

The Communist Party of Spain (Marxist-Leninist)

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Dear comrades,

First of all allow me, on behalf of all the members of the Communist Party of Spain (M-L), to bring you their militant greetings.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to thank the Italian people and the Communist party of Italy (M-L) for the fraternal support they have given our people and our Party every moment of their struggle. In the most serious and difficult moments we have always had your combative internationalist solidarity. The Spanish people and the Spanish Marxist-Leninists will never forget that among the heroic fighters of the International brigades who came from all over the world, to defend the Spanish republic, there were thousands of Italian comrades and many of them shed their blood in the plains and mountains of Spain in the struggle against fascism. This has created unbreakable bonds between your people and us.

Today, through a sinister farce, as well as with the backing of international reaction, including the so-called bourgeois democracies, the fascist oligarchy in power in Spain strives to make public opinion believe that the monarchy will be transformed into a regime of democracy and freedom. And this is being done according to the will of those same oligarchic strata which 40 years ago usurped power in our country by means of a blood bath in which more than a million people were massacred, and hundreds of thousands of patriots were jailed, tortured, shot or forced to emigrate. But the truth is very different: the Spanish war has not ended! The truth is that hundreds of thousands of anti-fascists are still languishing in the fascist jails of the dictatorship, at present headed by the puppet Juan Carlos, a direct abortion of the assassin Franco and Yankee imperialism. The reality is that since Juan Carlos usurped power, i.e., little more than a year ago, more than 40 anti-fascists, patriots and republicans have been murdered by the police during workers' manifestations organised all over the country. And in this sinister farce of "democratization" are taking part the brazen-faced revisionist renegades of the Carillo clique, Ibarruri, the so-called socialists of Felipe Gonzales assembled in the PSCE, small "ultra-revolutionary" groups camouflaged

under the banner of Marxism-Leninism to carry out their traitor activities better – as, for example, the ORT and all the lackeys of the various cliques of the oligarchy sold out to Yankee imperialism, the real lord and master of Spain.

They want to make others believe that a process of democratization is being carried on in Spain, and, for this purpose, they *have changed the name* of the courts, of some laws, etc., and have permitted the collaborationist sham “opposition” to express itself freely since nothing dangerous may come from an “opposition” that asks only for the crumbs of the banquet.

So, can democracy exist in a country economically, politically and militarily dominated by Yankee imperialism? Of course, not!

We have an example in the workers of the Roca factory of Barcelona, who are in strike two months now. The workers have been charged and shot down by the police several times. They have faced up to the forces of oppression, fighting regular battles with stones, sticks, Molotov bombs, erecting barricades, etc. But the revisionists, like Carillo, Camacho and company, like the leaders of the Comisiones Obreras, the ORT opportunists and the other groups, are trying to hush up this strike while fighting to suppress it. Do you know why? Because our Party, the FRAP and the OSO are at the head of the workers’ struggle, and the FRAP and our Party do not and will never bend! Following the farce of the referendum, the monarchy is preparing to stage the farce of elections to give itself a face of legitimacy and democracy. And in this it is supported by all the opportunists who claim that they can make the world believe that the peoples of Spain are no longer republicans but monarchists. The peoples of Spain, however, are republicans and are fighting for the Republic.

Our party and other forces adhering to FRAP, together with left-wing socialist groups, the republicans and others, are facing a monarchist-opportunist coalition. For this purpose we have created the Republican Convention of the Peoples of Spain to uphold some clear and simple principles:

1. - Total rejection of the monarchy and its institutions.
2. – The right of all the peoples of Spain to self-determination.
3. – Struggle by all means to re-establish the Republic, whose nature will be decided after the overthrow of the monarchy.
4. – Struggle against Yankee imperialism and any other imperialism, whether it comes from, be it social-imperialism or any other kind of imperialism.

The republican Convention has a few months of existence, but we have already held some Republican Conventions and Assemblies of the various nationalities and regions that envelop the whole of the country, and juntas are proliferating in every corner of Spain. The war call of the Convention, “Espana manana sera republican! (Tomorrow Spain will be a republic!)” and “Down with the Monarchy!” is being spread ever more powerfully with each passing day. To achieve success, to put an end to the monarchy, to imperialist domination and reaction, our Party is preparing for the armed struggle little by little and without precipitation, because only through the armed struggle can the peoples free themselves from the yoke of exploitation and oppression, can achieve freedom and national independence and march towards socialism.

Comrades and friends! The Spanish War has not ended! The Spanish War is going on: just as yesterday, today, too, the peoples of Spain count on the internationalist solidarity of the peoples of the world, and, on their part, our people and our Party will know how to discharge their internationalist duties. We are and will always be on the side of the peoples and their vanguards, the true Marxist-Leninist parties.

Dear comrades! Once more, we enthusiastically greet this rally, which enables us to meet comrades from various countries. We think that this is of great importance, because, in the present conditions, it is more necessary than ever to work for the creation, the consolidation and the development of the unity of the genuine Marxist-Leninists. We think that this is an urgent task because we are seeing the emergence of a clearly discernible opportunist line, of a new type, which represents a real, actual and immediate danger to the world Marxist-Leninist movement.

Opportunism wants the peoples of Western Europe to support the Common Market, forgetting the fact that the Common Market represents the union of the exploiters and the multinational companies for a more savage exploitation and repression of the European proletariat and peoples.

Opportunism wants the NATO to be strengthened in opposition to the Warsaw Treaty, forgetting that the Warsaw treaty is an instrument of aggression of Russian social-imperialism and of its lackeys against the peoples, and the NATO also is an instrument of aggression of Yankee imperialism and international reaction against the peoples. Both blocs are aggressive organisations against the peoples, therefore the peoples, and the Marxist-Leninists in the first place, should combat these two blocs, the two superpowers, always keeping in mind the fact we should never rely on the one superpower to fight off the other. This is true opportunism and we reject it, Opportunism advertises the alliance with the reactionary bourgeoisie in power and the strengthening of anti-popular caste armies, while rejecting, abandoning and distorting class struggle. To us, class struggle continues to be and will always be, the motor of history both on a national and international plane.

Therefore, our party is of the opinion that we must make real efforts to combat not only revisionism but also this treacherous and opportunist line which, if it succeeds in affirming itself, would become a real cancer in the Marxist-Leninist movement. In order to oppose it, it is necessary to seek by all means the unity of views and actions of the genuine communists. And this unity will be effective and invincible only if it is based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

Our Party thinks that the 7th Congress of the Party of Labour of Albania has been an event of universal importance which all the Marxist-Leninists should take into consideration. Comrade Enver Hoxha's report is a true Marxist-Leninist document, because it reaffirms the correct principles of Marx, Lenin and Stalin, and makes a clean sweep of all the opportunist litter.

Now, some who have hypocritically applauded the 7th Congress and Enver Hoxha's report are laughing veiled and cowardly attacks against it and even withdrawing it from circulation. They are the representatives of the opportunist line. The stand of our Party is clear cut, it admits no ambiguity: we are a hundred per cent with the Party of Labour of Albania because it is a genuine Marxist-Leninist party, which is carrying out proletarian internationalism consistently, which is fighting revisionism and opportunism, which is denouncing and exposing the two superpowers, which is building socialism in nits own country in an exemplary manner.

We say it clearly and loudly: The defence of, and solidarity with socialist Albania, led by comrade Enver Hoxha, is in itself a fine line dividing the genuine communists from the sham communists and opportunists. There is no place for half-way policies.

We think that brilliant prospective lie open for the Marxist-Leninists and the peoples. On our part, we will never desist from our struggle until the red banner of the proletariat will be waving over the mountains, the valleys and plains of Spain.