

New China and Her Leaders
Congratulated
But India Asserts A Path
of Her Own

A letter addressed to
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TO

COMRADE MAO TSE TUNG
Chairman,
People's Republic of China,
Peking, China.

Dear Comrade Mao Tse Tung,

It is with great pleasure and extreme gratification that we of the 'Democratic Vanguard' of India take the opportunity of conveying our hearty congratulations and revolutionary greetings to the people of New China and her great leaders, in respect of the phenomenal progress in their struggle for liberation and wonderful achievements made so far with possibilities of further progress opened up, through comrade Sailen Paul, who visits your great country as one of the delegates from India to the peace Conference of the people of Asiatic and Pacific Regions. Please allow us to add that this sentiment of ours has the backing of 350 million human beings of India, China's immediate neighbour, who are inspired by your great success and are proud of it in so far as it represents progress and achievement of Asia, nay, of the entire human society.

As we congratulate you, we do have the great satisfaction that our visualisation has come true. The bold turn of the Chinese struggle for emancipation in its orientation as a movement to resist Jap aggression and in order to do it most effectively carrying the vacillating foreign subservient reactionary rulers of the land with the mighty current of China's urge for liberation, we thought, had the potentiality of forging the organs of people's power, of creating confidence in the people of their own strength, of training the people in the art of exercising their own

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power and, at the same time, of releasing the much conscious enthusiasm for the struggle for emancipation. We could foresee that America, whose help at that stage of the war was indispensable for ensuring the early defeat of Axis Powers, would be playing in the dangerous role of indulging in machinations calculated to thwart the Chinese progress in collaboration with the ruling class of China and that these machinations would grow to a dangerous proportion in absence of Soviet participation due to the policy of Soviet neutrality with Japan maintained almost upto the last. But at the same time we thought and hoped that the leadership of China that emerged and grew and was trained and steeled out of the struggle of the people for their very existence against the anachronic remnant of feudalist zoolum, imperialist loot and native capitalism's exploitation and oppress on extending over a long period of Chinese history, tortuous and complicated and marked with chaos, anarchy, poverty, famine, starvation and ceaseless armed strifes of autocrats popularly known as war-lords, might be able to counter-act these machinations. We do see now that our visualisations have proved to be correct and our Chinese comrades have succeeded in dealing with the situation more efficiently than many hoped for.

But we have our anxiety too. The arch-enemy of mankind,— the American imperialism, though severely punished and humiliated and driven away from the mainland, still retains Taiwan which is an integral part of China and turns it into an abode of Chinese renegades armed to the teeth and ready to jump on liberated China at the biddings of their masters, the American imperialists, still plans and conducts campaigns of sabotage at huge cost against New China; has the strangling pressure of the Yankee Military boot over the helpless neck of defeated and enslaved Japan with a view

to use her as a spring-board in pursuance of the nefarious Yankee design against Korea, China and the U. S. S. R.; has, on the pretext of protecting the Korean freedom, not only been exterminating the Koreans by indiscriminately disseminating death and destruction on them, but has also been guilty of wantonly violating Chinese territory in defiance of international laws and usage killing Chinese lives and destroying Chinese wealth; has been perfecting and using weapons of mass destruction like the atom bomb, instruments of disseminating bacteria, poison gas and fire flames, in order to terrorise people to submission to the imperialist whims; has been abusing the U.N.O. by compelling it to function against its original objective and in favour of the Yankee anti-social design directed against progress and interests of the mankind, with particular emphasis on developments in the U.S.S.R., the New Democratic countries and New China with the help of the tyrannical majority formed by the satellites of America; has been preventing entry of New China in the U. N. O. through mischievous manipulations; has blockaded the Chinese waters and imposed a cold war on China; has taken advantage of the financial weakness of different capitalist states and through a number of plans, pacts and treaties as well as big loans and 'gifts', brings them under the dictatorship of America inspite of conflicts of interests persisting; has taken advantage of the scarcity of food and other necessaries of life, of high prices, famine, starvation, poverty and unemployment in various countries by manipulation of relief measures for serving the purpose of American Imperialism; has, with the help of large accumulation of exploited wealth from all over the world, virtually purchased all the propaganda machineries of the entire capitalist world, besides setting up of a very costly propaganda machinery of its own;

has purchased a number of influential persons and parties in various lands to subserve the interests of American Imperialism ; and has been pursuing all these mischievous courses and many others not mentioned here and many others perhaps unknown, as part of their plan for starting yet another world conflagration designed to annihilate the forces of revolution and progress inspite of the fact that it has its own dread of such a conflagration lest it may serve the cause of revolution instead.

The American Imperialism alone is not your enemy. The vested interests everywhere are terribly in dread of progress and revolution, and the progress of your country and its phenomenal achievements cannot escape their notice. So, barring a few Asiatic countries suffering under backward conditions imposed by the big capitalist states, all other states of the exploiting class have been in varying degrees enemical to the development of your country and hence willingly join hands as junior partners with the American Imperialism. Even states of many of the backward countries, having some common interest with China and their own interest in liberated China, though sympathetic towards New China in her troubles and tribulations, are being slowly won over by the Imperialist camp, oftener than not, under terrible duress. Rulers of our own country, though friendly and sympathetic towards New China and on occasions have been very much helpful, are recently making commitments that may ultimately force them on to the other camp.

At home also you have your complications. Many of them are problems of reconstruction. Planning the progress of an undeveloped country in the epoch of declining capitalism, in co-operation with those who have their main

incentive derived from the possibility of making profit, is hard indeed. But the Chinese history has placed you in that difficult position. However, you have to your credit a commendable plan of progress under the given situation, and this has been made possible because of the existence of the organ of people's power which serves as an effective check on the greed for profit and because of the declining system of Capitalism precluding the possibility of any big fighting formation of the exploiters in a society where the political power has virtually passed on to the organised toilers in the main. We do hope that your experience, tact and wit to lead and the conscious people's organised power will be able successfully to tackle problems cropping up in the course of execution of the plan and of further planning. That section of the exploiting class which still hopes to regain the lost position will be creating a nuisance value in every possible way and at times they will do so in conjunction with their foreign allies whenever that is possible. Besides the cold war waged, the blockade inflicted, the Korean war, the unwarranted and undeclared aggression on China and the danger of the third world war have been creating a number of most complicated internal problems. All these and many other problems do make your task more difficult and arduous, but we are sure, you will prove to be equal to it.

We, on our part, assure you our whole-hearted co-operation whenever it is needed, either in combination with other progressive forces of the world or, if and when needed, we shall do unaided what lies in our power. We will do what we can to popularise Chinese cause in India to cultivate India's friendship with China, to counteract mischievous propaganda against China and rest of the

progressive world, to put pressure on the rulers of our country to develop and maintain friendly relation with our worthy neighbour. We further assure you that our rulers succumbing to any bait of the American camp and getting any material help intended to be used against China and against Indians themselves, will fare no better than what the Chinese renegades did and the materials will, instead of being used for the purpose they are intended, serve the cause of progress, perhaps more effectively in India in view of the benefit of the Chinese experience. India gets and specially in view of the Indian situation as obtaining being favourable for a higher type of social change.

These assurances of our co-operation with the progressive forces of China in respect of the Chinese problem flow from our realisation of the fact that we have our common interests, if not identical in every respect. Hence, even without being told so, we expect, we will also be receiving help and co-operation from your side. Here, we need not go in great details about what these expected helps are. Chinese help in respect of supply of food to India and money contributed by her for relief work in Madras are instances of your help and co-operation flowing to India unasked for and India is thankful for the help rendered by her neighbour at the time of her distress.

We, however, beg to make a special appeal to the leaders of New China and particularly to you Comrade Mao Tse Tung to help us to remove certain illusions created by some Indian parties regarding the 'Chinese Way' as a prescription for India too. It seems, some writings of some important Chinese leaders purporting to say that in all backward and industrially undeveloped

countries, with civil liberty denied and exploited by foreign imperialism, the struggle will have to be initiated from villages and the power should have to be shared with a section of the capitalist class, has served to strengthen the illusion in India mentioned above. The victims of the illusion have managed to forget the Russia of 1917, have failed to properly analyse the objective situation, to appreciate the actual requirements of the people in distress, and have failed to realise the nature of differences existing between the two countries ignoring the history of the two lands that shaped things differently in two countries.

In India where we have a centralised administrative machinery with a centralised and well-disciplined army, fighting war-lords as components of the army are impermissible in the Indian Army and hence the growth and development of a communist army in India of the type of a Chinese Communist Army will not be possible. For the very reason again, decentralised seizure of the power in a part of the country and subsequent conquering of the rest of the land through military action has had a very remote chance of success if any. The organ of power that evolved in China in the course of Chinese people's struggle for resistance and liberation could be composed of all classes, since they were all endangered by foreign aggression, aggressive war and foreign subjugation. In India, in absence of such a common danger for all classes, the organ of power of the people could not be built up by all classes. Here the toiling masses face the danger of the crisis of existence and any struggle to save themselves brings them directly against the exploiting classes, native and foreign, and their Govt. Through these struggles alone the instrument of seizure of power

and the organ of people's power can be forged. Thus forged with the exploited classes as components and for the requirement of fighting against exploitation and oppression of the exploiters and their Government, the instrument of seizure of power and organ of power will not be suitable for a system that can guarantee profit, i.e. exploitation, but will be suitable to serve a new order that will eliminate exploitation according to an appropriate plan. And when the instrument of power, as well as the organ of power, is qualitatively different and when they are the main factors in determining the quality of the new order of society, it must be qualitatively different in India and the struggle for it will logically be of a different type, we believe.

We are conscious of the fact that the above-mentioned point of view has been dealt with very briefly. Still we do hope, you and your other worthy comrades in China will give fullest consideration to it and give widest publicity to your considered views on it. We are sure, if you can generally agree to our view in this regard and it gets proper publicity, it will immensely serve the Indian cause, for the victims of the illusion do not and cannot accept any reason or logic from quarters which they believe to be outside their fold.

In conclusion, we once again send our congratulations and greetings to New China and her leaders and particularly to you who happen to have a glorious role in the development of the Chinese History.

With hearty thanks and revolutionary greetings.

I remain,

Comradely yours,

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INDIA.