The London Bureau and the Moscow Trials

The International Bureau for Revolutionary Socialist Unity has launched an impartial investigation by the working class of the charges made against Trotsky and those accused in the Moscow trials. The International Bureau has appealed to the Norwegian Labour Party to make an investigation by the working class of the charges made against Trotsky and those accused in the Moscow trials. The London Bureau believes that the Norwegian Labour Party should take the initiative in setting up the Investigation Committee, maintaining the necessity of getting the cooperation of representative elements in the labour movement. The Bureau believes that the Norwegian Labour Party is in a good position to do this.

In America, Norman Thomas and Professor John Dewey, among others, have issued an appeal for a committee in defense of Trotsky. Further a Committee of the Revolutionary Left of the French Socialist Party (S.F.I.O.) is participating in the movement for an international working class investigation. The London Bureau would like to see all these tendencies working in cooperation.

We wish also to call attention to the recent campaign of the P.O.U.M. to obtain the right for Comrade Trotsky to come to revolutionary Catalonia.

The New Theatre in Catalonia

The development of art and culture has been advancing space with the new methods of workers’ control in Catalonia. The propaganda as well as the way it is being undertaken is not new, and all sections are cooperating in the development of the New Theatre.

On the 26th of November Ramon Rullan’s Catalan was performed on the stage of the New Theatre. The play has been translated by Comrade Garin, a leader of the P.O.U.M. An evening was devoted to the presentation. A tremendous applause attended the very fine production. Comrade Garin’s particular treatment of the play is to be highly commended.

The last scene—the court scene—was particularly impressive when over three hundred players appeared on the stage. It seemed that this venture will be the first of many proletarian plays.

There is a child! Call out the air force.

A New Newspaper of the P. O. U. M.

This week a new weekly paper, the eXakta will appear, issued by the P. O. U. M. and the J. L. C. of the P. O. U. M. youth movement of Figures, savanna will attempt to answer the need for a decisive revolutionary and socialist leadership in the region near the French border. We wish our comrades of Figures every success in their new venture.

The Death of a Good Comrade

Luis Grossi, the brother of Manuel Grossi, Secretary of our Youth Movement in the Asturias, has met his death fighting heroically at the gates of Oviedo against the fascist hordes of Aranda. Luis Grossi was typical of the fine young revolutionaries of the Asturias who demonstrated their fighting spirit. He was in the vanguard of the October 1941 fighting and was one of the men behind the government of C. Bobi Ros and Lereux. In 1941 he triumphantly entered Oviedo with the revolutionary columns; only death could prevent him from doing so again in 1936.

As we go to press, we learn that the fascists have executed the mother of this young man.

The I. L. P. Commander of Artillery

Our readers will remember Comrade Martin who came to Spain with the Maurin ambulance and was later given command of a battery of artillery on the Huesca front. They will be interested to learn that the commander in command here are the I. L. P. Commander of Artillery. They will be interested to learn that the commander of a new battery of heavy guns on the same front.

Comrade Martin is proving a great help in the advance of the fascists. His advance on the fascist strongholds of Huesca and Saragossa.

Help from Germans in America

Comrade Tsalhanos sent us 200 dollars collected among the German refugees of the C.P.D. German Communist Party in the United States. The money was sent to the P. O. U. M. We are very grateful for this international revolutionary help. The German workers, not only in exile but also secretly at home, are helping our revolution.

Help from Spaniards in California

A group of Spanish residents of Fano, California, has sent the Spanish ambassador in Washington the sum of 50 dollars to help other residents among themselves to help the revolutionary workers’ militias.

Help from Sweden

A meidne of delegates from marine and maritime workers’ organizations of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland took place recently at Gothenburg, and has decided to invite all the organizations to represent to impose a blockade upon the ports held by the fascists.

Up until now about half a million Swedish Crowns have been collected for the militias. Furthermore 5,000 packages of clothing and provisions have been sent.

Our Right to Speak the Truth

One of the most fervent demands of the working class has always been the right to free speech, free criticism and independence of statement of facts. This is a progressive human right. The capitalist bourgeois class triumphed over freedom by using free speech, and the working class obtained power in Russia by fostering independent opinion whenever circumstances allowed. Now we learn what we want and where we are going and express our ideas on the subject.

When the fascists organized the military rating, which brought to boot the political and cultural rating in which the truth and breadth of 86 — a war for which they must bear the full responsibility — is clearly denounced. They have no right to adapt the working class. They meant to establish the counter revolution by setting up the dictatorship of the class. The fascists know exactly what they are fighting for. For the workers, must not allow themselves to be placed in an inferior position through muddle-headedness or indecision. We must use the new legal methods and demand that the right to put forward plainly the objects of our struggle, in spite of these reformist elements. Freedom of the press is the main thing, and instead are trying their best to do so. How can we limit our struggle to the negative formulas of samizdatism, as they would have us do?

Against the specific, counter revolutionary class objective of the workers, who must oppose a specific revolutionary class objective. There is no way to escape the dilemma of our times. Revolution is either to endure the consequences of the failure of revolution, or to resist the counter revolution by setting up the dictatorship of the class. The fascists know exactly what they are fighting for.

In America, Norman Thomas and Professor John Dewey, among others, have issued an appeal for a committee in defense of Trotsky. Further a Committee of the Revolutionary Left of the French Socialist Party (S.F.I.O.) is participating in the movement for an international working class investigation.

The London Bureau would like to see all these tendencies working in cooperation.

We wish also to call attention to the recent campaign of the P.O.U.M. to obtain the right for Comrade Trotsky to come to revolutionary Catalonia.

The development of art and culture has been advancing space with the new methods of workers’ control in Catalonia. The propaganda as well as the way it is being undertaken is not new, and all sections are cooperating in the development of the New Theatre.

On the 26th of November Ramon Rullan’s Catalan was performed on the stage of the New Theatre. The play has been translated by Comrade Garin, a leader of the P.O.U.M. An evening was devoted to the presentation. A tremendous applause attended the very fine production. Comrade Garin’s particular treatment of the play is to be highly commended.

The last scene—the court scene—was particularly impressive when over three hundred players appeared on the stage. It seemed that this venture will be the first of many proletarian plays.

There is a child! Call out the air force.

A New Newspaper of the P. O. U. M.

This week a new weekly paper, the eXakta will appear, issued by the P. O. U. M. and the J. L. C. of the P. O. U. M. youth movement of Figures, savanna will attempt to answer the need for a decisive revolutionary and socialist leadership in the region near the French border. We wish our comrades of Figures every success in their new venture.

The Death of a Good Comrade

Luis Grossi, the brother of Manuel Grossi, Secretary of our Youth Movement in the Asturias, has met his death fighting heroically at the gates of Oviedo against the fascist hordes of Aranda. Luis Grossi was typical of the fine young revolutionaries of the Asturias who demonstrated their fighting spirit. He was in the vanguard of the October 1941 fighting and was one of the men behind the government of C. Bobi Ros and Lereux. In 1941 he triumphantly entered Oviedo with the revolutionary columns; only death could prevent him from doing so again in 1936.

As we go to press, we learn that the fascists have executed the mother of this young man.

The I. L. P. Commander of Artillery

Our readers will remember Comrade Martin who came to Spain with the Maurin ambulance and was later given command of a battery of artillery on the Huesca front. They will be interested to learn that the commander in command here are the I. L. P. Commander of Artillery. They will be interested to learn that the commander of a new battery of heavy guns on the same front.

Comrade Martin is proving a great help in the advance of the fascists. His advance on the fascist strongholds of Huesca and Saragossa.

Help from Germans in America

Comrade Tsalhanos sent us 200 dollars collected among the German refugees of the C.P.D. German Communist Party in the United States. The money was sent to the P. O. U. M. We are very grateful for this international revolutionary help. The German workers, not only in exile but also secretly at home, are helping our revolution.

Help from Spaniards in California

A group of Spanish residents of Fano, California, has sent the Spanish ambassador in Washington the sum of 50 dollars to help other residents among themselves to help the revolutionary workers’ militias.

Help from Sweden

A meidne of delegates from marine and maritime workers’ organizations of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland took place recently at Gothenburg, and has decided to invite all the organizations to represent to impose a blockade upon the ports held by the fascists.

Up until now about half a million Swedish Crowns have been collected for the militias. Furthermore 5,000 packages of clothing and provisions have been sent.
Nin's Message to the Workers

The course of the events through which we are living has shown once again the correctness of our interpretations of the nature of the Spanish civil war and the Revolution. Before July 19th., that was what taking place in our country was not a struggle of democracy and democracy, but an aspect of the huge struggle begun throughout the world between capitalism and socialism. Capital class cannot overcome the deep differences which exist within itself. The war has shown the fundamental displacement of the centre of gravity of our policy by the bourgeois��.

It was necessary to cut off salaries, lengthy working hours and, at times, the total collapse of the state, etc. The economic and political situation have improved, but they have not brought about the desired results. The civil war, the blockade by the foreign powers have forced the workers and peasant masses to share in the bitter experience of the Spanish workers, the Revolution.

Frenta have thoroughly confirmed our predictions. Four months have been necessary for the success of the left elements, the fascist rising broke out. The electoral successes produced a rapid development of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.

The workers, as has been seen, learned the occupied the role of the armed workers. The Spanish workers acquired fuller class-consciousness.

The economy, as it stood prior to the revolution, has been transformed. The electoral successes produced a rebirth of democratic illusions in many minds. Do you really, people were saying, Now it is possible to overcome reactions by means of the vote? But we replied: Don't deceive yourselves. The present situation is only a transitional solution. It does not by any means signify a real struggle for democracy. The workers have only partly regained their privileges, and if the present situation were to be treated as an end, for electoral triumphs and turn to violence.
Towards a Revolutionary International

The first of a series of informative meetings and discussions was held at the International Bureau of the International Communist Union, Palma de Mallorca, on Monday, May 26th. The speaker was the lawyer and journalist, S. Gorkin of the Executive Committee of the Spanish Communist Party, who outlined the situation in Spain and the work of the party.

A great contradiction is taking place before us, and as revolutionary Marxists we must examine and explain it. At a certain stage in the struggle of the working class against the reaction, the party rose and elaborated different points of the speech. It is not socialism which has triumphed, but fascism. The defeat of the workers was due to their failure to unite and organise. The workers and the peasants must unite and organise to win the struggle.

The defeat of the workers was due to their failure to unite and organise. The workers and the peasants must unite and organise to win the struggle.

TRADE UNION DISCIPLINE AND UNITY

In spite of popular opinion, which so frequently and erroneously considers discipline as a method of tyranny and the trade unions as little better than police forces, it is obvious that the discipline is necessary for the workers to maintain order and avoid disorder. The discipline is a necessary condition for the workers to win the struggle.

In the agricultural field, the Russian revolution has taught us the necessity of having a clear and definite programme. The peasants are the real masters of their own country, and they must be able to control their own country's destiny.

In the industrial field, the workers have a right to demand discipline, for it is necessary for them to maintain order and avoid disorder. The discipline is a necessary condition for the workers to win the struggle.

In order to carry out the work of organising the revolution, the workers and the peasants are divided into two parts: those who are in the government and those who are outside the government. The workers must be able to control their own country's destiny.

In this way, the workers and the peasants must unite and organise to win the struggle, for it is the only way to save the workers and the peasants.

In May, 1936, the peasants were divided into two parts: those who are in the government and those who are outside the government. The workers must be able to control their own country's destiny.

In this way, the workers and the peasants must unite and organise to win the struggle, for it is the only way to save the workers and the peasants.

In this way, the workers and the peasants must unite and organise to win the struggle, for it is the only way to save the workers and the peasants.

In this way, the workers and the peasants must unite and organise to win the struggle, for it is the only way to save the workers and the peasants.
The Economic Council of Catalonia is given the power to collectivize industries of less than a hundred workers who have been placed quite satisfied with the treatment received.

The problem of organizing and provisioning them raises a series of important problems that cannot be solved in a moment. A vast organization has to be set up. All the organizations, the Economic Council of the Generalitat, the Trade Unions, and the other official bodies, are trying to fill this need. We are trying to organize the workers so that they must take this situation into account and do what they can to ease the work of organizations charged with this problem. We quite understand that, who have been forced to abandon their homes which cost them a thousand sacrifices. It should be noted that it is not a question of a few hundred refugees, but thousands. The workers of Barcelona would like to gather all the refugees in their city, so that they could live in a great capital, as they are accustomed. However, this is impossible without the help of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Likewise we should like to find work for all, but this is too difficult.

All Catalonia agrees that the refugees shall not lack food and shelter. We appeal to the workers everywhere to help us realize this goal. It is obvious that, with many workers at the front, we have to organize all the productive forces to the advantage of the collectivized or private enterprises which are being merged and, of course, the general interests of the country as well.

In pursuit of this end, the Generalitat has already permitted the formation of merger of several large industrial concerns.

The collectivized enterprises have given their consent and the advice of the Economic Council of Catalonia is required.

The Economic Council of Catalonia, the Generalitat, and the other official bodies, are trying to fill this need. We quite understand that, who have been forced to abandon their homes which cost them a thousand sacrifices. It should be noted that it is not a question of a few hundred refugees, but thousands. The workers of Barcelona would like to gather all the refugees in their city, so that they could live in a great capital, as they are accustomed. However, this is impossible without the help of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Likewise we should like to find work for all, but this is too difficult.

All Catalonia agrees that the refugees shall not lack food and shelter. We appeal to the workers everywhere to help us realize this goal. It is obvious that, with many workers at the front, we have to organize all the productive forces to the advantage of the collectivized or private enterprises which are being merged and, of course, the general interests of the country as well.

In pursuit of this end, the Generalitat has already permitted the formation of merger of several large industrial concerns.

The collectivized enterprises have given their consent and the advice of the Economic Council of Catalonia is required.

The Economic Council of Catalonia, the Generalitat, and the other official bodies, are trying to fill this need. We quite understand that, who have been forced to abandon their homes which cost them a thousand sacrifices. It should be noted that it is not a question of a few hundred refugees, but thousands. The workers of Barcelona would like to gather all the refugees in their city, so that they could live in a great capital, as they are accustomed. However, this is impossible without the help of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Likewise we should like to find work for all, but this is too difficult.

All Catalonia agrees that the refugees shall not lack food and shelter. We appeal to the workers everywhere to help us realize this goal. It is obvious that, with many workers at the front, we have to organize all the productive forces to the advantage of the collectivized or private enterprises which are being merged and, of course, the general interests of the country as well.

In pursuit of this end, the Generalitat has already permitted the formation of merger of several large industrial concerns.

The collectivized enterprises have given their consent and the advice of the Economic Council of Catalonia is required.

The Economic Council of Catalonia, the Generalitat, and the other official bodies, are trying to fill this need. We quite understand that, who have been forced to abandon their homes which cost them a thousand sacrifices. It should be noted that it is not a question of a few hundred refugees, but thousands. The workers of Barcelona would like to gather all the refugees in their city, so that they could live in a great capital, as they are accustomed. However, this is impossible without the help of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Likewise we should like to find work for all, but this is too difficult.

All Catalonia agrees that the refugees shall not lack food and shelter. We appeal to the workers everywhere to help us realize this goal. It is obvious that, with many workers at the front, we have to organize all the productive forces to the advantage of the collectivized or private enterprises which are being merged and, of course, the general interests of the country as well.
WHAT IS THE P. O. U. M.?

The P. O. U. M. has become the center of interest nationally and internationally. Many are those who come to us to discuss our position, or who write to us sending advice. But the opportunists only insult us, defame us, and spread lies about us. International opinion is naturally curious: "What party is this about which they talk so much and over which a governmental crisis is provoked? Why is it insulted and fought so bitterly? What is it, what does it want, where is it going?" We shall try to answer, but first let us present a historical parallel.

Lenin and the Bolsheviks during 1917 also passed through the same critical moments. The Mensheviks and the Social Revolutionaries—the opportunists of the Russian revolution—tried to mislead them and turn them from their political line. If the Bolsheviks had been dissuaded they would have been welcomed with flowers and praise. They preferred however to commit the crime which we are now committing: to speak the truth, to maintain an unswerving revolutionary line even at the price of a momentary unpopularity. They too were insulted and slandered; they too were threatened with physical extermination. They call us agents of Hitler: Lenin was called an agent of the Kaiser. They say that we are in the service of the fifth column (of fascists behind the lines). Lenin was exiled to Finland with Zinoviev, while Trotsky and many others were imprisoned and prevented from publishing the party papers. Who can doubt that without the unyielding attitude of Lenin the revolution would have failed? We do not draw the parallel simply for historical comparison; we do not believe that the events in one country necessarily are repeated in another. Still there are experiences which are repeated in almost every revolution.

What is the P. O. U. M.? Is it a Trotskyist party? This is the accusation hurled most often at us. Stalinism appears to desire to perpetuate this story as if the issue were Stalinism or Trotskyism. We are neither. A proof of this is the fact that we are attacked both by the Stalinists and the Trotskyists. We are simply ourselves, just as the Bolsheviks were Bolsheviks. We are a revolutionary Marxist party, forged in the struggle against capitalism and the opposition to opportunism, and firmly standing by our class position.

What do we want? We do not want governmental posts when they mean political concessions. We want the complete victory of the working class that is socialism. We want the socialist revolution in Spain and throughout the world. To reach our goal—which is the final goal of our class—we will ally ourselves with whoever works for its victory. Persecution does not frighten us; it only shows that we are right and our strength is proved by it. We do not seek an easy way out; we can face the lies and persecution and even a passing unpopularity. Our party is ready for struggle and sacrifice.

This is what we are and what we stand for. This is why we are attacked more violently every day. But every day we gain more support, and more messages saying, “Stand firm, comrades! Do not yield! Follow the correct line and win, as Lenin won in 1917!”

THE P. O. U. M. THE PARTY THAT FIGHTS FOR THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION