

Organisation Revolucionaria de Trabajadores ORT deeply rooted in Spanish working class

First Published: The Forge Vol.3 #23, November 17th 1978

Transcription, Editing and Markup: Paul Saba and Sam Richards **Copyright:** This work is in the Public Domain under the Creative Commons Common Deed. You can freely copy, distribute and display this work; as well as make derivative and commercial works. Please credit the Encyclopedia of Anti-Revisionism On-Line as your source, include the url to this work, and note any of the transcribers, editors & proofreaders above.

NOVEMBER 17, 1978 • Vol. 3, no 23 • THE FORGE 9

MARXIST-LENINISTS AT HEAD OF FIGHTBACK **ORT deeply rooted in Spanish working class**



It's been almost a year since the Suarez government in Spain signed an agreement with all the bourgeois parties that imposes tough crisis measures on working people, including a freeze on wages. It was called the Moncloa Pact.

The only political party that rejected this anti-worker pact is the Workers' Revolutionary Organization (ORT).

The ORT is a Marxist-Leninist party deeply rooted in the Spanish working class. It was founded in 1969 by militant workers who had fought both Franco's fascist dictatorship and revisionism. The Worker's Revolutionary Organization bases itself on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and supports the three worlds theory.

It was essential to found a new communist party because the CPS (Communist Party of Spain), formerly at the head of the anti-fascist movement, had betrayed the revolutionary cause and sunk into revisionism. Its leader, Santiago Carillo, last year even signed the Moncloa Pact, a series of crisis measures including wage controls.

The ORT was built in



2 million workers demonstrated in the streets May 1, last year. In Madrid, the Sindicato Unjlarjo mobilized 50,000 under its banner "No to the Moncloa Pact!"

clandestinity and only became legal in 1977.

After 40 years of fascism, Spain has just gotten a constitution which legalizes a system of bourgeois democracy such as we have here in Canada.

In the recent period the

Spanish people have waged vigorous hard struggles for these democratic rights, struggles which continue today. The ORT is working to guide these struggles while pursuing its fundamental goal of overthrowing the bourgeoisie and establish-

ing socialism.

One important battle is the fight of the many oppressed nationalities of Spain. Throughout the country the ORT is building the unity of the masses through the recognition of the rights of these nationalities, like

the right of the Basque people to self-determination.

The Party's newspaper, *En Lucha*, brings communist analyses, positions and slogans to 100,000 people each week.

CLASS FIGHTBACK

In the labour movement, ORT has proposed a class fightback against the crisis measures. It has put forward a united front of all workers to fight for bread, work and freedom, and advanced slogans calling for rank-and-file unity in factory committees, and for unity between active and unemployed workers.

This line resolutely opposes the class collaboration promoted by some parties, including the Spanish Workers' "Socialist" Party (PSOE) and Santiago Carillo's revisionist "Communist" Party of Spain, which ask the workers to make sacrifices. Directly linked to the two largest union centrals in the country, they are determined to isolate and divide workers' struggles, thus rendering a fine service to the bourgeoisie.

BUILD THE UNITED FRONT

The newspaper *En Lucha* recently explained that with the deepening crisis in Spain, the Suarez government plans to freeze wage hikes at 12%, half as much as was authorized by the Moncloa Pact! Inflation has hit 18%.

Two and a half million Spanish workers will be negotiating their contracts in the coming months. In response to the attacks being prepared, ORT is proposing a Common Front of all the centrals, guaranteeing the participation of all the unions, on the basis of firmly defending the most important demands of the workers.