

Anti-imperialist Struggles in Latin America and Juche Idea



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The history of struggles of the Latin Americans is for regaining complete independence from the foreign invaders and their domestic puppets. This is a self-evident truth when we take a look at it from a Juche point of view.

The imperialists from Europe colonized the Latin American countries for some three hundred years. In those days the resources of the lands of Latin America were exploited and plundered of, indigenous people were massacred, and their ancestral buildings were destroyed.

The Latin Americans including our Mexican people had to undergo such terrible tortures in those days. However, they finally gained their victories by dint of the struggles guided by great leader Simon Bolivar in the early 19th century.

Simon Bolivar united the Latin American people with his ideology in waging independence movement against the threat of Spain, and thus contributing to the people's struggle for independence.

As for the United States of America (U.S.),

it also caused great pain to the Latin American people. The U.S. invaded Mexico and forcibly annexed more than half of her territory. The U.S. carried out its military intervention or engineered coups d'état in Latin American countries including Panama, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Bolivia and others.

The U.S. continues to impose an unlawful and immoral economic blockade on socialist Cuba. Similarly, the U.S. is hostile towards Venezuela that started her socialist construction in the 21st century under the leadership of President Hugo Chavez and tries to create unstable conditions there. The U.S. is also directing her attacks against Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa along with Bolivian President Evo Morales who is the first president from the indigenous people in the history of the country.

The U.S. is even meddling in the lives of the Latin American people.

The common enemies of the Latin American people are the U.S. imperialism and its satellite forces. We can say that the history of the Latin American people is history of their common struggles for building an independent, peaceful and prosperous Latin America.

In this regard, the “Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas” (ALBA) plays a great important role in the common struggles of the Latin American people. The ALBA was signed between Venezuela and Cuba at the beginning, which has been agreed by nine countries in all by now. Such plan called the ALBA will make it possible to realize such society that is rich in terms of the



A statue of Simon Bolivar, which can be seen here and there in Latin American countries (in Caracas)

economy, technology and culture, just like the Liberator Simon Bolivar envisaged.

The ALBA aims at enhancing independence, creativity and independent consciousness of the popular masses so as to encourage them to shape their destiny, in the same way as President Kim Il Sung taught.

Today, many Latin American countries are respectively meeting the 200th anniversary of their independence, and Mexico as well.

What is important is to combine commemorative events concerned with the 100th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung in such a sense of people's struggle for independence.

Now, it is indispensable for Latin American Juche idea researchers to explain the essence of the Juche idea to the younger generation by linking their ancestors' struggles for national independence with the concept of independence,

while learning from outstanding science and technology and social development attained in the DPRK.

This is the task of the Latin American people to build an independent and peaceful Latin America by enhancing independent consciousness of their own.

It was the most severe period of time (in the early 1990) the humanity had to pass through when the Bush administration made ideological, political and economic attacks at socialist countries. Through mass media, the U.S. administration made an attempt to plant an idea that socialism was dead, the most appropriate system in the world is only neo-liberalism-oriented in the minds of the popular masses.

After the collapse of the Berlin Wall, it is only Cuba in Latin America and the DPRK in Asia that still remains as socialist country. It should be stressed that the two countries are playing a progressive and revolutionary role.

The two countries used to be under the colonial rule of the foreign powers and were not developed countries (in the economic sense). However, by dint of their struggles for national independence by enhancing their own independent consciousness, dealing with neo-liberalism and clarifying a vista for the future of the humankind, the peoples of both these countries have given the world people bright prospects and hopes.

Actually, in spite of hostile propagation that socialism was dead, both countries are building socialist nations successfully.

Imperialism is pushing away millions into

extreme poverty. Millions are becoming unemployed almost every day and involved into delinquency connected with prostitution and narcotic drugs. Hundreds of thousands of children are suffering from starvation and their fatal diseases. All of them are deprived of their proper human lives in all the spheres of life.

In the DPRK, which is led by General Secretary Kim Jong Il, a new socialist world is being constructed under the banner of the Juche idea and Songun idea. Such new condition appropriate to the development of independence, creativity and independent consciousness of the popular masses has been being created in this country, which is an extraordinary success covering all their social lives.

In the DPRK all the working people have jobs suited to themselves; there is no unemployment; all the people are under the Juche-oriented care of free education and medicine, who have houses to live; there is neither poverty, nor drug habits, nor any types of hotbed of vice cultivated by imperialism.

Likely, the DPRK has brought about achievements that should be regarded as miracles.

She successfully launched two artificial satellites with her own technology in 1998 and 2009.

New technology has been created both in steel and metallurgical industries and individual production sites including light industries and agriculture are introducing advanced technology.

Progress and achievements have been witnessed in all fields of people's lives including education, medicine, art, sports, etc..

As seen in the description of the joint editorial of the three major newspapers in the DPRK dated on January 1, 2010, the army and the people, whose mentality is like an active volcano, have created world-astonishing innovation everywhere in the DPRK under the leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Il.

Whereas millions are suffering great pains in the world, the people in the DPRK liberated from the oppression of imperialism have been displaying their possibilities in various fields such as arts, sports, sciences and labors, thus shaping a new era. All these things shall contribute to rapid progress in quality in building socialism of humankind.

By developing and consolidating socialism, the DPRK is breaking through the maneuver of imperialism to cause socialism to collapse. This is an exemplar to the world people.

About Cuba, it has developed the fields of medicine and education in particular.

Tens of thousands of Latin American doctors who have been trained there are active in guaranteeing lives and health of millions of people.

By mapping out a program, together with Venezuela, Cuba has showed fully the creativity and diligence of the Latin American peoples.



A view of a Mexican National Seminar on "To Build a Better World under the Banner of the Juche Idea" with the large attendance of people from broad walks of life (in Mexico City in January 2010)

With concerted efforts of many countries, Cuba has made successes in the promotion of literacy campaign in such countries as Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador.

Those Latin American countries adhering to their national independence in their own ways are trying to eliminate their subordinate relationship with the U.S. by encouraging mutually beneficial trade relations with other countries such as China and Russia.

By providing resources to her fraternal countries, Venezuela is contributing to the independent development of the Latin American region as a whole, thus building socialism in the 21st century in spite of some interference and obstruction of the imperialists and domestic reactionary forces.

In conclusion, it can be said that what basic component of consciousness of Latin American people is to struggle against imperialism and to

build an independent and prosperous Latin America.

The Latin American people, who have studied the theoretical and practical achievements of anti-imperialist struggle and socialist construction led by President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il, find there something in common with their struggles.

I am sure that making a deep study of the Juche idea and disseminating it broadly among

the Latin American people shall contribute to the enhancement of independence, creativity and independent consciousness of the Latin American people.

This is our conviction to say on the occasion of the 98th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

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