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Joint Declaration of ORT and PTE
 about ideological and political basis for the unification of both parties

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The Central Committees of the Party of Labour of Spain PTE and the Workers' Revolutionary Organization ORT, decided to begin from this moment on the steps towards the unification into one single marxist-leninist party.

We are moved to this by the conviction that uniting the marxist-leninist in one single party is indispensable in order to defend both the immediate and historical interests of the working class and all the workers people in a consequent manner and under the best conditions. This is a general principle, valid at any moment, and if the attempts made in the past have not been successful, the actual circumstances

require unavoidably to make this step forward, putting above all the supreme interests of the working class and the peoples of Spain.

In the serious political and economic situation on whose development will depend the configuration of the democratic Spain -conquered with so many sacrifices by our people- the electoral strengthening of UCD requires the marxist-leninists to close their ranks in one single party, to unite their forces, in order to endow the working class with an indispensable instrument so that they make front in the best conditions against the offensive of the finance and monopolist capital

which is to be foreseen.

The unified party will have as its ideological base marxism-leninism, enriched by the contribution of universal value of Mao Tsetung; it will be regulated in its internal functioning by the principle of democratic centralism and it will be constituted as a unique party all over the Spanish state.

The unified party considers modern revisionism as the principal enemy in the ranks of the working class.

We consider the Theory of the Three Worlds as synthesis of the fundamental contradictions in the actual world, and therefore it constitutes the guide in the international strategy of the proletariat. Both superpowers, USA and USSR, are the principal enemies of the peoples of the world and their rivalry for world hegemony constitutes a growing danger of war. USSR is the most aggressive of them and therefore it constitutes the principal target of the world wide anti-hegemonist struggle.

The unified party will be based in its international policy, on the principle of proletarian internationalism, promote the relations of solidarity and cooperation among the marxist-leninist parties of the different countries, on the base of equality, indepenence and mutual respect; it will support the liberation movements which struggle for independence of their countries from colonialism and neo-colonialism, it will close its links with the anti-hegemonist, democratic and progressive forces all over the world.

We stand for the unity and independence of Europe face to the two superpowers and the incorporation of Spain into the Common Market, taking into account the interests of the people; we will oppose the incorporation of Spain into NATO; we will strive for political and economic independence of our country with regard to USA, and against the renewal of the existing bilateral

military treaties, and for the conquest of the full national sovereignty and independence.

We consider that actually the western capital is sunk in a deep economic, political and ideological crisis without precedent, which requires alternatives of the marxist-leninists for the most urgent problems which affect the working masses, unite to the upmost forces a-



José Sanroma Aldea (ORT) and Eladio Garcia Castro (PTE) signing the joint declaration.

unite to the upmost forces against the financial and monopolist capital in order to put the peoples in march for these alternatives and for thepartial demands because it is in the middle of this crisis when the revolutionary forces must develop and advance.

The final objective of the unified party is to realise the society without classes, communism, as culmination of the historical stage of socialism under the dictatorship of the proletariat. The strategic objective of the present stage is the instauration of a democratic-revolutionary power to overthrow the financial and monopolist bourgeoisie, to realise full national independence and sovereignty, and to open the road to socialism.

We defend the unity of the peoples of Spain on the base of the recognition to all of them of the right of self-determination, and today we defend the Autonomy Statutes with the widest capacity of self-government which the Constitution permits, as a road to advance in the full recuperation of the national and regional rights.

We consider it necessary to combat both the influence of bourgeois nationalism and of centralist chauvinism inside the ranks of the working class and the party itself.

The unified party faces as most important battles to be carried out in an immediate manner in our country:

- The municipal elections, in order to contribute from inside the Townhalls to their democratization and to improve the life conditions of the neighbours.
- Make front against the offensive of the grand capital, which tries to go on charging the crisis exclusively on the back of the workers, promoting the mobilization of the working masses and the unity of action of the trade unions against the social pact, against unemployment and for the improve of work and life conditions.
- Consolidate democracy, assuring the recognition and exercise of the liberties we conquered, impulsing the democratic development of the Constitution, deman-

ding the necessary political and juridical measures in order to combat effectively terrorism and coup tendencies.

-To promote with decision the advance of the Autonomy process of nationalities and regions.

The unified party considers also that it is necessary to make front to the increasing dispute of the two superpowers in our territory.

We shall strive for the instauration of a government constituted fundamentally by the forces of the left, workers and popular forces, opened to the participation of nationalist and progressive bourgeois forces, to give the real solution to the problem of unemployment, take measures in order to improve the life conditions of the people, assure the exercise of the democratic rights and impulse the autonomy process in accordance to the hopes of the nationalities and regions and adopt the adequate dispositions as to go forward to full national independence and sovereignty.

In order to fulfil these objectives, the unified party will promote the mobilization of the working and popular masses, adequate political activities and the unity of the left, nationalist forces.

This declaration signed by the Secretary Generals of ORT and PTE on behalf of their Central Committees will be the base for the redaction of the Project for the ideological and political Line of the future unified party, which will be submitted to the approval of the two congresses separately, and later to be ratified by the unification committee, formed by 15 members of each party, will be encharged of developing this declaration and of elaborating, on this base, the future ideological and political line.

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