Communist Party of Spain (M-L) M.Palencia ~ For A Policy of Fair and Effective Alliance

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The principal problem of the political line of our Party, established during the recent Full Plenum of the Central Committee, is that of the Revolutionary United Front. The popular democratic United Front must become one of the principal arms of our people in their revolutionary struggle against the Fascist dictatorship. Thus it is important that the matter of its constitution should be fully studied, understood and implemented by the entire Party.

To begin with, it should be pointed out that the matter of the direction of the Front is of primary importance and should therefore be given preference, for on this will depend the course that the struggle will take, as well as the final outcome.

The popular-democratic revolution is the strategic objective in the current stage of the Spanish revolution. Only under the direction of a truly revolutionary Party that is fully armed with the scientific doctrine of Marxism-Leninism -- that is, the (Marxist-Leninist) CP of Spain -- will the proletariat be able to fulfill its rightful hegemonic role. This hegemony of the proletariat, under the direction of the Party, presents two aspects with regard to the question of alliance with other forces. The first alliance, the one that must serve as the Front's cornerstone, is the Alliance of Workers and Peasants and other working groups. The second is the alliance between the working class and the middle and lower-middle classes and other patriotic forces. Now then, the more solid the first alliance among the various workers can be made, the easier it will be to obtain the support and participation of the middle classes, which will allow us to consolidate the power of the revolutionary forces while at the same time isolating and dividing the pro-imperialist and monopolistic upper classes.

Just as we have fought and continue to fight against the rightist opportunism into which the rivisionist direction of Carrillo has lapsed, and which is afraid of frightening the bourgeoisie and has thus in effect rejected the leadership role of the working classes and its Party by promoting alliances without principles, we must also combat the leftist adventurism that denies all possibilities of alliances with anti-monopolist and national non-proletarian groups, which only serves to deprive the proletariat of the support of its indispensable allies in the struggle against Fascism.

From the above exposition it is obvious that on the basis of the premises outlined with regard to the direction of the Front and in view of the decisions of the principal enemy, we must strive to attract to the United Front all those forces that are objectively interested in overthrowing the dictatorship of the pro-imperialistic and monopolistic capitalists who bar the way to power.

Regarding the forms that the struggle will take, it was also established in the guidelines of our Political Line that the Party must know how to choose the most ethical forms at every turn, combining a peaceful political struggle with an armed struggle should circumstances require it. It must know how to gauge which of these methods must be chosen at any given moment and place, and how to coordinate all secondary combat methods with the principal one.

This is also one of the matters that irreversibly separates us from the revisionist direction of Carrillo. The revisionists believe that we must only theoretically foresee the possibility of a violent development in the struggle, and that the problem of taking up arms to defeat the enemy must be considered as a remote eventuality.

But we agree with Lenin that the Party of the working classes must employ all forms of combat to defeat the enemy. It must arm itself to the teeth and prepare its militants for all manner of peaceful or violent eventualities during the struggle. It must also organize paramilitary defense and combat units.

The working class and the (Marxist-Leninist) CP of Spain must determine the principal combat method according to the historical conditions of the moment and the degree of organization and combativeness of the working masses.

The Revolutionary United Front will be formed and will conduct our people to victory over Fascism only if our Party knows how to conduct a fair policy of alliances, based on revolutionary principles, and if it knows how to correctly determine adequate combat methods for each given moment, and how to organize and educate the proletariat for the revolutionary struggle and for socialism in our Fatherland.