and bureaucratic capitalism in old China to the former landlords and rich peasants, counter-revolutionaries, bad elements, Rightists and revisionists in socialist China. And no one in history has waged the advanced type of class struggle that Chairman Mao is now leading in the great proletarian cultural revolution. The thought of Mao Tse-tung is the product of his rich practice, his profound grasp of Marxism-Leninism, and his own genius as a creative theorist. The thought of Mao Tse-tung is the greatest treasure for proletarian revolutionaries all over the world, and an indispensable weapon for all of us revolutionaries. The surest guarantee for victory in the proletarian revolution in our epoch is for us to grasp the thought of Mao Tse-tung.

Sol Adler: To us American revolutionaries, Chairman Mao's analysis of U.S. imperialism as the main enemy of the people of the world, including the American people, is particularly valuable. Chairman Mao has applied dialectics in a masterly fashion to bring out the paper-tiger nature of U.S. imperialism. This correct thesis has been and is a tremendous source of strength to the Afro-Americans and all other American progressives as well as to the national-liberation and other progressive movements in the rest of the world. Revolutionaries all over the world have learnt from Chairman Mao that in politics as well as in war they must despise the enemy strategically while taking him into account tactically. They have learnt
from him that the people, and the people alone, and not
the imperialists and reactionaries, are the motive force
in the making of world history. As the thought of
Mao Tse-tung is grasped by the masses of the world,
it becomes a material force that makes them in-
vincible. The thought of Mao Tse-tung is sounding the
death knell of U.S. Imperialism.

Ruth Coe: Chairman Mao’s contributions to
Marxist-Leninist theory have been so comprehensive
and large that today no one should be called a true
Communist or Marxist-Leninist unless he has grasped
the thought of Mao Tse-tung.

Frank Coe: Chairman Mao has made major and
original contributions to every part of the science of
Marxism-Leninism, to philosophy, economics and
politics, to the theory and practice of people’s war, to
Party building, art and literature, to the analysis of
imperialism in our epoch and analysis of modern re-
visionism, etc. The military science of people’s war in
our epoch has been created almost solely by Chairman
Mao. And this feat together with his genius in direct-
ing war marks him as the outstanding military thinker
of all times. Similarly, Chairman Mao’s theoretical
contributions on a wide variety of problems of social-
ist society are completely new, including the theory
that contradictions, classes and class struggle exist in
socialist society.

Mao Tse-tung’s Thought Is the Greatest Treasure
For Revolutionaries All Over the World

Sol Adler: Mao Tse-tung’s thought is the greatest
treasure for revolutionaries everywhere. It is the in-
vincible and indispensable weapon for revolutionaries
everywhere, and of course in Asia, Africa and Latin
America. Once this thought is disseminated and
revolutionaries of the world have grasped it, victory in
their revolution is certain.

Ruth Coe: As for the United States, it is not an
accident that there is an extremely great interest in
Mao Tse-tung’s thought among the Afro-American
people. Comrade Mao Tse-tung’s statement support-
ing the American Negro people’s struggle has been a
great encouragement to the American Negro people
who are oppressed by the monopoly capitalists. Re-
spect for the thought of Mao Tse-tung, of course,
extends to all Marxists and progressive circles.

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Imbibing Revolutionary Strength From Chairman Mao’s Works

by A.L. Rasjid (Indonesia)

I started reading and studying Chairman Mao’s
writings for the first time when I got a set of his
Selected Works in Indonesian in China, the land that
gave birth to Chairman Mao’s works.

I was upset at the time about the situation in my
motherland. The Subarto-Nasution fascist reaction-
aries were indiscriminately arresting and slaughtering
Communists, democrats and revolutionaries. My heart
was filled with intense grief and I was greatly
agitated.

I read A single Spark Can Start a Prairie Fire
and then went on to the Talk With the American Cor-
respondent Anna Louise Strong. I read the passage:
“All reactionaries are paper tigers. In appearance, the
reactionaries are terrifying, but in reality they are not
so powerful. From a long-term point of view, it is not
the reactionaries but the people who are really power-
ful.” This passage was a wonderful lamp sending forth
brilliant light. It gave me strength, and I gained
greater confidence in the victory of the Indonesian re-
volution. I have clearly seen the orientation. The
Indonesian people will surely achieve liberation, and
this encourages me all the more to carry the revolution
to the end.

The more I studied the experience of the Chinese
revolution from the works of Chairman Mao, the more
I realized the truth in them. I feel that one can eat
less food and drink less water, but one cannot cut
down the study of Chairman Mao’s works. I believe
the thought of Mao Tse-tung is not only our weapon of
revolutionary struggle, it is the weapon of life itself.
By studying it people come to understand how to live
and what road to take. The Indonesian people must
take the Mao Tse-tung road not only in revolution but
in all aspects of life.

Today in China’s great proletarian cultural rev-
olution the thought of Mao Tse-tung is once again
demonstrating its incomparable might, striking fear
into the hearts of the imperialists, modern revisionists
and all reactionaries.

This is very fine! The more widely Mao
Tse-tung’s thought is disseminated and the more
rapidly it is mastered by the oppressed and the ex-
ploited, the sooner the day will come when the im-
perialists, modern revisionists and all reactionaries in
the world are buried.

To spread Mao Tse-tung’s thought is not only a
job of the Chinese people, it is a job for every revolu-
tionary in the world. I feel this very deeply. The
thought of Mao Tse-tung is the property not only of
the Chinese people, but of the working people and
revolutionaries of the whole world. Its dissemination
is an important contribution to the world revolution.

(Slightly abridged)