The Spanish Working Class Rallies Around the P. O. U. M.

With every day that passes we receive new confirmation of the interest of revolutionary Marxist parties everywhere in the Spanish revolution. Their interest is not confined to the armed struggle. It is primarily concerned with the scope of the revolution itself and the position taken by the various parties that claim to represent the working class.

This is the first revolution to succeed since the Russian revolution. It is natural that our experience should command attention and that its development should be carefully watched as a model for the revolution in other countries and for the building of the new society. The campaigns being waged against our party both in Spain and elsewhere have served to quicken more than ever the feeling of solidarity with our party as the only one standing for the true interests of the revolution. The events surrounding the recent change of government in Catalonia have brought to light the attitude of our independent revolutionary Marxist parties and groups.

Everyone is aware that there are a great many separate and independent Marxist organizations in the workers movement. Until the present time their unity has been impossible due to their different interpretations of certain problems. Due to their sectarian outlook, it has been difficult for them even to work together in united fronts for specific purposes. The P.O.U.M. represents the only independent Marxist party in Spain. This conference has resulted in drawing together all the independent parties, groups and individuals in defence of our party. This is, to us, a most encouraging sign for the future of the working class.

Since the very first we have pointed out the importance of the Spanish revolution to the world movement. This is true in many ways and one of the most important is the role of our party, as a general representative of minority tendencies in the workers' movement, in reconquering the daydreams and conceptions and methods of Marxism. In spite of the resistance it encountered on one hand of the United International of Workers, as a general representative of Marxists and political parties, as the center of inspiration for a reconstruction of the revolutionary movement of the world.

The importance of this conference is that we have called an International Conference at Barcelona. We are now preparing an appeal of our duty to the revolutionary Marxist movement. This conference has set its object unity of activity of all forces in view of the dangers which the policies of the world.

We will avenge them!
The Workers Patrols Must Stay

Our Aim is to Preserve Revolutionary Order

With the same enthusiasm and revolutionary spirit we men of workers’ Guard Patrols carry on, just as in the first days of the military insurrection, through the streets, railways, fronts, railyards, factories and streets of Barcelona.

Not detections, nor party sheets, we patrol these districts with the exclusive object of maintaining revolutionary order. We were stirred by the spirit of the revolution, which made us take up our arms in those first hours, and which continues to carry us forward over all obstacles in the path of the revolution.

We, the revolutionary workers of the Patrols, are not afraid of any enemy; we know how to shoot straight from the shoulder.

Today we have the interesting case of responsible men, who call themselves defenders of the class colors and raising a new cry. From the public platform and official places, their shameful lies and insults rain down upon the Guard Patrols. They have declared war on us...

It is not a question of the President. The Republic is paid enough to keep 300 patrol guardsmen. It is rather a premeditated plan of the counter-revolutionaries, who are disturbed because we are making the people’s columns support the revolution.

We of the Patrols are controlled by our revolutionary organisation, the working class alone, to whom we are responsible. Only when they order it will we disappear. Otherwise we shall continue the war, arms in hand, ready to shoot all fascists, and guarding the state in defence.

By A PATROL GUARDSMAN

The Barcelone Conference for a Really Revolutionary International

May Workers Unite!

Armed Forces Reveal the Character of a Regime

Two signs point to the political retreat which threatens our revolution: first, the order of the Madrid Defence Junta enforcing the police behind the lines to form armed state forces, and secondly the campaign opened in Catalonia by the forces of the Concentrations of Interregional Committees and against the control patrols. There are two phases of the attempt to deprive the workers of the army, which is the basic problem of the revolution. The workers have assumed full authority to repress the counter-revolution, and, in this, there is the solution of the revolutionary order.

When the capitalist law and order was found wanting, and when it led to the Civil War, it was the workers, who took over fully the control of the army, and the governments of Madrid have been made into police again. This proves that the real problem of the state is the basic problem of the revolution. The armed forces always existed in any society, and the real social and economic factors of the state. The A. B. C. of Marxism teaches us the function of the state. State power is based on the forces of coercion, which serve the interests of the ruling class, and maintain the social order, which is the result of the revolution.

So long as the working class is the only force in the country that has been able to exist, the capitalist state is its basic instrument of power. Hence it is necessary that the workers reassert control of the army, in order to continue the work of victory.

A workers’ police, manned by authentic workers, both in organization and feeling, is the best guarantee of the revolutionary workers’ army and against counter-revolution. The working-class has found in every instance that the services of the repression are now the most important factor of the revolution. In 1919 in Germany, the workers rose in arm in Berlin against the democratic Republic and was preserved with all its powers. From the example of this the European democracies have a class instinct which leads them against our budding revolution. The workers, therefore, must take the initiative and lead the revolution in the light of the new state.

Between Two Fires

The Spanish working-class is caught between two fires. On the one hand, Italian and German fascism allot their best forces to the suppression of the revolution. On the other, the non-intervention powers deny us arms, men and the means of the offensive. Both these antagonisms must be overcome, and no revolution can be made without revolutionary tactics. We, the revolutionary workers of the Patrols, leave it to the non-intervention states what they will do when the Revolution is victorious. We of the Patrols, led by the revolutionary Marxists, will lead the international working-class to the end.

D’emmen contre les Reformistes et les Internationaux Monarchistes!

British Lads in Action

The I. L. P. boys are now in action on the fedt lines in Aragon. They are in a community with a Belgian comrade. They write to a correspondent that the boys have been very happy at their enforced sequestration and have decided to live in this nice room, and we can do just as we like. The only trouble is that the boss has made a move to Saragossa, and we shall have to move out. We can’t have our own country, you can tell them the Revolution means to us poor folk in 250 Catalonia’s. By this time a quite a crowd of old people has been rounded up and is under the care of the Red Army.

As we left, the comrade in charge said: "Of course, this is all working-class, and in the name of whom the armed forces of Spain will do when the Revolution is victorious."
The Spanish Revolution

**FOR THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY**

The Military Resolution of the Central Committee of the P. O. U. M.

1. The Workers' Militia were the improvised arms of the working class. This army, strong in class morale, enthusiasm and tenacity, fought against the Fascist treachery. They defeated the Fascists. It was, after all, an irregular army, technically unprepared, which reposed too much confidence in the spirit and self-denial of a Soviet army which cannot be created in a day. The resolution of the class-struggle, science and technique of war.

2. To present the results of our revolutionary war, and the experience of similar wars in the past, is the purpose of this pamphlet. Regular Army of the Workers, which will give the present Workers' Army a military value, a well-advanced and favoured advantage of the fighting enthusiasm and heroic self-denial which it already possesses.

To achieve this it is necessary to fuse the militia columns into a regular army, adding to the volunteer militia where possible, a central and a discipline, the political control over the command. We present the proposals of the P. O. U. M., and those of the Conference of Militiamen.

3. The Central Programme of our Party, which represents the essence of the working class war against Fascism at the Front and Socialist Revolution Behind the Lines.

4. The spans of a war, the discipline, and Socialist Revolution Behind the Lines. The Spanish Army, under the Monarchy as well as the Republic, has been correctly said by Marx that war is the continuation of the class struggle by other means. The Workers' Army, the Army of the Working Class, the Socialist Army, in the service of the new class which has obtained the political power, the great Red Army of workers, must be created.

5. Of discipline among the troops.

6. A general of the right of the soldiers, and of their participation in the military operation, there should be established a committee of officers in each army; each battalion would have a representative of the Bataillon. In the Regiments a representative of the Bataillon. In the Regiments and Divisions there would be a delegation from the workers, representing each workers, would assume the functions of the Commissar, who would direct the war and plan operations.

7. The functions and attributes of these Committees of Soldiers, of their representation in the higher units of the army, along with the delegates of the workers' organizations, should be made clear by an Ordinance which must be corrected.

8. The socialist tendencies, which shall guarantee the political line of the army, must be preserved.

9. For an efficient army, a strict sense of responsibility is necessary, especially among the command, as a sense of responsibility, and the Executive Committee of the Party.

To succeed in this double aim without injuring the democracy and the workers, the authorities, who have the same interests and views, must be united to fight the counter-revolution, creating their own army of the revolutionary workers, and forming a socialist army.

3. The central programme of our party, which represents the essence of the working class war against Fascism at the Front and Socialist Revolution Behind the Lines.

It's programme necessarily presupposes, and puts in the forefront of the programme of the Revolutionary Army of the Workers, in the face of Fascism and to guarantee the building of socialism, does the Fascist treachery. The Revolutionary Army must fight, must be a class army.

4. The programme of the Workers' Militia includes a resolve to create a Socialist Army, in the service of the new class which is destined to take power, the working-class.

5. The discipline, the passion for work the ability to sacrifice, the firm alliance of workers and peasants, that is the only sure way to win the workers power from the oppression of landlords and capitalists.
The Campaign Against Our Party

As we go to press, we learn that what had long been plotted and prepared by a monotonous campaign of irritation, is now an accomplished fact. The Peoples' Front authorities in Madrid have suspended the publication of our Madrid daily duty on the 7th of November, encouraging the worker militias while all the others were abandoned in the general flight from Madrid. It is the station that remained on paper, «EL COMBATIENTE ROJO», and have taken over the Madrid. It is the station that in times of depression had an audience all the others were abandoned by the general flight from now on. The Peoples' Front authorities in station which broadcast, not the national anthem, but the radio station of the P. O. U. M. This is the radio station which was established at Madrid as a military necessity, intended primarily for news relating to military operations. Since January, however, the censorship had become frankly political or, better controlled by the capitalist democratic politicians, employing such military leaders as themselves to the fore on the streets, at meetings, in the press, instead of remaining silent out of a sense of guilt, they push themselves to the fore on the streets, at meetings, in the press, and unleash a campaign that we others have refrained from carrying on, although, bearing no responsibility for what has happened, we might justly have done so. All know the true reasons that have prevented the launching of an attack on the Aragon Front. We all know that there are more than enough means at hand to do so. We understand why these people are interested in having the Aragon Front remain perfectly quiet with no decisive operations being undertaken.

A Workers' Army

Made up of workers. Controlled by the working class. Employing each military leader as are necessary if there are not enough coming from the workers' class. Respect for the technical ability of the professional military, under the political control of the workers. Thus the formalism of the military caste is avoided. Every workers knows that he fights for himself. He knows that he fights for socialism. This assurance gives him the courage and self-sacrifice that buoyed up the Red Army of the U.S.S.R. during the revolution.

A Peoples' Army

Without a class character. It admits everybody. An exclusive military command. Military discipline excluding all working class thought. Its aim is to defend the capitalist democratic regime which all workers know has utterly failed in Spain. This means that it will be controlled by the capitalist democratic politicians who will use the People's Army to crush all revolutionary activity of the workers. This means that the military control, purely military, places itself above everything else, above the demands of the working class.

The Aragon Front

Denied Arms for Offensive

It must be made clear that if there have been no large-scale operations on the Aragon front, it is because there has been no offensive if there has been no effort to turn the assurance of Madrid, of Malaga and of the other fronts in the best possible way, to attacking the fascists on our own front, then it is through no fault: of the militia-men, no matter what organization they may belong to. They have all given their best proof of their spirit of self-sacrifice to be held responsible for what is happening, or rather is not happening, on the front. One must seek the real reasons elsewhere, in places altogether beyond the control of the men at the front. These latter, regardless of the organization to which they may belong, are not responsible for the stupid political manoeuvres that are being carried out with respect to the war by the very people who were the champions of the interests of the war and go so far as to place them above that of the revolution.

It must be understood that on the Aragon front it is possible to launch an attack with greater chances of success than on any front. An offensive in Aragon could have been, and still can be, the best means of helping Madrid. But it would also be the best means of raising the prestige of the completely working class army that occupies the trenches in Aragon. It is precisely this that the factions of the regular army in the hands of the military caste, of the non-political army that they are trying to create, wish to avoid. The worker-revolutionaries must never allow this latter type of army, however, unless they wish sooner or later to see the glorious revolution of the workers.

The Workers in Arms! No Mobilization! No Betrayal!

SALUD, Workers of the World!

We need money, clothing and medicine for the refugees from fascism

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