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Adhere to Dialectical Materialism and Transform Our World Outlook Hou Huiqin (4)

Since philosophy is the world outlook foundation in all theories, and the kind of worldview that is used to arm the whole party and change the world is the touchstone of true and false Marxism, sharp ideological struggle is inevitable. Unswervingly adhering to dialectical materialism is to defend the Party character of philosophy as prescribed in Marxism and fight against the stigmatization of materialist philosophy today. The so-called “subsistence turn” in modern Western philosophy is, on the pretext of transcending “epistemological philosophy”, to separate practice and epistemology, negate the ontology of matter, abolish the basic proposition of philosophy, and try to restore the domination of idealism. Blindly following this turn of Western philosophy, engaging in the so-called “practice turn” of Marxist philosophy, and denying or blurring dialectical materialism will lead to subversive mistakes in world outlook. To overcome this tendency, we must have a profound critique of idealism, strengthen the study of Marxist materialism, and promote conscious transformation of our world outlook.

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As an important part of the theoretical system of Marxism, the theory of international communication extends people's horizon of understanding the world and has its unique characteristics. Based on the changed conditions, the international exchanges of the People's Republic of China has gradually shifted from "inside" to "outside", from an "one-sided" one to "all-round" one, from ideological confrontations under the "Cold War" to cooperation and development under peaceful development, and from participating in the international community to building a harmonious world. The idea of building a community with a shared future for mankind is to grasp the direction of human development by deeply understanding the trend of international communication, to rebuild the value of the world order through a keen awareness of international communication relations, and to creatively build the global governance system on the basis of a thorough understanding of the global crises and challenges. We should deeply grasp both the theoretical significance of building a community with a shared future for mankind from the perspective of international communication, and the path of building such community from the standpoint of international communication theory.

Reflections on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics Entering a New Era Xie Jie (44)

The entry of socialism with Chinese characteristics into a new era is a major political judgment and this judgment provides a sufficient objective basis for determining the new historical orientation of China's development. The entry of socialism with Chinese characteristics into a new era is the result of the Communist Party of China leading the broad masses of people to explore, innovate and work tirelessly, as well as a new starting point for the Party and the people to unite and move toward the future. In the new era, the main contradictions in China's society have changed. The Communist Party of China has made a new assertion of the main contradictions and has put forward a strategic measure to resolve them with the "fourteen adherences" as the main content. The 19th CPC National Congress has blown the assembly horn to realize the Chinese Dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, and the new era, new mission and new tasks have shown the great spirit of responsibility of the Communist Party of China. China will continue to make greater contributions to mankind in the new era.

• **Foreign Left Observation** •

Trump, the Republican Party, and Westmoreland County

..... By Margaret Power (USA) Translated by Li Shuqing and Bian Yili (50)

Westmoreland County is a predominantly white county in Pennsylvania, the United States. The majority of the voters in the county had supported Republican before the Roosevelt's New Deal, and then they turned to Democrat for decades. In 2000, they changed to vote Republican again and Donald Trump obtained 63.5 percent of the vote there in the 2016 presidential election. The county's switching from a Democratic Party bastion to a Republican stronghold is the changing of the political attitudes and party orientation of most voters there, which is closely related to the changes in the county's economic structure, economic transformation, workers composition, trade union movement, intergenerational changes of workers, the people's political attitudes, the government policies and social development, etc. All this shows that there is certain economic, social and political basis in the United States for Trump's coming to power and his policies.

Critique of the World Capitalist System by Foreign Left-wing Scholars Zhou Miao (59)

Capitalism has been expanding around the world over the past centuries, and has formed a world system covering most countries and regions of the world, which has so far evolved into a powerful tool for plundering the resources and wealth of developing countries. Foreign left-wing scholars have carried out critical analyses and researches on the world capitalist system from various perspectives. What they have achieved, especially their relevant expositions on the accumulation mechanism, the international division of labor and the hegemonic system of the world capitalist system, help us disseminate and explicate the idea of building a community with a shared future for mankind, refute the misunderstanding and derogation of China's "reaching out to the world", establish a new international political and economic order in the new era, and promote continuous development and progress of human society.

American Trade War in the Eyes of Foreign Scholars—To Make America Great Again or Deep in Crisis?

..... Gan Haixia (66)

The trade war waged by US president Donald Trump against his allies and China under his slogan of "Make America Great Again" has added to the confusion of today's unstable capitalist world. Some foreign scholars have examined this trade war. After reflecting on its nature, the truth behind it, its predictable result, and the possible development direction of the entire capitalist world in the end, they suggest that the economic and political crisis of American capitalism and its ambition of restoring its imperial hegemony are hidden behind the trade war; the predictable result of the trade war to the United States is not making it "great again" but making it deeply locked in crisis; and the capitalist world is about to

usher in the end of neoliberalism. Although their reflections are to some extent scientific and critical, and provide a new perspective for us to observe the capitalist world, they suffer such problems as the lack of holistic, thoroughness and constructiveness.

• Insights from History •

A Few Facts about the History of the World Trade—An Extended Interpretation based on the China-US Trade Dispute Chen Renjiang (77)

The China-US trade dispute, which broke out in 2018, not only reflects the new trend of the global economic development, but also reveals misunderstandings of some basic problems in the history of the world trade. In the history of the world trade, the history of trade protectionism is even longer than that of free trade; in capitalist expansion, free trade and trade protectionism usually complement each other; protectionism and trade wars are normal phenomena and inevitable results of the world economic crises and the shrinking of great power hegemony; a trade war is usually a long-term process, and thus can hardly be fixed quickly. We should free ourselves of the narrow perspective of treating the China-US trade dispute in isolation, and understand it from a broad perspective of the world history, grasp it on the basis of the laws of the world trade development, and learn from the historical experiences and lessons so as to avoid strategic miscalculation.

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