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**The Lighthouse for the Move from Victory to Victory—In Commemoration of the 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Publication of the *Manifesto of the Communist Party* ..... Zhang Quanjing (4)**

The *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, as an integration of Marxist philosophy, political economy, scientific socialism, and ideas of party building, is an important classical work for communists. At the historical junction of the 40<sup>th</sup> year of China's reform and opening-up, and with socialism with Chinese characteristics entering the new Xi Jinping era, revisiting the *Manifesto of the Communist Party* is of great practical significance to realize the objectives proposed by the 19<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the CPC. First, the *Manifesto of the Communist Party* pointed out the road and direction for the Chinese revolution so that the Chinese communists had the right objectives and direction. Second, to stick to the fundamental principles in the *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, we must remain true to our original aspiration and keep our mission firmly in mind, uphold our communists' ideal and strive unremittingly for the mission raised by the 19<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the CPC for the new stage and the new era, and to completely eliminate private ownership and realize the communist ideal. Third, to stick to the fundamental principles in the *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, we must resolutely repudiate historical nihilism, combating the erroneous thoughts that denigrate and negate the Chinese revolution and distort the history of our Party and our nation. Lastly, to stick to the fundamental principles in the *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, we must uphold Xi Jinping thought on socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era, strengthen party building, make our Party stronger, always maintain the progressiveness, purity and militancy of the party, and lead the socialist course to one after another new victories.

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A Recent popular argument uses Marx's "Two Impossibilities" to negate his "Two Inevitabilities," believing that only when underdeveloped countries have adopted capitalism and when their productive forces have developed to a certain level can socialist revolution take place in these countries. Such viewpoint deviates from Marx's judgment on the conditions for socialist revolution. In fact, Marxism never seals off the path for underdeveloped countries towards socialist revolution. History has witnessed a law of alternate leading in development among different countries and regions. Revolution is more likely to occur in an underdeveloped country that lags behind in an earlier stage of social formation when the fundamental contradiction between its base and superstructure is such that cannot tolerate each other. Following a successful revolution such an underdeveloped country will lead in the subsequent stage of historical development. Only when we understand the historical inevitability for socialist revolution to occur in an underdeveloped country, can we recognize the scientific nature for China to stride on the socialist path and undertake great socialist construction, can resolute confidence be built up for the course of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and can socialist and communist ideal be strengthened.

• Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era •

**Profoundly Grasp the Essence and Significance of Xi Jinping Thought on Social Revolution**

..... Wang Lisheng (15)

We should profoundly grasp the essence and significance of the "great social revolution" proposed by Xi Jinping in his

speech delivered on January 5, 2018. Socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era is the outcome and continuation of a series of social revolutions, i. e. , the New Democratic Revolution, Socialist Revolution, and the implementation of the Reform and Opening-up Policy. In a new era, the Party must lead the Chinese people to continue the great social revolution through its self-revolution. President Xi Jinping's statement regarding the great social revolution is of great theoretical and practical significance. It is the prerequisite for the world outlook, conception of history and methodology to understand, reflect upon and grasp the past, present and future of China, as well as a great theoretical innovation in Marxist conceptualization of social revolution. It provides a scientific historical epistemology and methodology for us to correctly understand and grasp the Xi Jinping thought on socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era, and a theoretical basis to develop the great new project of party building from the perspective of the conception of history.

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**Xi Jinping's Epochal Conception Is an Innovation and Development of the Marxist Epochal Conception** ..... Zhou Miao (28)

Since the 18th National Congress of the CPC, General Secretary Xi Jinping has made many comments on epochal issues, answered a number of major theoretical and practical questions in this respect, and formed his own conception of the epoch. From the perspective of the general trend of historical development, we are still in the historical epoch as designated in Marxism. Historically, human society is currently in an epoch of great development, great transformation and great adjustment. In terms of the development of the historical subject, socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era. The main theme and developmental state of the epoch require us to grasp the epochal trend of peace, development, collaboration and win-win objective. Xi Jinping's conception of the epoch is the most recent development of the Marxist conception in this respect and an important component of Xi Jinping Thought on socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era.

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The Belavezha Accords is an important historical document that marked the dissolution of the Soviet Union. The witness of this event, former member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the second General Secretary of the Communist Party of Lithuania, Vladislav Shved believes that first, the August Coup occurred in 1991 was planned and organized by Gorbachev who was worried of being blamed for the failure of the reform, with the support and help of the chairman of KGB, Kriuchkov and Yeltsin. The August coup laid an important foundation for the signing of the Belavezha Accords. Second, to seek power, Yeltsin acted as the agent of the US, played an important role in preparing the Belavezha Accords, and became the gravedigger of the Soviet Union. Third, on December 8th, before Yeltsin left for Viskuli in Belarus to attend the meeting of the heads of the three Union Republics, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, he had a conversation with Gorbachev for four hours. This indicates that Gorbachev had known about Yeltsin's plan and agreed with it. Fourth, after the Belavezha Accords was signed, Gorbachev could have held the three signers responsible for the conspiracy and ordered the Soviet special force to be ready for combat, but eventually gave no order of any arrest. Based on the above facts, it can be concluded that during this period of time the mission that Gorbachev set for himself was to push forward the dissolution of the Soviet Union, which would benefit Gorbachev with a peaceful future.

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After World War II, the United States and Western Europe witnessed a fast and continuous increase in productivity, as well as a dramatically narrowed wealth gap. The main reason is that after World War II, the United States and Western Europe abandoned the traditional policy of liberalism and implemented broad social reform drawing on Marxist economics dedicated to both high productivity and fair distribution, and the fruits from technological progress benefited the middle and lower-class. Since the mid-1970s, the United States and Western Europe started to pursue neo-liberalism advocating financial liberalization, which resulted in stagnation and even decline in productivity; meanwhile, the United States and Western Europe have implemented the strategy of controlled collapse of world economy, aiming to force the developing countries to follow the financial liberalization carried out in the United States and Western Europe, thus causing a possible collapse of real economy. China should draw on the experiences and lessons from the economic development in the United States and Western Europe and prevent productivity stagnation and financial crises, so as to achieve the goals set by the 19<sup>th</sup> National Congress of CPC and build a community with a shared future for mankind.

**Analysis of the Political Situation of Russia in the Presidential Election Year** ..... Li Ruiqin (55)

Currently the structure of the political parties in Russia is stable. The ruling party, United Russia, owns more seats than the required “majority” in the State Duma as stipulated in the Russian Constitution, so that it controls the parliament and is entitled to amend the Russian Constitution. The three opposition parties, the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia and A Just Russia, all take a stance consistent with the ruling political party. These parties, along with the supra-party coalition, brought about a stable political situation in Russia. Putin entered the presidential campaign as an independent candidate and is very likely to win the election, though ensuring high voting turnout remains a challenge. President Putin advocates nationalism and the revitalization of Russia, and conservative ideology is shared among various social strata. By now Russia has restored its economic growth and the international environment is improving. However, there is still potential crisis in terms of political legitimacy. New and old latent or overt structural contradictions are significant factors that will have large impact on Russian future. The irrational economic structure constrains the economic development. Corruption has a huge impact on the stability of Russia and is abhorred by the Russian people. Europe and the US have kept placing pressure on Russia in terms of economy, military affairs and information technology. How to get out of such situation is a difficult task for the Russian diplomacy. In addition, terrorist attacks are rather frequent, which imposes serious challenges for Russia’s national security.

• Issues of Ideology •

**Judicial Reflections on the Overflow of Historical Nihilism** ..... Pi Kunqian and Yang Xiuqin (64)

In recent years, historical nihilism is rampant, causing great damage to the Party, state and national security. There are legal basis that can be leveraged to curb historical nihilism and for punishment. First, from the perspective of legislation, advocating historical nihilism seriously violated Chinese law and regulations as well as the Party rules and discipline. The Constitution as the fundamental law, the General Principles of the Civil Law and Overall Principles of the Civil Law all have provisions that specifically prohibit such misrepresentations and behaviors. Second, from the perspective of law enforcement, inadequate law enforcement and the loss of bottom line in law enforcement are the primary reasons why historical nihilism has been flooding, which is manifested in the absence of investigation of those who clamorously advocate historical nihilism in violation of the Constitution; absence of legal punishment of those who violate the law; and absence of disciplinary action against Party members who violate the Party and political rules. Lastly, the rule of law is yet to be established in certain related areas. To effectively curb historical nihilism, we must adopt the mindset and approach of the

rule of law for investigations and penalties according to the law and Party disciplines. First, we must improve legislation so as to put historical nihilism into the institutional “cage”. Second, the law must be rigorously enforced as a sharp weapon against historical nihilism. Third, the Party disciplines must be strict and clear so as to defend accurate representation of the party history. Only in this way, can we effectively curb the erroneous thoughts of nihilism through legal approaches, and can the law genuinely bear the responsibility of ensuring justice in history and passing on national spirit.

**Defend that Reputation of the Heroes and Relay in Taking Over the Historical Mission—Some Thoughts after the Study of the Report to 19th CPC National Congress** ..... Zhao Xiaolu (71)

In 2014 and 2015, defamation against the Five Langyashan Heroes occurred. During the process of the lawsuit against the defamers, some online public opinion and scholars showed no confidence in winning this lawsuit. Some government departments were indifferent and reluctant in providing evidence and cooperation. After the court ruled that the defendant was guilty, some challenged the verdict as “a political one rather than a judicial one,” which completely ignored the essence of the law. This lawsuit is essentially a significant political struggle in the ideological sphere expressed in a legal form. Legalization is an important characteristic of the current ideological struggles. The state should defend and protect the reputation of heroes and martyrs with new legislation that hold infringers liable to legal responsibilities. We must integrate ideological struggles with legal struggles, and keep achieving victories in ideological struggles, win initiative and construct socialist ideology of strong cohesion and guiding power.

**Confidence in the Chinese Culture Should Not Be Generalized** ..... Zheng Yougui (76)

At the present time, confidence in the Chinese culture is being generalized due to the nihilism of the part of history when such confidence was absent, and the evaluation of traditional culture isolated from its economic foundation without consideration of its temporal and patriarchal characteristics. During the time of backward economy and industry, China lacked confidence in its culture, while the success in the exploration of socialism path with Chinese characteristics has brought about confidence in its related culture. During the process of absorbing nutrients from the fine traditional Chinese culture, we must obtain a profound understanding that the Chinese culture has been constantly enriched and developed in both its connotation and its denotation; a historical and dialectical understanding of the patriarchal culture that as being based on the backward small-scale peasant economy avoid its pitfall; a profound understanding of the economic foundation of the emergence and growth of the traditional culture and its consequent limitations is needed, without attaching unsuitable cultural confidence to an specific cultural resources that carry particular historical memories. Absorbing nutrients from fine traditional Chinese culture must conform to the core socialist values, and serve the purpose of the innovative development of the socialist theory with Chinese characteristics.

• Special Recommendations •

**A Noteworthy Marxist Work on Financial Security—A Collection of Viewpoints from *Li Shenming on Financial Crisis*** ..... Chen Rongrong and Shan Chao (81)

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