

## How the Shining Path Divides Up the War

In rough terms, the Shining Path divides up the "Popular Prolonged War" (whose three main parts are: Strategic Defense, Strategic Parity and Strategic Offensive) as follows:

**Foreword: The Communist Party's "Reconstitution". (1963-1979)**

### "Prolonged People's War":<sup>1</sup>

**First Milestone:** The "Definition of the Road" (1979).

**Second Milestone:** The "Preparation". (1979- April of 1980).

**Third Milestone:** "Launching the Armed Struggle".

**First Plan.** ( From May 17, 1980 until end of the year)

**Fourth Milestone:** "Developing Guerrilla Warfare" [Strategic Defense] ( 1981- 19...)

a) **Plan to open Guerrilla Zones** (January- April 1981).

b) **Plan to unfold Guerrilla Warfare** (May 1981- December 1982).

Also: "Clean Up the Countryside" and the beginning of significant actions in the cities.

**Great Plan: "To Seize Base Areas"** (December 1982- December 1986)

"Stage of the Struggle between Re-establishment and Counterre-establishment" (January 1983-April 1984).

(This refers to the Army's intervention in Ayacucho, from the end of '82).

c) **Plan: "To defend, develop and build"**. First part (1983)

and Second Part (December 1983- April 1984).

Plan for "The Great Leap": (May 1984- December 1986).

1) First Campaign: "Let the Republics Express Themselves" (May-December 1984).

2) Second Campaign: "Don't Vote. Impede the Elections": (January-July 1985).

3) Third Campaign: "Against the assumption of the New Reactionary Government". (July- September 1985).

4) Fourth Campaign: "Against the Aprista Government". (September 1985-December 1986).

<sup>1</sup> To compare the outline with actual events, please see my background paper: "Maoism in the Andes. An overview", pages 13-18

Including its last stage: "To Finish Up the Great Leap with a Golden Seal".

**New Great Plan: "To Develop Base Areas"** (January 1987-...)

- 1) First Campaign: (January-June 1987).
- 2) Second Campaign: (June-...).