
Organisation Revolucionaria de Trabajadores
3 World Theory and National Independence

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“En Lucha” (Spain)

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“En Lucha,” organ of the Spanish Workers’ Revolutionary Organization, published on June 28 an article entitled “Three-World Theory and National Independence” written by Jose Sanroma Aldea, General Secretary of the said organization. Excerpts follow. — Ed.

1. We Communists hold aloft the banner of national independence.

In the present international situation, the three-world theory gives expression to the progressive, democratic and revolutionary significance of the slogan of national independence. We Communists hold aloft this banner.

The struggle for national independence in the countries of the second and third worlds logically manifests itself in different ways. To

win independence and to maintain and develop it, countries and people of the third world must carry out a protracted struggle against exploitation, aggression and expansion by imperialism and, in particular, by the two superpowers.

The problem of national independence in the West European countries arises as they face the menace from a new world war to be launched by the two superpowers and the danger of losing their national independence. The superpowers regard Europe as the focal point of their contention. To Communists in these countries, raising the banner of national independence does not mean countenancing the imperialistic acts of their own country or government. On the contrary, they must be ready to fight such acts when they occur.

2. History tells us that the struggle in Spain for national independence must go hand in hand with the struggle against the ruling class.

Spain holds a particular position among the countries in Western Europe. Continuing U.S. intervention has deprived Spain of a good deal of her national sovereignty and independence. The politically, economically and militarily subordinate position imposed upon us by U.S. imperialism continues to this

day. To Spanish Communists, the struggle to gain our motherland's complete independence is inseparable from the struggle conducted against the fascists and from the struggle of today to broaden democracy and freedom and to oppose oligarchy and imperialism.

We Spanish Communists yearn for complete national independence and sovereignty. Thus we long to cut loose completely from U.S. interference. This means waging a strenuous and sustained struggle. In the world today, this task is accompanied by another one, that is, making unceasing efforts to create conditions under which Spain will not free herself from the United States at the price of falling captive to the Soviet Union, the superpower which is doing its utmost to displace the other superpower in seizing spheres of influence in the world. In their all-pervasive scramble for hegemony, the two defy the demand for independence of the people of various countries.

3. Opposition to the two superpowers' growing contention in Spain.

The two superpowers' sharpening rivalry in Spain stands out clearly in the Spanish situation. One superpower bares its teeth, while the other is trying to dig in by making promises of one kind or another, acting no less arrogantly and unscrupulously.

The struggle for national independence requires us to deal with the two superpowers' ever growing contention in our country. It is impossible to achieve something in this task without having a trial of strength with this or that superpower. In fulfilling this task we must recover from the United States the areas it controls and, what is more important, keep the door shut to the Soviet Union.

In the face of the contention between the two superpowers, Spain's joining the European Economic Community will help strengthen European unity. We thus hope that diplomatically Spain will open up more and more to the third world countries so as to bring about conditions favourable to our extensive struggle against hegemony.

4. Non-solution of the problem of the rights of the Spanish nationalities will give the superpowers ammunition.

The last important and realistic problem: Spain is a multinational country. Incorrect solution of domestic problems (equal rights for various nationalities including free use of the right of autonomy) will put a crushing burden on our backs, in which case we will find ourselves further oppressed, manipulated and blackmailed.