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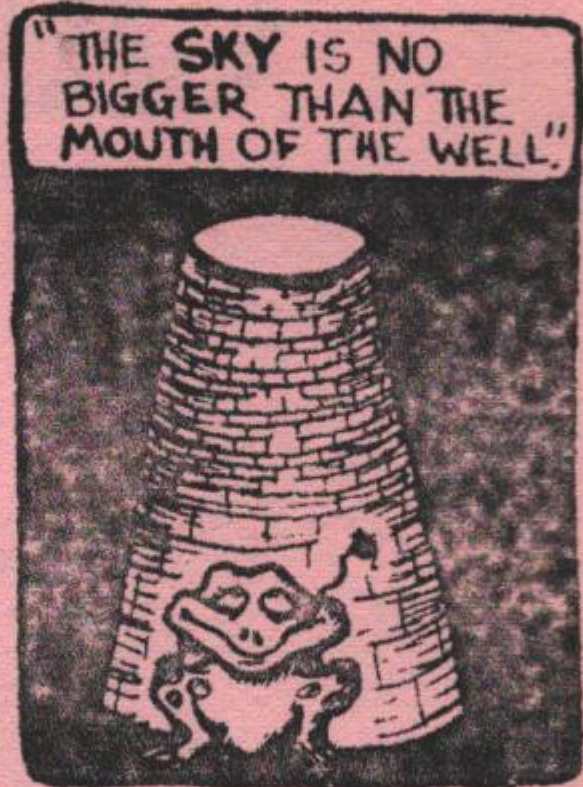


HOW SHOULD ONE APPROACH A PROBLEM?

LE VENEREMOS



A FROG IN A WELL SAYS:



"THE SKY IS NO BIGGER THAN THE MOUTH OF THE WELL."



THAT IS UNTRUE — FOR THE SKY IS NOT JUST THE SIZE OF THE MOUTH OF THE WELL.



IT IS TRUE THAT A PART OF THE SKY IS THE SIZE OF THE MOUTH OF THE WELL.

ONE SHOULD SEE THE WHOLE AS WELL AS THE PARTS.



In approaching a problem a Marxist should see the whole as well as the parts. A frog in a well says, "The sky is no bigger than the mouth of the well." That is untrue, for the sky is not just the size of the mouth of the well. If it said, "A part of the sky is the size of the mouth of a well", that would be true, for it tallies with the facts.

"On Tactics Against Japanese Imperialism" (December 27, 1935). *Selected Works*, Vol. I, p. 159.



HOW DOES ONE LEARN?

LE VIKTRIMOS

IF YOU WANT KNOWLEDGE...



YOU MUST TAKE PART IN CHANGING REALITY.



YOU MUST CHANGE THE PEAR BY EATING IT YOURSELF.



ALL GENUINE KNOWLEDGE ORIGINATES IN DIRECT EXPERIENCE.

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IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE TASTE OF A PEAR

Whoever wants to know a thing has no way of doing so except by coming into contact with it, that is, by living (practising) in its environment. . . . If you want knowledge, you must take part in the practice of changing reality. If you want to know the taste of a pear, you must change the pear by eating it yourself. . . . If you want to know the theory and methods of revolution, you must take part in revolution. All genuine knowledge originates in direct experience.

"On Practice" (July 1937). *Selected Works*, Vol. I, pp. 299-300.



WHAT IS
A
REVOLUTION?

LE VENEREMOS



A REVOLUTION
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TION, AN ACT
OF VIOLENCE BY
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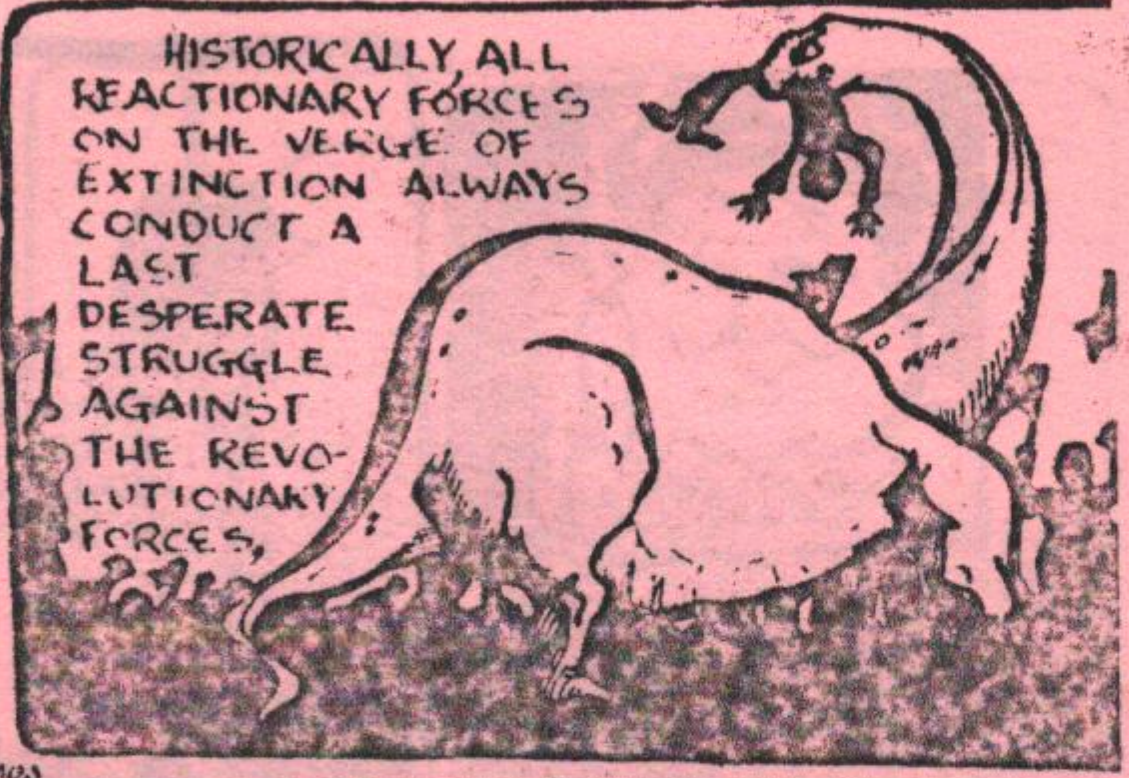
A revolution is not a dinner party, or writing an essay, or painting a picture, or doing embroidery; it cannot be so refined, so leisurely and gentle, so temperate, kind, courteous, restrained and magnanimous. A revolution is an insurrection, an act of violence by which one class overthrows another.

"Report on an Investigation of the Peasant Movement in Hunan" (March 1927), *Selected Works*, Vol. I, p. 28.*

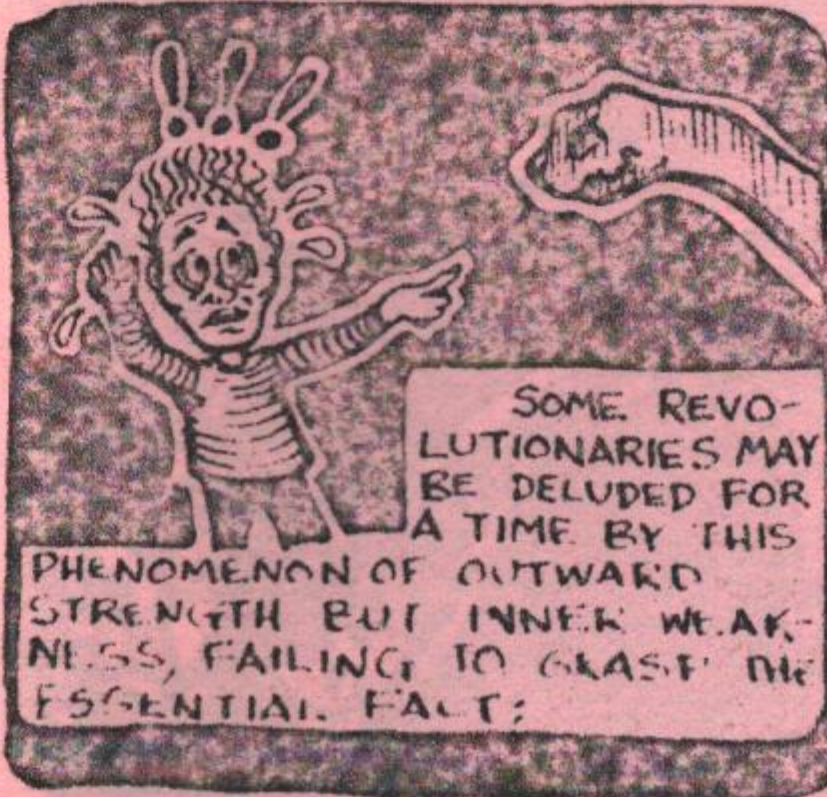


WILL THE
FASCISTS
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LE V. A. T. M. O. S.

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FORCES.



THE ENEMY IS NEARING
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ARE APPROACHING VICTORY.



SOME REVOLU-
TIONARIES MAY
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// Historically, all reactionary forces on the 43
verge of extinction invariably conduct a last 45
desperate struggle/against the revolutionary 44
forces, and some/revolutionaries/are apt to 43
be deluded/for/a/time/by/this phenomenon 40
of/outward/strength/but/inner/weakness, 39
failing to grasp the/essential fact that the 44
enemy/is/nearing//extinction//while/they 38
themselves are approaching victory. 25

"The Turning Point in World
War II" (October 12, 1942), *Se-
lected Works*, Vol. III, p. 103.



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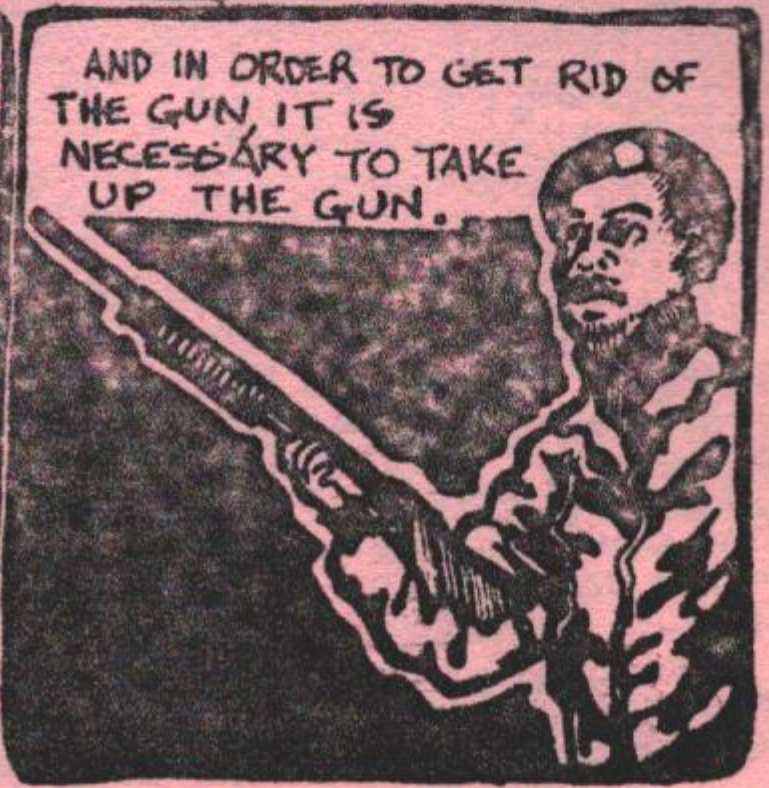
L. E. VENEREMOS

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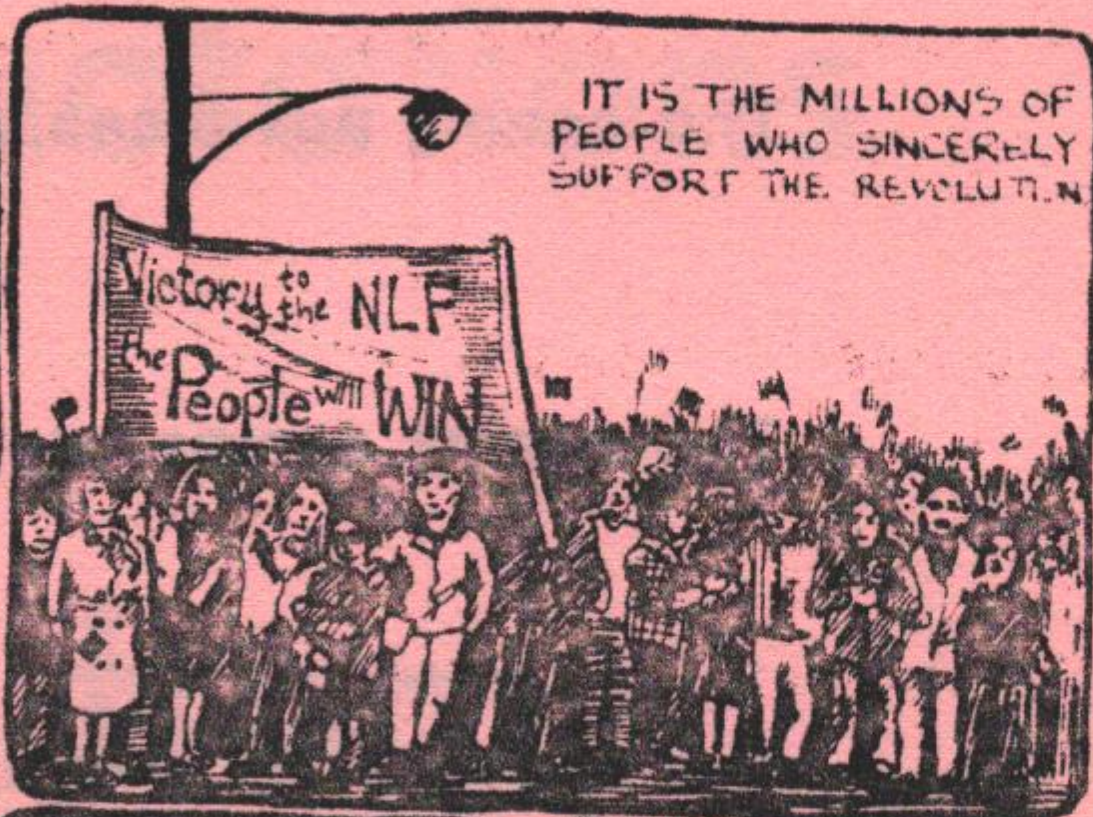
We are advocates of the abolition of war, we do not want war; but war can only be abolished through war, and in order to get rid of the gun it is necessary to take up the gun.

"Problems of War and Strategy"
(November 6, 1938), *Selected Works*, Vol. II, p. 225.



WHAT IS THE
TRUE BASTION
OF IRON?

LE
WALLENKO



IT IS THE MILLIONS OF
PEOPLE WHO SINCERELY
SUPPORT THE REVOLUTION



THAT IS THE REAL
IRON BASTION



ON THE CONTRARY,
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IT.

What is a true bastion of iron? It is the masses, the millions upon millions of people who genuinely and sincerely support the revolution. That is the real iron bastion which it is impossible, and absolutely impossible, for any force on earth to smash. The counter-revolution cannot smash us; on the contrary, we shall smash it.

"Be Concerned with the Well-Being of the Masses, Pay Attention to Methods of Work" (January 27, 1934). *Selected Works*, Vol. I, p. 130.

The enemy advances, we retreat;

The enemy camps, we harass;

The enemy tires, we attack;

The enemy retreats, we pursue.

Mao Tse-tung

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