

Communist Party of Spain (reconstructed)

25th anniversary of a young and seasoned party

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Next June 8 will be the 25th anniversary of the holding of our Party's Reconstructive Congress. Twenty-five years that we proudly show the already popular and loved (r), thirty and some organized political work if we count the stage of the OMLE, it is an anniversary that few communist organizations can celebrate in the world.

How many people and groups who in the decade of 70 presented themselves as the ultimate of the “left” would then have given a room for us? Where are they now?

At least we can toast with colleagues, veterans and young people and with our working class for these 25 years of nothing and sing (low enough, of course, you must not inform the enemy) the International and the party anthem, raised fist; while they... their last remains ended up in the dustbin of history this past March 12.

Anyway we are here! And we will continue! for the misfortune of the fascists and their lackeys and for the satisfaction of the resistance fighters. To say that is not nothing if we look back and see how dense these 25 years have been for political life and the class struggle in our country, and if we see the importance of the enemy forces that we have had to face in almost always difficult conditions, drawing as much as possible from our “weak strength”.

In our memory live the comrades who fell under enemy fire, those whom illness or the after-effects of hunger strikes have rendered incapable of continuing the class struggle on the front line, those who, behind the gates, sing with us, we are sure of it, although it is difficult for them to toast; and we do not forget to cite the comrades who are legal, those who are in hiding, friends and sympathizers, all united like a fist around the party.

It would be long to recall now all that has happened since June 8, 1975; to sum up we could say that as in any valiant fight “they made us see it, and we also made them see it”; but since we have historical reason and the working class for support, while they only represent historical barbarism and a handful of parasites, we are growing and they are declining.

The 4th Congress of our party, held in 1998, found that with its celebration “a complete cycle was ending” a cycle started with the Reform of the monopoly regime during the agony and death of the dictator Franco and with our political response: the celebration of the Reconstructive Congress and the elaboration of the Program for the socialist revolution.

At the same time we are resolutely committed to revealing the “democratic” disguise of fascism; we have tried to prevent the working class from remaining attached to it by the heavy rope of reformism; for this, in addition to our permanent work of denunciation, we undertook to start the mass movements and to stimulate the creation of the popular guerrillas.

These years were not easy for us who had to wage the political fight almost alone due to the betrayal, the unconditional surrender of all the groups which, in the past, had formed “the left” of Carlist revisionism.

The fall of the Central Committee in 1977 was a heavy blow for our movement, followed by repeated detentions of militants and the assassination of some. Under these circumstances pitching in party activity was inevitable.

The report presented to the central committee in 1984 by comrade Arenas and entitled: “Where to go, which way should we take?” said: “From the first moment we were perfectly aware that the reaction would not forgive us the audacity to have attacked our new plans, not only in words but in actions.

We knew that they were going to throw at us all the repressive bodies and the disproportionate means at their disposal to try to reduce us to crumbs in the least possible time. We knew it. Their campaigns of slander and lies were guided by the same criteria and were to succeed to this end. We also knew that.

This is why we said to ourselves: if we are able to resist their furious and hysterical attacks, they will lose the political and ideological battle. This is why the party had to fall back in order to cover its wounds, recover forces and wait for a more favourable general situation (...) But that does not in any case mean to stop fighting ”.

To facilitate this “combatant” withdrawal and to further highlight the fascist nature of the regime, the five-point program was advanced. The attempted coup on February 23 and the precipitous rise to power of the Philippine team confirmed the success of our position.

We are not going to expand our narrative because the results of the Philippine “decade of infamy” are still on our mind. Suffice it to say that some activists call these years our particular “crossing of the desert”.

But if our party to overcome a very hard test (detentions, exterminations of political prisoners), what happened to the workers' movement was not less (reconversions, liquidation of trade union rights, unemployment); and the whole popular movement suffers a general decrease in freedoms and dirty war.

So that all this resulted in the delay of more than a decade of the party's reorganization plans; at the same time, the foundations were created for closer unity between the party, the working class and the other popular sectors which were awakening to the consciousness of the fascist nature of the regime. During this period "Bourbon fascism" ended its political bankruptcy as it appeared during the elections of March 12th.

Indeed, a completed cycle and the theses that we advanced in 1975 proved completely right, theses saying that "from fascism to democracy there was no way possible"; therefore it is not the way to the polls that opens the way to revolution but the combination of the mass movement and guerrilla blows coordinated into a single Political Resistance Movement.

Although it was not our intention to take stock or make a story since the celebration of the Reconstructive Congress, it must be recognized that 25 years is a good date, very juvenile, which lends itself to a look back to contemplate the road travelled and learn some lessons from it.

This opens up for us the task that we have been asking for some time, comrades, friends and sympathizers and that we will not adjourn any longer, to complete "the history of the party". We can consider this note as a kick-off to get to work. We have already taken a few steps and are not starting from scratch.

There is "The history of the PCE (r) and Grapo" already out of print from the editor Contracanto, theme XXII "Brief outline of the history of the PCE (r)" of the "Manual", the reports of the meetings of the Central Committee or Congress, party publications.

We can also consider as part of the reminder of this anniversary, and the commitment to rediscover the history of the party, the recently published brochure on "the political organization of the working class" and the works which will appear this year in RESISTENCIA and ANTORCHA. Finally, the challenge is launched and we will all have to give a shoulder push. We have all of History before us.