
Communist Party of Spain M-L (PCE M-L) Elena Ódena, exemplary communist

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It is common to hear that no person is indispensable or irreplaceable. As a general rule, this principle is correct, but there are cases in which the disappearance of certain men and women, due to their exceptional qualities, leaves an immense vacuum difficult to fill. This is the case of Elena Ódena, founder, along with Raúl Marco, of the Communist Party of Spain (Marxist-Leninist).

Woman committed from a very young age to the struggle of the working class, dedicated her life to the cause of communism, always defending the principles of Marxism-Leninism. PCE militant, she fought firmly against revisionist deviations and Khrushchev's lies

about Stalin. That is why the great historian Pierre Vilar stressed "the fidelity of Elena to the three thinkers, the three revolutionary creators, Marx who foresaw the revolution, Lenin who made the revolution, Stalin who built the revolution and saved it, winning the war against the fascisms. "And when the Party of José Díaz was the victim of Santiago Carrillo's betrayal, Elena, along with a group of comrades, set up a new organization, the PCE (ml), which fought valiantly against the Franco dictatorship and she denounced the disastrous policy of Carrillo and his claudication before the bourgeoisie.

Faced with the maneuvers and pacts of the Transition that culminated with the establishment

of the monarchy designated by Franco, Elena and the leadership of the PCE (m-l) kept up the demand of the People's and Federal Republic. They raised that flag that others, in a cowardly act of betrayal, abandoned, and today there are thousands of republican flags that wave in the demonstrations, the republican clamor extends to a corrupt monarchy.

Elena Ódena died on November 10, 1985, victim of a serious illness. Her death was a great loss not only to her comrades, but to all communists and to progressive humanity. Twenty-eight years ago we did not count on her presence, but she is still alive in our minds and in our hearts. She left us her indefatigable struggle, her abnegation, her capacity for work, her revolutionary temper, her deep sense of camaraderie and her deep knowledge of Marxism-Leninism. This is the legacy that will never die and from which all the PCE militants (m-l) are heirs, and the best way to honor their memory is to continue their struggle. Militants, cadres and leaders have the obligation to study their texts (*Political Writings*, Vanguardia Obrera, 1986, 2 volumes), because their analysis, appraisals and clairvoyance will enlighten us on the road to socialism.

I did not have the fortune of knowing Elena personally, but as a historian I thank her for many things, among them, and not small, shed light on the figure of Stalin at a time when the avalanche of slander and distortions was able to blind many historians

There are many reasons to be proud of belonging to the PCE (m-l) and one of them is the example of Elena Ódena, communist model. Pierre Vilar defined her as «an exemplary representative of revolutionary fidelity». A woman who continued to fight to the end despite her irreversible illness. It was, therefore, an essential woman. It will always live in our memory, in the memory of the workers, in the memory of the communists.