



Chairman Mao making a report at the Second Plenary Session of the Seventh Central Committee of the Communist Party of China in 1949.

'THE CLASS STRUGGLE IS BY NO MEANS OVER'

Chairman Mao's contributions to Marxism-Leninism on the class struggle under socialism

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"Never forget classes and class struggle." These instructions by Chairman Mao Tsetung stand as a beacon to the world's people in their struggle for national liberation and proletarian revolution. In China, Chairman Mao's call sums up the basic line that guides the Chinese people in building socialism and consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat.

It is in the area of waging class struggle under the conditions of socialism and the proletarian dictatorship that Chairman Mao Tsetung made his greatest contributions to the teachings of Marxism-Leninism. While he based himself on the writings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, Chairman Mao was also able to sum up both the positive and negative experiences of the international communist movement of the last 50 years. He derived the correct theory for continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, guarding against the restoration of capitalism and safeguarding the victory of socialism.

The transformation of the Soviet Union from a socialist to a social-imperialist country and the degeneration of over one hundred communist parties throughout the world struck a tremendous blow to international communism. It was under Chairman Mao's leadership that the Chinese Communist Party, along with the Albanian Party of Labor and other fraternal parties, saved communism and resisted the attacks on Marxism and socialism at the hands of the modern revisionists. The existence of an international anti-revisionist communist movement today can be largely attributed to the stand of Mao Tsetung and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in defense of the fundamental principles of Marxism-Lenin-

