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**ALLOCATION ON PARTY CONGRESS**

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COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PORTUGUESE WORKERS (PCTP / MRPP)

**ALLOCATION ON PARTY CONGRESS & Resolutions**

I Plenum of the Central Committee  
December 30, 1976

Agenda - Item 1

Comrades:

We will begin the Ist Plenum of the Ist Central Committee of the Portuguese Communist Workers Party convened by me as Secretary of the Lenin Committee, Central Committee of the MRPP and as a proponent of the Central Committee list elected in Congress.

Our Order of Work, which has now been distributed and which there was no time to distribute earlier because the meeting is held shortly after Congress, is one that the comrades have in mind, and it is even before the election of the Secretary. -General of the Party, discussion and approval of the Agenda.

If any comrade has, after examining the Agenda, any suggestion, criticism, or amendment to propose, please study the Agenda and propose it within a few seconds, so that we do not lose much time.

The Congress that the Reorganizing Movement of the Proletariat Party held was a political act of such importance that even the enemy cannot ignore it at all and had to attack it through its press and its organs against it. -advertising.

The Party Congress was in every respect a mirror, and it must be understood as that, a mirror of our Party. A mirror that is rich in teachings, and which should always be present in the memory of our Central Committee when deciding to make decisions. Until now, many of our comrades had no idea exactly what our Party was about its implantation, its strength and weaknesses, its composition and class structure, its leadership, its applicability to work of the Party - Congress has highlighted all this.

The Congress is a historical act of transcendent significance for our working class, for our people, for the Portuguese communists. Congress cheered the whole Party with a new force, cheered the whole Party with a new certainty, and was an overwhelming defeat to the enemy's pretensions and plans to attack the working class and the people.

In the last year, all enemy forces have concentrated and fired their batteries at our Movement. An unprecedented campaign was launched, methodical and systematic, after the enemy realized that blows such as the 28th of May would not destroy our Movement or even diminish its combat capability.

After that date, after May 28, and the victory of our Party's resistance, the enemy adopted a plan of attack on our Party, much more treacherous and more difficult to destroy - tried to create the conditions for the division of our Party. Party, fuelled the extremely pertinent propaganda, slander, and injury campaign that caused some hesitation in some of our militants and at times threatened to split the Party by splitting its Central Committee.

These manoeuvres attempted first with the traitor Sanches and repeated later with the traitor Curly, were engaged by the Party, had a strong reaction from the Party and could be defeated. But without Congress it would not have been possible for certain elements, for certain of our comrades to understand that, although in the minds of these certain comrades, things had not changed, in reality the Party, in reality the class struggle, our own. Movement had resisted, gained much greater breadth, more intense penetration, consolidated, was in a position to prepare for new battles and new victories.

Congress has shown that from the point of view of class composition, our Party is doing well, but it must be one of our goals to improve the proletarian composition of our Party, to strengthen its working structure. In this sense, the recruitment of the avant-garde workers must be done very hard and must be present in the heads of all those responsible.

It is natural for the Congregation to imperfectly, poorly, reflect the proletarian composition of our Party. We know that some of the elected delegates were workers and were not present. Namely the delegates of the Castelo Branco district and other districts. This is, of course, because these delegates were not acutely aware of their historical duties as Party founders and undermined the trust placed in them by the comrades who elected them.

The absence of a relatively large number of elected delegates must be the object of uncompromising fighting on the part of our Party, because it reflects that a section of our militants has at least inadmissible backward ideas of a working-class party, a party that is the vanguard of the proletarians.

Our Party Congress has shown that our Party remains united, that it has greatly strengthened its unity, and that our Party's unity around its Central Committee has also been quite well expressed in the Congress we have just left.

Our struggle must be to maintain and strengthen this unity of the Party which must be considered the girl in our eyes.

We know perfectly well that within our Party there are classes, there are class points of view, class contradictions, and there is class struggle - that there is struggle between the two lines. But even so, this Central Committee must not forget for a minute that Communists must wage ideological struggle, political struggle, theoretical

struggle, on the basis of principles, on the basis of criticism and self-criticism, and with wish to get a new unit for our litter.

Our Party is very vulnerable to these problems concerning unity. In our country, where the petty bourgeoisie has a heavy weight, individualistic ideas often predominate over Party ideas; and within our Party it is not uncommon to find individualistic views on comrades and people, overriding Party interests, working class interests, revolution interests.

Our Central Committee must be particularly attentive to those ominous and wrong ideas that obscure class struggle, that obscure ideological struggle, and which are a means and an instrument used by the enemy to divide our Party from our own. Central Committee

The experience of six years has shown us that when the Central Committee is united and advancing, it is united on the basis of principles, the right policy and the advancement, the whole Party advances; and that when our Central Committee is unable to unite on the basis of principles, it is unable to move forward, the whole Party retreats, the whole Party suffers defeat and threatens to split.

As we examine the problems and teachings of the Party Congress, we should bear in mind this good teaching, which was the unity of the Communists, the unity of our ranks, the iron will that the Congress has shown, and if we continue on this path, not only At our next Party Congress, we will be even better off winning the enemy, but we will always remain on the right track and constantly widen our ranks and constantly consolidate our organizations.

The Congress of our Party has communicated a great desire that the whole Party feels for moving forward on the path of revolution. It was not just a demonstration of unity and strength, it was a demonstration of the desire to move forward, the desire to consolidate the Party where it was relatively strong, the desire to enlarge the Party where it does not yet exist, the desire to make it penetrate. more deeply in places where it is fragile or little, solid; and this desire, this demonstration, this demand from Congress must also be present in the heads of the members of our Central Committee, in the heads of all of us, and it is an imperative from the Party to the Central Committee, and a directive from the Party Congress to the Central Committee, a resolution that we must be able to adopt by interpreting it as fair.

Our Party Congress was a great victory, but we cannot rest on it. If our Party, our Central Committee do not demonstrate to the working class that strong congressional support is capable of solving the difficulties we face, the working class that has had its eyes on Congress and now has them on the Communist Party of Portuguese workers, you will not believe in our Party and our work of founding and organizing and developing proletarian consciousness can suffer incalculable setbacks.

Until now, the MRPP could apologize, if that excuse had legitimacy to exist, could apologize that it was not yet a Party, but now, this excuse, which in any case should never have existed, this excuse not. it suits. The workers demand from us, from our Party, what they demand from their combat staff. And they demand from our Central Committee what they demand from the main nerve centre of that combat staff.

The lessons we draw from Congress are a weapon to encourage us to fight, they are a spring that should propel us, and all members of the Central Committee must know how to interpret it, and to interpret it in depth. It is not today that Congress is

understood. Congress will take a long time to understand, even in our Central Committee.

The key to understanding our Congress is that we all know it and we must know how to apply it by practicing Marxism rather than revisionism, fighting for unity, not splitting and acting frankly and honestly, and not engaging in intrigue or machination.

Long live the Congress!

Long live the Communist Party of Portuguese Workers!

## **WE LAUNCH A POWERFUL OFFENSIVE IN THE ORGANIZATION'S FIELD!**

Resolution of the 1st Plenum of the Central Committee  
December 30, 1976

### **WE LAUNCH A POWERFUL OFFENSIVE IN THE ORGANIZATION'S FIELD!**

1. Launching a powerful offensive for the building of the Party was a watchword from the National Congress of our Movement and embodying an immediate political task of the utmost importance to the Marxist-Leninists, the working class and their Communist Party of Portuguese Workers. .

A political offensive of this magnitude, aimed at consolidating, strengthening and widening our Party and strengthening and strengthening our connection with the working masses, must be thoroughly and concisely prepared in all fields and in all respects, from theorists to the practical, from politicians to politicians. of organization.

This resolution is intended to examine the most relevant aspects of the Party's offensive in its own organization and to outline the principles to which it must abide and be guided by.

2. Objective conditions are excellent for the vast and deep political work in this area.

One, because the growing hunger, unemployment and misery of the overwhelming majority of the working people compels them irresistibly to increasingly determined struggles, to ever-increasing struggles, to a popular movement of repudiation and indignation, foreshadowing a great storm.

The other, because an ever-larger section of the people lost - or quickly loses - the illusions they still harboured in the bourgeois and petty-bourgeois parties, conciliators and traitors.

3. Subjective conditions are better for our Party than ever.

First, because the working class, the avant-garde proletarians and the advanced elements of the people have their eyes, conscience and heart set on the Communist Party of Portuguese Workers, which has just been born in our National Congress, and see in it the ultimate hope of the exploited and oppressed, of the simple and poor people of the people, in their liberation and emancipation from the yoke of capital.

Then, because our Communist Party comes out strong, united and enthusiastically galvanized, confident and resolute from the National Congress, armed with a just

political line and a broad vision of the political work that needs to be done among the masses.

A new spirit of the 18th of July, of a higher degree than the first, shakes our ranks and has dealt a powerful blow to the capitulating and liquidating chain of the Sanches and Curly.

4. The offensive in the field of organization — the battle of organization — is an exalting task facing Marxist-Leninists, and which it is their duty to conduct with the firmness of the Bolsheviks and the clairvoyance of a revolutionary staff.

The whole Party must be promptly set in motion, closing its ranks and daring to break into all quarters, organizing the workers and the people, because it is the people and the workers who are already waiting for us.

The mobilization itself and the struggle to make the National Congress a reality and a victory had the consequence and the merit of widening and reinforcing dozens and dozens of our cells, showing that mass activists are coming. Already in our ranks, in anticipation of future struggles, when still most of our leaders have not really realized even this deep wave that already runs through the whole society.

5. An offensive, even in the field of organization, must also be organized.

The centre of gravity of this new offensive lies in the Party's cells and grassroots committees: in the recruitment of the workers and other active and advanced elements and the people; enlarging the cells and basic committees to consolidate existing ones; in the strengthening of those who are constituted; in the application of democratic centralism and the Party Statutes; in the election, according to the plan approved by the superior committees and taking into account the concrete circumstances of the cells and party committee, the cell secretaries and committees and relatively broad base and with some evidence already given in the struggle.

6. Organization is not a technical task, detached from an ideological direction and the application of a just policy.

From what no cell is organized, no grassroots committee is consolidated, no structure is strengthened, if it is not closely linked to the masses, if it does not tighten its ties with the people, daring to put itself at the head of their struggles and dare to direct them.

Turning the politics and tactics out of the National Congress into action by the working masses and the people is such as to organize, broaden, consolidate and strengthen the Party's cells and grassroots committees.

To wage an uncompromising fight against revisionism, neo-revisionism and all opportunism, in matters of theory, ideology, politics and organization; uncompromisingly defend the interests of the people; Always striving for your dear aspirations and combining them with your final political aspirations is the way to broaden and consolidate the basic organization of the Party.

7. Every Party must pay scrupulous attention to the application of our Statutes; the whole Party must know how to create a dynamic, intense, enlightened, enthusiastic and prudent political life in the already constituted cells; the whole Party must be able to introduce liveliness and rhythm into the activity of our cells; institute good

management and working methods, hold regular, short, effective meetings, and discuss Party politics in close connection with the direct interests of the people.

8. Intermediate governing bodies, particularly District Party Committees, must carefully plan this battle in view of the concrete conditions of class struggle in their areas and the real situation of the Party so that no effort is lost so that no serious mistake is made so that no backsliding or no advance occurs.

Higher bodies, intermediate governing bodies, and particularly District Party Committees must be able to transform this battle of the organization into a large mass movement to consolidate existing cells and erect a large number of new cells.

Support, stimulate, remove obstacles, encourage success, teach from error and victory, generalize the political experiences gained, monitor the implementation of the plans, make frequent assessments, rectify the shortcomings, such is the method of management that higher bodies, intermediate bodies, and particularly District Party Committees, should be put into action.

9. Which line to build the Party?

The revisionist, neo-revisionist, bureaucratic, sectarian line leading to the isolation of the Party from the masses - such is the line of the Curly and the Sanches.

The Marxist-Leninist line, the mass line, the line of building the Party in the struggle, the line of trusting the workers and the people and unifying them unreservedly, leading to the strengthening of the Party's organization, its enlargement and its deepening - such is the proletarian revolutionary line taken from the National Congress of our Party and that this Resolution embodies one of its fundamental aspects: the building of the cells and the basic committees of the Party.

Join the masses, crush the liquidationists and build the Party!

(Approved unanimously)

## **RESOLUTION**

Considering the development that trade union work has been taking on the political activity of our Party;

whereas also the documents approved at the National Congress of the Party, namely the Organizational and Political Report presented by the Lenin Committee of the MRPP, set the task for the rapid holding of a Conference on the Party's trade union work;

whereas the volume of activity already developed and the political problems and political tactics that inevitably gave rise to a broad debate in our ranks on the need to intensify trade union work and to clearly formulate the specific political line of the Party this sector of activity;

rejoicing, on the other hand, the remarkable successes achieved by the Party in the trade union struggle, but at the same time recognizing that what characterizes our work as a whole is a great inequality at national level, to some extent reflecting the uneven deployment and uneven development of the Party;

The I Plenum of the I PCTP Central Committee recommends that the Party Trade Union Department make every effort to ensure that the Conference on Union Work takes place in Lisbon in the first week of March.

Social-fascists out of the Unions!

December 30, 1976

(Approved unanimously)

## **RESOLUTION**

The First Plenum of the First Central Committee, considering the enormous national political importance of the Congregation of the founding of the Party, and considering that the Congress is a school of inexhaustible teachings, resolves that, within the next fifteen days, all delegates to Congress will meet with Party militants who have elected them and will thoroughly communicate to them the political teachings they will reap, the Party spirit they have shared, the unity in which they have participated, and the meaning of the historic decisions they have passed.

This propaganda task of Congress - which is obviously not exhausted in the act contained in this resolution - is considered by the 1st Plenum as an important condition for the consolidation of the Party, the strengthening of its ranks and the preparation of the Party's political offensive.

(Approved unanimously)

Lisbon, 30th December 1976

## **MOTION**

The First Plenum of the I Central Committee welcomed the proposal of the Youth Department to convene for the second half of February the Congress of the Marxist-Leninist Students' Federation in the express intention to apply to the communist student sector and the democratic student movement, the general line and resolutions adopted at the National Party Congress.

Addressing to the young comrades of the Marxist-Leninist Students' Federation their communist revolutionary greetings, the I Plenum of the I Central Committee expressed its agreement with the Youth Department's project and expressed its full support.

December 30, 1976

(Carried unanimously)