

**PCTP / MRPP**  
**ELECTED - THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR PORTUGUESE WORKERS**

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The unanimous election and acclamation of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Portuguese Workers marked, yesterday, the closing of the work, behind closed doors, of the MRPP National Congress, which would be followed by the public Closing Session.

At the end of the morning, in the first period of yesterday's work, also by unanimity and acclamation, the "Party Press Theses" by Comrade Soares Lobo and presented by him were approved by the Congress of the PCTP Foundation.

In the course of the meeting yesterday afternoon, the Congress approved the Portuguese letter "An international", as well as took note of the Activity Report of the Party Organization Abroad.

Meanwhile, at the Presidium table of Congress, messages and greetings from the whole Party, from the four corners of the country, as well as from the people who were more closely associated with the founding of his Party, the Party, continued to flow with great profusion that will guide the exploited and oppressed to victory in the struggle for emancipation.

**UNITY, FIRMNESS AND ENTHUSIASM MARKED ELECTION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

After secret ballot, in fair compliance with the Party Statutes, the MRPP National Congress unanimously and acclaimed the PCTP Central Committee.

It was a moment of indescribable enthusiasm, great vibration and revolutionary impetus, in the spirit of an iron unity of the congressional comrades, of great determination, firmness and confidence in the future and destinies of the Revolution.

The applause still grew when, knowing the results of the election, Comrade Arnaldo Matos addressed the podium and from there took the floor for a brief

speech of deep political significance to the whole Party, the working class and all the people we present in another location of our newspaper today.

The elected Central Committee, the detailed composition of 8 intellectuals and 5 employees, which we present elsewhere, was proposed by the MRPP Central Committee and presented to the National Congress by Comrade Arnaldo Matos, Secretary General of the MRPP.

It was an immense joy that invaded the whole Congress and a demonstration of the iron unity of our ranks as well as of the firm intention, under one direction to advance the revolutionary struggle of the masses, in the right way of seizing power, towards Socialism and Communism.

The working class has its Party. The Party, its Central Committee, combat staff of the proletarian army. The people will fight, our Party will be at their head, in the fight against hunger and misery, in the struggle for the building of the Party, in the right way to seize power.

#### THE 'PARTY PRESS THESES': RUN THE NEWSPAPER, BUILD THE PARTY

The discussion of the "Theses on the Party Press" began at the third working day of the second day of Congress and marked the closing of that evening.

After Comrade Arnaldo Matos's presentation of the theses, prolonged, loud applause from vibrant slogans erupted in the Congress hall. It was a significant manifestation of support for the Theses, even before their discussion and approval by Congress.

Yesterday morning, when the work resumed, close to a hundred delegates had already signed up to take the floor, and no doubt that a lively and lively discussion encouraging all comrades - even with differing positions - to take the floor, was the that followed.

Comrades made proposals on how to carry out the Theses, the elaborate plans, particularly as regards the 'economic' battle to save and maintain the Party newspaper, the daily 'popular struggle', as well as its central theoretical journal.

In the ensuing remarks, Comrade Joao Machado, Second Secretary of the Central Committee of the MRPP, was to take the floor, and his speech in support of the Theses received wide applause from the whole Congress.

Recalling the battle of the newspaper, since the founding of the MRPP and the struggle between the two lines that has always been fought around it, Comrade João Machado, one of the founders of the MRPP, presented to Congress all the rich experience of before and after the 25th April on the struggle of the authentic communists to raise the Marxist-Leninist diary to the broad masses showing in particular the central issue that the newspaper is the main instrument of the building of the Communist Party of Portuguese Workers.

Some comrades also went up to the podium and there expressed their views on one of the Thesis issues, which refers to the maintenance or not of the regional press.

Concluding the set of speeches, Comrade Fernando Rosas of the MRPP CC and Director of the "*Luta Popular*" would also speak, and, finally, Comrade Secretary-General Arnaldo Matos.

Comrade Director of *Popular Struggle* would show how the Theses are a bold program and the great battle that opens for its application and to overcome the resistance.

Comrade Arnaldo Matos then took the floor to address all the controversial issues, took a stand on them - the price of the newspaper, criticism of the newsroom, the maintenance of the regional press, the style of work, the vigorous news of relations between the Party with the newspaper and the newspaper with the Party - always defending just views that united the congressmen in firm and resolute support for the Theses.

The questions were clear, surely some voices did not speak out hoping for a better time. It is a tough class battle that awaits us.

The Party wants to lift the newspaper, the Communists, at the head of the working class, want to build the Party. We dare to fight, to dare to win.