

Contribution of the PCTE to the Internationalist Event

“Contemporary Messages of the October Revolution for Our Current Struggle for Socialism Under Conditions of Imperialist War”

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A Party to Fight Under All Conditions:

The PCTE recently held its Third Congress under the theme that titles this contribution. The debates at our Congress are closely related to the theme of this internationalist event, held to commemorate the 108th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution. In light of the lessons that October 1917 offers us, we present some reflections related to our experience and our tasks.

Today, we base our activity on three aspects that define the moment and, therefore, the priorities of the PCTE's work:

- 1) Our Party carries out its political work under non-revolutionary conditions, in a period of high bourgeois dominance and political, ideological, and organizational dismantling of the working class.
- 2) The accumulation of objective factors allows us to assert, however, that we are entering a phase of high volatility in capitalism, which will undoubtedly have major consequences for the living conditions of the working masses in Spain and the rest of the world, exacerbating inter-bourgeois tensions and creating a context which facilitates the growth of reaction.
- 3) The most important task at this moment is the development of the Party through its presence within the working class.

Accepting that we live in non-revolutionary conditions does not mean that the class struggle is abolished. It means that the class struggle, inherent to the capitalist mode of production, develops within the framework acceptable to the ruling class, and that anything outside of this framework is easily redirected or repressed.

But we revolutionaries cannot simply wait for "more favourable" conditions for the development of our activity. On the contrary, we must study the evolution of objective economic forces, anticipating their possible social effects and their impact on the masses. Only an intense, intimate, and constant presence of the Party among the masses can open a period of revolutionary agitation.

Now that the material conditions for the construction of socialism-communism have matured, and capitalism has therefore entered a phase of historical decline, social life itself constantly generates confrontations between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat. For communists, these conflicts are embryos of consciousness, for in them the class experiences the symptoms of antagonism. However, their interpretation, and therefore their practical realization, is mediated by bourgeois ideology. For this reason, they cannot evolve on their

own toward revolutionary confrontation. Our task, therefore, is to exploit these embryos, ground them, unify them, and elevate them to build the revolutionary mass movement.

The experience of the long process towards the Great October Socialist Revolution, as well as the other revolutionary experiences influenced and stimulated by the Soviet example and the leadership of the Third International, shaped the party model required for organizing the revolution in the era of monopoly capitalism. In Spain, the triumph of Eurocommunist theses, an update of the political forms and practices of the old social democratic parties, meant a break with communist tradition and doctrine, with our ideological strength, the fruit of experience and its theoretical conclusions and syntheses.

Today, the difficulties of traditional social democracy and the bankruptcy of the new social democracy open opportunities for communists, but social democracy continues to have a high degree of leadership and control over working-class life. Without the action of a highly prepared party, capable of developing this weakening of opportunism into revolutionary consciousness, the doors are opened to the development of reaction.

In Lenin, the entire development of the notion of the party is inextricably linked to the problem of opportunism. There can be no development of revolutionary consciousness without combating opportunism, without removing the working masses from its influence. Similarly, the process of political elevation of the class cannot be achieved without introducing, in the heat of every phenomenon and conflict where class antagonism is evident, the revolutionary conception and strategy, while also understanding the entirely reactionary character that the bourgeoisie has acquired and the tendency toward reaction inherent in our era.

From all of the above, we extract the three essential characteristics that our Party needs: maximum cohesion and political-ideological capacity, an intimate and organic presence within the masses, and maximum preparedness for combat. A centralized party, a party with adequate intervention capabilities, and a party present within the working class. We call the development of these three characteristics "Bolshevization," as it summarizes the will to finally break with Eurocommunism and move closer to the Bolshevik party model for the present.

Bolshevization and the workers' turn are the keys to the development of the PCTE. The policy of the workers' turn is the understanding that the Party's development must be based on its influence among the working class of Spain, materialized in an organized presence in the places of residence and work of the working class.

For this influence to occur, planned and unified militant activity directed toward the workers' and trade union movement is required. This can only be carried out by a highly centralized and well-prepared Party with a permanent and internal presence within the spaces of socialization and struggle of the working class.

In contrast to bourgeois politics, which is based on the artificial separation between the economic and the political spheres, delegating the action of the masses to the parties and limiting their action to the communicative and state spheres, communist politics mobilizes

the working and popular masses, making them the executors of their political interests, and exercises this in their daily lives, permanently and constantly.

A Communist Party must, therefore, be present wherever routine capitalist violence occurs, to raise the consciousness of those who suffer it, and to increase the political, ideological, and organizational preparedness of the working class. If opportunism limits its scope to bourgeois institutions and their legality, thereby erasing the class character of the state, the communist party builds around it an organizational structure that declares its class character. Forming the active organs of the proletarian front and its allies is not a future problem, but also a daily one. These organs are not only the best mechanisms for developing the struggles of the present, but through their independent action and programmatic position, they are shaping the seeds of the dictatorship of the proletariat, of a new workers' state.