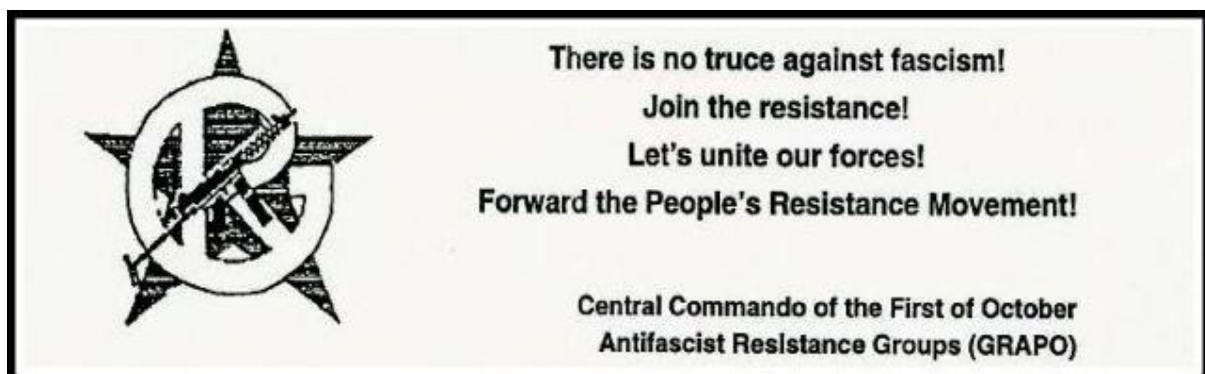

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Communiqué on the armed propaganda actions in Madrid,
Seville, Sabadell and La Coruna on 16 February 1984

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To the working class and all peoples oppressed by the Spanish fascist state:

Today, 16 February, some of our operational commandos executed a series of actions of a mainly propaganda character, i.e. flags of the People's Republic were hoisted, and objects designed for the exploitation and repression of the masses of the people were bombed:

Madrid — bombing of an employment office and putting up flags and banners.

Seville — bombing of the city transportation authority which has just raised

Metro and bus fares; five buses were partially destroyed! Sabadell — bombing of a torturer of the cuerpo superior de policia [senior police officer corps]

La Coruna — putting up flags

Through these operations on this particular day, which has such great political significance for all the peoples of Spain, we want to denounce the continuity of the unchanged fascist and criminal regime, which by force of arms and terror has prevailed against the will of the people which had expressed itself on 16 February 1936 in the triumph of the FRENTE POPULAR. After the death of the murderer Franco, the 'reforms', 'changes', and other political manoeuvres had no other purpose than to clean up the regime's image and to cover it with a 'democratic' or 'socialist' mantle; and all that for the sole purpose of further increasing the exploitation of the masses.

... but the demagoguery could not deliver much. Thus, when their mask was torn off, they threw themselves without any scruples into this most exploitative, repressive, militaristic and reactionary policy, closing off any political way out which could initiate a period of peaceful struggle that might take place on the basis of the KAS program and the five-point program. On the contrary, the norm which has been established is that of arbitrary drastic changes, unemployment, taxes, NATO, torture, the dirty war ...

Therefore we must see clearly from now on that any further insistence on democratic forms which [they] have already chucked aside is tantamount to encouraging false illusions and to leaving the initiative to them ...

... Thus there is no other way out than the destruction of the fascist regime and the expropriation of the monopolies. Only then will the people be able to enjoy real freedom, and only in that way can the economic, political, social, cultural, national and other problems be solved. Only in that way will we be able to re-establish the REPUBLICA POPULAR and move in the direction towards socialism.

... our operations were intended to show that this is the only remaining alternative today because the reactionary forces have closed all doors.

... and we can't even dream of achieving this through elections ...

... instead, we must strengthen and develop the guerrilla until it transforms itself into the people's army, which, together with the political resistance movement, will at last crush the reactionary forces like an iron fist forever, regardless of what disguise they are wearing.

Today more than ever, every worker, every working woman, every unemployed person and every young person must take up arms against the monopolistic police state and must support the guerrilla.

LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC!
ETERNAL HONOR TO THOSE WHO DIED IN THE ANTI-FASCIST STRUGGLE!
LONG LIVE THE ARMED REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE! WE SHALL BE
VICTORIOUS!

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