

Che Guevara Notes for Study of the Ideology of Cuban Rev. 10/8/60

"This is a unique Rev. which some people maintain contradicts one of the most orthodox premises of the revolutionary movement, expressed by Lenin ~~without a rev. theory there is no rev. movement.~~ It would be suitable to say that rev. theory as the expression of a social truth, surpasses any declaration of it; that is to say, even if the theory is not known, the revolution can succeed if historical reality is interpreted correctly & if the forces involved in it are utilized correctly." *It is not a matter of 'utilizing' forces - the forces just are not there until one knows*

"BEFORE the landing of the 'Granma', a mentality predominated that, to some degree, might be called 'subjectivist'..... AFTER the landing comes the defeat..... They understood that the fight would have to be a long one ~~that xxxix it would need vast campesino participation. At this time the campesinos entered the guerrilla war for the 1st time.....~~

The men who arrived in Havana after two years of arduous struggle in the mts. and plains of Oriente, in the plains of Camaguey, & in the mts. plains & cities of Las Villas, are NOT THE SAME men, ideologically, that landed on the beaches of Las Coloradas, or who took part in the first phase of the struggle. Their distrust of the campesino has been converted into affection & respect for his virtues; their total ignorance of life in the country has been converted into a knowledge of the needs of our guajiros; their flirtations with statistics & with theory have been fixed by the cement which is practice."

early 1960--"Analysis of the Cuban Situation"
speech 6/9/1960, 9/17/60. "When the workclass united, when the agric. laborers of the country united, the 1st step toward definitive liberation was taken."

Fidel "the city is a cemetery of revolutionary and resources."

Che Guevara to the Party coms. during struggle against Batista "You are capable of creating cadres who can endure torture & imprisonment in silence but not training cadres who can capture a machine-gun nest."

Fidel from Sierra Maestra 7/21/57 "Here the word 'people' which is often ~~used~~ utilized in a vague and confused sense, become a living, wonderful & dazzling reality. Now I know who the people are; I see them in that invincible force that surround us everywhere..... Who has organized them so wonderfully? Where did they acquire so much ability, astuteness, courage self-sacrifice? No one knows! It is almost a mystery! They organize themselves all at once, spontaneously!"

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