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## Bourgeoisie, armed struggle and the "parasites"

### The phrases and targets of Arnaldo Matos

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Arnaldo Matos, founder of the PCTP / MRPP Maoist party, died on Friday [February 22, 2019 ] at the age of 79 . "The great educator of the working class" chose, among other means, Twitter to get his message out, since September 2017. He wrote in ink more than three thousand *tweets* that his companion, Cidália, entered on his smartphone. There he appealed to armed struggle and popular revolt, and considered that "this is all putedo". A controversial tradition

that also passed through the newspapers and *Luta Popular*, the official party body that saw names like Durão Barroso and Ana Gomes introduced to politics.

## The early years of democracy

"An even greater disgrace than being without weapons is being without the ideas that it is necessary to use these weapons". **Rally in Porto on August 2, 1975**

"The PS represents a bourgeoisie that is a spokesman for European and American sub-imperialism". *Expresso*, **August 9, 1975**

"The Constituent [Assembly] is a den of parasites". **February 1976 press conference**

## EEC membership

"We demand the immediate revocation of the agreement [for accession to the EEC] already signed and the opening of a national debate (...) that ends with a referendum on whether, yes or no, we should enter the EEC". *Expresso* , **September 13, 1980**

## The PCP

"Álvaro Cunhal is responsible for the fact that the working class did not take power in 1974/75". *The Independent*, **February 17, 1993**

"Before the 25th of April the PCP was our main enemy, from an ideological point of view. But what was needed to overthrow in Portugal was the fascist regime". *Madeira Newspaper*, **April 1999**

PCP and Bloco de Esquerda are Marxist parties? "No. Although they complained about it. Marxism would impose another form of action." *Vision*, **October 28, 1999**

## The ideas and ideals

"Let us organize and fight against this capitalist exploitation with everything we have at hand". Accompanied by an image of two crossed guns and the phrase "*I love AK-47*" (I love the [assault weapon] AK-47), **Twitter, June 2018**

"All historical changes come from left-wing minorities." **PUBLIC, June 26, 1993**

"China has become a capitalist country that has nothing to do with Mao's ideal". **Vision, October 28, 1999**

"The main investment that the State must make is in Man, and, therefore, that investment is in education". **Pros and Cons of RTP1, July 2005**

## **The break with the PCTP / MRPP**

"I never abandoned my ideas, although life obliges me, (...) to respond to the needs that arise. I left the leadership of the MRPP because the party was not in a position to give correct answers to the new tasks" **PÚBLICO, 26 June 1993**

Interview with PÚBLICO, on December 26, 1993, in which Arnaldo Matos promised that "the revolution will resume its breath".

## **The Costa Government and the agreements on the left**

"Costa, having no majority, thinks to obtain it with the races *jackpot* in the government: a monhé, a negro, a gipsy, a Jew, a Chinese was missing ... Instead of limiting himself to party support (PCP, Bloco, Verdes), was reinforced with the support of the races. " **Twitter, October 2018**

" There are three things that students should not pay: tuition fees, public transport social passes and health expenses. Get together and go on strike! We will win! Show that the PS sucks! Show that PS, PCP, BE and Greens are all putedo!". **Twitter, February 2019**

"The black man who governs the people of Angola, received the Goan who governs us in a very elegant gray suit with a blue tie. Now we understand better the words of the noble citizen Maria Antónia Palla, the Goan's mother: Costa goes dressed as a shoeshine man, because he goes to Luanda shine shoes ". **Twitter, September 2018, after António Costa's visit to Angola, where he arrived in jeans**

"What differentiates the situation of the European Yellow Vest Movement from the movement of the Portuguese masses is in the coalition of treachery that the PCP,

the Bloc and the Greens have made and are doing with the PS minority party to maintain the current governmental costume, hanging the interests of the proletariat and the middle class ". **Editorial published in *Luta Popular* in 2018**

## **The Paris attacks and police violence**

"Islam is not, but imperialism is the real, true and unique cause of the attack on Paris (...) not only was it not a massacre, it was a legitimate act of war". **Editorial published in December 2015 in *Luta Popular*, PCTP-MRPP's communication body, following the Paris terrorist attacks, which killed 130 people**

"It is not the blacks who are targeted by the police killings, but the resistant, the proletariat in anger. It is the working class that is the target of the state terrorism of Yankee imperialism, and no one else." ***Luta Popular*, July 2016. Text about the debate on the death of young African American Michael Brown, shot by a police officer in Ferguson, USA**