

# International bulletin

## INDEX



**Interview with Carmelo Suárez on the  
30th anniversary of PCPE**

**PAGE 2**



**Statement of the EC of PCPE on the 30th  
anniversary of the Party**

**PAGE 5**

Elaborated by the International Area of  
the CC of PCPE

[internacional@pcpe.es](mailto:internacional@pcpe.es)  
[www.unidadylucha.es](http://www.unidadylucha.es)

[www.pcpe.es](http://www.pcpe.es)



Member of



# Interview with Carmelo Suárez

## on the 30th anniversary of PCPE

**UyL: Greetings, comrade. 30 years is a long time, what was and what happened 30 years ago for the PCPE, then PC, to be born?**

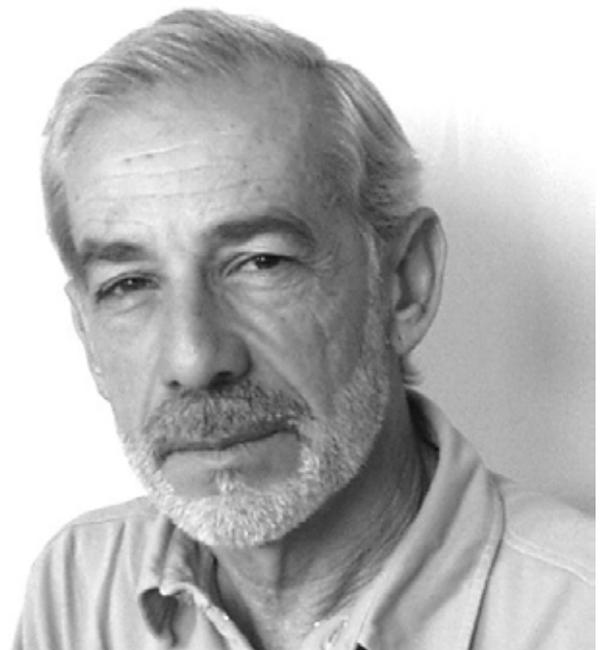
Several factors converged in the political situation which made our birth possible. Perhaps the first and most crucial was the rise of the struggle of the working class in the second half of the seventies and the beginning of eighties. That was the period of greatest striking activity of the trade-union movement after the Second Republic. That affected the Party issue, so that the previous breaks with opportunism - that never jelled into anything serious - could catalyze in that scenario of strengthening of the class struggle in the Congress of Communist Unity held in January 13th and 14th 1984.

Another important element was that opportunism abandoned many of its most misleading discourses and launched an international campaign to articulate its proposal around Eurocommunism. That is the famous photo of Marchais - Berlinguer - Carrillo, directly opposing Marxism-Leninism and breaking with the international communist movement, recognizing their alliance with the bourgeoisie to obtain a share in the management of the capitalist system. That was very enlightening for a major part of the revolutionary militancy of this country.

A third important factor was the response of the international communist movement, that understood the need to respond to this step of opportunism. Thus the PC. was born with the direct support of the international communist movement. That helped a lot, many barriers between the different groups that formed the PC, which came from the short visions and sectarianism and that we had not been able to overcome, were solved.

**UyL: Which moments in the history of PCPE would you highlight as the most important and defining of what it is today?**

Firstly, PCPE is marked by its constituent congress. It was a historic moment, a Congress with thousands of communists with their political practice inspired by the traditions of the Third International, who had played an important role in the struggle against the former dictatorship and who contributed with a political experience forged in the consistent militant



commitment and the heroism that marked a whole generation so hardly repressed by Spanish capitalism.

Afterwards we faced a very hard stage of blows and betrayals, counter-revolutions in the socialist countries of Eastern Europe, until we reached the Unity Congress with PCOE (Communist Workers' Party of Spain) in 2000, a turning point in the difficult path that we had had to face.

With that momentum we reached our 7th Congress (Extraordinary), where we had to face a difficult situation in the leadership of the Party. At that time the strength of the militant base of our party, who always maintained confidence in the project despite the difficulties, was proved. The importance of the method and the respect for democratic centralism in the solution of problems were also proven. It was not easy to solve the issue of replacing someone who was the Secretary General of the party, who had accomplished an important cycle but had exhausted his capabilities, but we were able to do it. PCPE came out the 7th Congress with a new impulse, internally strengthened and with a central leadership that was strongly committed to the project.



And finally the 9th Congress allowed us to give a new leap forward in the process of refining the project. There is much talk about the 9th Congress, it is a reference for the work of the party members and I think that what is expressed there is the maturation of certain political positions that were possible in a Party that, since the 7th Congress, was working with great accuracy in what refers to the method, strengthening the collective nature of the work of the leadership at all levels, improving the cell (base organization) structure of the organization and recovering the ideological education as an essential tool for the development of the project on the basis of scientific accuracy.

Other important aspects are the progress of the CJC or the important international work developed during these years for the recovery of the International Communist Movement.

**UyL: There were difficult times, the victory of the counterrevolution in the socialist bloc or the liquidationist escape of members from the ranks of the party. How did PCPE face those episodes and what did they mean for the development of the party?**

Those were unforeseen difficulties which we faced, sometimes, with minimal resources to address them. We overcame them because our determination in the path of revolution is incorruptible.

There were many organizations that claimed to belong to the revolutionary field which fell at that time and were dissolved, sometimes shamefully. I think the common element of all of them was that they were all watching from the corner of the eye to the capitalist system, they had some hope in the framework of capitalism.

The PCPE is a project that is forged with the best of the working class, catalyzing the best traditions of the Spanish and international revolutionary struggle, true heir of the Third International.

Even so it was hard, we lost the weakest elements of the organization and we suffered a certain degree of exhaustion

in our forces. The offensive against PCPE was brutal. But in that situation we said that we dug a deep trench to resist the attack and that would only come out of that trench only moving forward. Such a clear determination was essential to get where we are today.

In view of future difficulties, which we are sure that will happen in the frame of the class struggle and where capitalism will viciously attack the revolutionary ranks, we will also know how to resist and overcome. These past difficulties have been a training for the battles that we will have fight to in the future. In this issue our youth – CJC - is learning with great speed.

**UyL: A Marxist -Leninist party is a living organism that changes but, what have been the hallmarks that anyone could recognize in all moments of these three decades of PCPE?**

I think we could summarize it as follows: militant commitment, revolutionary confidence and confidence in the working class, democratic centralism, mass-oriented policy, loyalty in the agreements, criticism and self-criticism, collective leadership and scientific communism.

**UyL: After the hard times, after overcoming many tests, PCPE is clearly growing and on the offensive. What was the turning point in its history?**

Definitely a decisive turning point was the 7th Congress (Extraordinary). At that time we had already a long trajectory – in which we had faced very hard tests - which was an important learning process that forged our militant commitment. Some kind of our own “How the Steel was forged”. With this grounding we made a critical analysis of our previous difficulties and that gave us the opportunity to complete an assessment and take decisions which allowed us to improve our situation.

Then there is a factor that is beyond the Party, which is the capitalist crisis. This change in the conditions in which the class struggle is waged, together with the advances of the 9th Congress, has allowed us to start implementing the formulations

that for years we had been doing about the work on the masses and the dialogue of the Party with the working class, or the merger of the party with the masses, in Lenin's words.

Our proposals of the Committees for the Workers' Unity (CUO), with the aim of the class unity, and the Workers' and People's Front for Socialism as the alliance policy are two specific tools that begin to produce results and are translated into a political and organizational advancement of PCPE. All this put in practice by militants who are convinced of the project they belong to. All this finds a concrete expression in the continuous combat with a moral of victory.

Today the Party is a living tool in the hands of the working class.

### **UyL: The Communist Youth, CJC, celebrates its 30th anniversary next year. How important is CJC and how did the youth help to build the party, and vice versa?**

Today there is a certain gap of a generation that is facing many difficulties for joining the revolutionary struggle. This is a consequence of how the class struggle was waged in Spain and the successive betrayals of opportunism. This gap can be placed in the generation that is now between forty and fifty. The youth organization means the recovery of the communist tradition in younger generations and their incorporation into the revolutionary struggle.

Due to the objective conditions that the working youth faces today, without any future in capitalism, the subjective conditions advance rapidly and this results in a very significant growth of the CJC. Of course this can happen because PCPE has remained in place and the youth organization has a strong Party reference.

Furthermore, the youth comes under conditions in which it rapidly acquires a high level of political and ideological education, thus holding a very promising future. There's a plan for the transfer of cadres from the Youth to the Party which will mean a significant elevation of the capabilities of our membership, and this will have a continuity in time thanks to the ample growth of CJC.

### **UyL: What activities or campaigns has PCPE prepared for the 30th anniversary and, in general, for this whole year?**

The main campaign in relation to the anniversary will be organizing thirty rallies throughout the country. The Party organizations have already set these events with certain place and date. It is an activity that symbolizes the advancement of our presence among the working class.

Moreover, in this very moment we are launching a registration campaign aimed at increasing the membership of the Party and Youth, specially focused on large workplaces, industrial parks and places where there is a concentration of the working class. We want to significantly advance in the creation of base organizations in the workplaces.

On the other hand we will have the battle of the Elections for the European Parliament, where PCPE has drawn a clear proposal for the withdrawal of our country of that imperialist pole and for the advance towards the workers' power and socialism-communism. For us the campaign has already begun, since our goal is to explain our class-oriented political proposal in face of the deceptions of opportunism, which always speaks of "social Europe" as a possible model within the capitalist system and as the only possible horizon.

### **UyL: Finally, what awaits the PCPE in the future?**

The future of PCPE is to become the driving force in the class struggle in this country.

I have to say that, from the point of view of the political project, we are that force already. Now the challenge is to express that in the merger of the party with the masses, making that ever wider working class and other popular sectors recognize the PCPE as their driving force. That position, intrinsically linked to the essence of our project, will allow us to make concrete progress on the goal of building a new hegemony among the working class, progressively cornering the current positions of opportunism.

In the scenario of the deep crisis of the capitalist system we are a revolutionary force that prepares itself for the sharpening of the class struggle, for a significant increase of workers' struggles and for the consequent repressive response of the ruling classes. We have to become an organization capable of resisting the most violent persecution from the state apparatus, so that the increased repression can not break our structures and our relationship with the working class and the broad masses.

Imperialism will unleash new and more violent war scenarios in the near future. We prepare the response to these future scenarios of imperialist war. It is a central issue that can not be underestimated. We need a broad mass movement against the war in the perspective of socialism-communism. We have to break the mechanisms of social legitimacy for the policies of arms race and war. We have to call the troops to abandon the front and turn the imperialist war into a revolutionary civil war.

The times we will live in the near future will mean big changes and will test the ability of PCPE to play its historic role. We have not stopped to prepare ourselves in these thirty years and we will certainly keep preparing ourselves, with responsibility, to live up to the demands of the moment.

# Statement of the EC of PCPE

## On the 30th anniversary of the Party

Thirty years have passed since the Communist Unity Congress in which the Communist Party (PC.) was created. The creation of the PC. was the culmination of the unity process developed by five communist organizations which, in different moments, had broken with Euro-communist revisionism that liquidated the PCE as the historical party of Spanish communism. The following statement of the Executive Committee of the Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain is another milestone in the process of strengthening the Party and it is also a calling to the most conscious sections of the working class and the people to join the ranks of a party which is a quarry of fighters who organize and struggle with the firm conviction of reaching the workers' power that will build Socialism and Communism in Spain.

When assessing these 30 years of struggle, we that affirm our existence – together with the Collectives of Young Communists - is the element that has allowed the red thread of socialist revolution to be still alive and organized in Spain. Throughout the years, many other so-called communist parties and organizations renounced to revolution and the construction of workers' power. During this period of temporary advance of the counterrevolutionary positions, only PCPE held high the internationalist red banner of the working class. As a result of this perseverance in the revolutionary principles and analysis of Marxism-Leninism, the overall result is that today we have a Party that lives up to the bone involved in carrying out the task it has as the vanguard party of the working class and, therefore, in direct contact with the class in order to put forward the counter-offensive that will defeat the bourgeois power and build socialism.

While other parties disappeared or have been integrated in diverse ways in the system, the PCPE, with its membership always swimming upstream and setting its agenda and direction to the historical needs, has been able to remain a useful tool for the Socialist Revolution. This crucial fact - the existence of a Communist Party - that ultimately determines the class struggle and becomes an essential factor for its development, has been our core value and contribution to the revolutionary project in



Spain and we aspire to become the organizational reference of those who want to end with the decaying capitalism that needs to exert its dictatorship with higher doses of exploitation and violence.

### **A Marxist-Leninist Party.**

Nowadays, PCPE is what it is thanks to the use, for all these years, of Marxism-Leninism as a scientific body in which we have founded our unwavering defense of the working class and its role as the only consequently revolutionary class. As a Marxist-Leninist party, the defense of proletarian internationalism, democratic centralism and dictatorship of the proletariat have always been present in the process of building the Party.

Internationalism is a permanent banner on our history that today, together with the defense of those countries that continue building Socialism, is summarized in the vindication

of the experiences of socialist construction in the twentieth century and the assessment that their temporary defeat is just a bitter recoil of the class struggle at the international level from which the International Communist Movement must learn. We vindicate the International Communist Movement, to which we belong and where we hold a clear stance for the advancement and coordination of the communist parties of the world on a revolutionary basis, on Marxism -Leninism. This is the basis of our strong involvement in the International Meetings of Communist and Workers' Parties (IMCWP), in the advance of the International Communist Review (ICR) and in the success of the more recent Initiative of European Communist and Workers' Parties.

Democratic centralism is the typical way in which a Leninist new type party organizes itself and the only organizational form that enables the articulation of a political structure capable of dealing with guarantees of success the titanic task of destroying the bourgeois power and building a new socialist society in which the working class and the defense of their interests and needs are everything. A society opposed to the capitalist society which, enclosing the main contradiction between capital and labour is responsible for the operation and survival of perfectly solvable problems such as hunger, lack of access to clean water, illiteracy, child labor, etc., a socialist society in which all the

creative abilities of humanity would emerge. In the socialist society, based on a new flourishing culture of workers, not only the ancient burden of a society divided into classes would progressively disappear, but also the rest of contradictions such as the oppression of women, national oppression or the threat of ecological collapse, all of them a social burden that will be faced with greater guarantee of success, as we will inevitably have to solve them to get to build that society without exploited or exploiters we fight for. This society will not be possible without building the material basis that enables, through the expropriation of the wealth from the bourgeoisie and the socialization of the means of production and exchange in a centrally planned economy which will need the state to ensure its development and survival. That state is none other than the dictatorship of the proletariat and that is why we defend it as our way of political and social organization of the state which will build the Socialist Republic in Spain.

**FOR SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM!**

**LONG LIVE THE WORKING CLASS!**

**LONG LIVE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE  
PEOPLES OF SPAIN!**

**(30 años) actos**  
Luchando por el poder obrero y el socialismo

LA LAGUNA	04 DE ENERO	19.00h	LOCAL PCPE FELIPE DE SORIA
ALCAZABA	04 DE ENERO	19.00h	C.E. PILAR ROS
TOLEDO	04 DE ENERO	20.00h	C.E. STA MARIA BENDICENSA
LEÓN	04 DE ENERO	19.00h	LOCAL PCPE
LES PALMAS	10 DE FEBRERO	20.00h	LOCAL PCPE PASO DE SAN ANTONIO
CASTELLÓN	10 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	CENTRO MUNICIPAL DE CULTURA SANTO DOMINGO
LIMA	10 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	LOCAL DEL PCPE
SALAMANCA	10 DE FEBRERO	20.00h	ATELIER CALLE SERRANA, 34
SANTANDER	10 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	SALÓN DE ACTOS CC.OO.
ALACANT	10 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	LOCAL CC.OO. CALLE MAYOR 46
LOGROÑO	10 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	CITE DE LEON CC.OO. DE JIMIO
CASTRO URRÁLEA	10 DE FEBRERO	20.00h	PARQUE DE ACTIVIDADES BASTIDAS
UDEN	10 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	BIBLIOTECA JOVELLANO
MÁLAGA	10 DE FEBRERO	20.00h	LOCAL PCPE CALLE ARGENTA
COMPTONETA	14 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	SALA SANABRIL
SABADEL	15 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	
ALICANT	15 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	AVDA SALAMANCA, 23 LOCAL CC.OO
POPULAR DE LA FRONTERA	15 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	C.C. EL TEJAR DEL MELLER
BARCELONA	15 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	CENTRO CÍRCULO SAN MARTÍ
JIMENA	15 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	TALÓN MUNICIPAL GASTELAR
VIGO	15 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	SALA DE CONFERENCIAS UZUMI ET
PALMA DE MALLORCA	15 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	SALA DE SABOR GRAN ALCOVER
GUARDA	20 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	LOCAL PCPE-PCPE C/ CRUCE SIN LOS PALANQUES
OSMA DE LA FRONTERA	21 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	CALLE DE DON JUAN DE LOS RAYOS
LEÓN	21 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	EDIFICIO
MADRID	22 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	CENTRO CÍRCULO EL TEJAR DEL MELLER
MURCIA	27 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	LOCAL DE CC.OO
CASTRO	28 DE FEBRERO	19.00h	
VALÈNCIA	7 DE MARZO	19.00h	CALLE YRRA, 1 LOCAL PCPE
BARCELONA	22 DE MARZO	19.00h	SALA DE SABOR
VILLADOLID	14 DE MARZO	19.00h	CENTRO CÍRCULO
HONOLULU	14 DE MARZO	19.00h	

**30 años**  
**PCPE**  
PARTIDO COMUNISTA DE LOS PUEBLOS DE ESPAÑA  
www.pcpe.es www.unidadylucha.es