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## Decision of the Presidium of the E. C. C. I. on the Work of the Communist Party of Spain

The Presidium of the Executive Committee of the Communist International places on record the supreme heroism and self-sacrifice of the Spanish people, who, by defending the Spanish Republic and their rights and liberties against bloody fascist barbarism, are thus defending the cause of peace and the common cause of all that is advanced and progressive in mankind. The Presidium of the E.C.C.I. warmly greets the valiant Spanish people and their People's Front, their republican army, and expresses its deepest confidence that the Spanish people, surrounded by the support of the anti-fascist forces of the world, will secure a decisive victory over the forces of Spanish fascism and the forces of the German and Italian fascist interventionists, these incendiaries of a world war, who have invaded the territory of Spain.

The Presidium of the E.C.C.I. endorses the line of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Spain, which mobilizes the members of the Party and all the masses of the people for the struggle against the fascists, who are trying to destroy the parliamentary regime and set up a fascist dictatorship. The Presidium endorses this line of defending and consolidating the democratic parliamentary republic which guarantees all the rights and liberties of the Spanish people, of defending and consolidating the republic of the People's Front in which the material basis of fascism will be undermined and in which there will be no place for fascism, and where the people will be able to express their will freely and decide their own fate.

The Presidium of the E.C.C.I. regards as absolutely correct the policy pursued by the Communist Party to strengthen the People's Front in every way, to consolidate all anti-fascist forces still more, further to consolidate fighting cooperation and fraternal relations among the Republicans, Socialists, Communists and Anarcho-Syndicalists, because complete unity in the ranks of the People's Front is the decisive condition for the defeat of fascism. The strengthening of fraternal relations with the Anarcho-Syndicalists, which is extremely necessary and toward which the Communist Party is sincerely striving, is facilitated by the fact that the C.N.T. in practice has lately shown its ability in a number of cases to draw the correct tactical conclusions from the lessons of the events, has realized the necessity for forming a strong people's republican army, has come out in favor of inculcating military-revolutionary discipline at the front and in the rear, is participating in the government, is showing its readiness to assist the formation of united centralized leadership of military operations on all fronts. The vital interests of the Spanish people demand determined resistance to the attacks of the enemy, who through his agents, spies and provocateurs, is trying to destroy the unity of the People's Front from within by undermining mutual confidence and inflaming the inner struggle in the ranks of the parties and organizations of the People's Front

The Presidium considers as correct the struggle carried on by the Communist Party and supported by other organizations of the People's Front against the Trotskyites as agents of fascism, fulfilling provocative work in the interests of Hitler and General Franco, trying to split the People's Front, carrying on a counter-revolutionary campaign of slander against the U.S.S.R. and using all means, all possible intrigues and demagogic methods to prevent the defeat of fascism in Spain. Recognizing that the Trotskyites are carrying on

destructive work behind the lines of the republican army in the interests of fascism, the Presidium endorses the line of the Party for the complete and final crushing of Trotskyism in Spain, which is necessary to obtain victory over fascism.

The Presidium of the E.C.C.I. considers as absolutely correct the policy pursued by the Communist Party of most actively supporting and strengthening the government of the republic led by Largo Caballero, a government consisting of representatives of all the parties and organizations in the People's Front.

The Presidium of the E.C.C.I. considers as correct the position taken by the Party against wholesale nationalization of industry. It fully associates itself with the Party's line that nationalization should be determined by the interests of the defense of the republic, should be directed against the attempts of the enemies of the people to organize sabotage and economic destruction, and also should be carried out in the case of factories belonging to persons participating directly or indirectly in the rebellion.

The Presidium of the E.C.C.I. endorses the line taken by the Party for a close alliance between the working class and the peasantry and other sections of the toilers and, in accordance with this, the transfer to the peasants of the land taken from fascist owners, the line for guarding and protecting the property rights and interests of small and middle owners, the line for suppressing requisitions from the working population of the villages and towns. Hasty attempts to carry out the collectivization of peasant farms can in present conditions only hinder the common cause of the People's Front in the struggle against the fascist rebels.

The Presidium of the E.C.C.I. fully endorses the line taken by the Party for the ever closer military-political and economic unification of the whole country into a single indissoluble fighting brotherly union of all nationalities of Spain with the aim of securing the greatest possible unity in the leadership of all the republican armed forces, of all actions and operations at all fronts, with the aim of ensuring the maximum productivity of national economy for the needs of defense, with the aim of ensuring firm public order and the rapid suppression of the sabotaging, diversionist and provocative attacks of the agents of fascism.

The Presidium of the E.C.C.I. welcomes and gives every support to the campaign of solidarity with the Spanish people developed by the international proletariat and democratic forces in all countries, and calls for the utilization of the extremely wide possibilities which still exist in this sphere, for an even greater activation of the campaign for the fraternal support of the Spanish people. The Presidium of the E.C.C.I. sends heartiest greetings to the gallant international brigades as a component part of the united people's army of Spain, fully subordinate to the government and the military command of the Spanish Republic. Fighting heroically at the fronts of the anti-fascist struggle in Spain, defending shoulder to shoulder with the Spanish people the cause of peace and freedom against insolent fascist aggression, setting an example of discipline and supreme loyalty to the cause of the People's Front of Spain, the international brigades show in practice the high value of the international solidarity of the defenders of democracy and thus in all capitalist countries assist the growth of the anti-fascist People's Front, which rallies together Communists, Socialists, democrats, republicans and all anti-fascists in general.

The Presidium of the E.C.C.I. expresses the hope that in face of the increasing military intervention of Hitler and Mussolini against the Spanish people, intervention which also threatens all democratic countries and the cause of peace, the proletarian organizations

and in the first place the Communist and Socialist Parties, the trade unions of various trends and the genuinely democratic sections of various countries will succeed in bringing about joint action in helping the Spanish people. The interests of the victory of the Spanish people also demand that the Labor and Socialist International and the International Federation of Trade Unions accept the proposal of the Communist International regarding the coordination of their efforts for bringing about the best practical organization of material, political and moral assistance for the Spanish people, for the best organization of the struggle against fascist intervention in Spain, which carries with it the threat of a world imperialist war.

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