

# Revolutionary Communist League of Britain

## Report on meeting with cde Sergio

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### Sergio.

International Situation: ORT fully supports theory of the three worlds. Have applied it to Spain, but not in a mechanical way. It is essential to integrate the class struggle in one's own country with that internationally.

Two superpowers are main enemy of the people of the world, but SU is the more dangerous superpower and the most dangerous source of war. Task of proletariat internationally is to build broadest united front against the superpowers. Relations between second and third world countries should be improved.

Cannot apply line on SU to Spain in a mechanical fashion. Spain is dependent on US imperialism. US imperialism not only external enemy, but part of exploiting forces. Even if Spain not a puppet, dependence on US is increasing, more so than under Franco. Soon US banks will be introduced into Spain. Taking over from Spanish oligarchy.

Main enemy in Spain is Spanish ruling class, which is upper layer of bourgeoisie and US imperialism. Other imperialist powers, such as West Germany, can be neutralised. Pretty sure that US would intervene militarily if revolution occurs.

SU is not main enemy, but it is increasing its penetration. Must do propaganda on this.

SU is putting pressure on Canaries. Saying that OAU should declare Canaries colonies. But Canaries are only geographically related to Africa, not in a political or economic sense. 'Liberation' movement in Canaries is not genuine, but is a puppet of SU controlled through Algeria. SU also wants to get base near Gibraltar. Supports Basque movement. Also supports Andalusian 'separatist' movement: phoney movement controlled by SU through Libya.

Strategy of ORT is to direct struggle at principal enemies, US imperialism and its Spanish supporters. They have bombs, bases and economic control. Simply not materialist to say SU is main enemy.

ORT thinks unity of genuine M-L movement very important. Cannot have unity only with ourselves, cannot unite only with those Parties with which we have 100% agreement. Must maximise basis for joining forces. If narrow base will create blocs.

Do not take positions on what is happening in other countries. e.g. Portugal - do not say that US is principal enemy, and that SU is not. This is up to Portuguese comrades, even if we have internal view. Also KPD say SU is main enemy in Germany - but that is their right.

When we speak to CPC do not consider it task of CPC to say who is main enemy in Spain.

Are going to Lisbon conference to put ORT view, will not allow themselves to be censored.

Carillo is critical of SU, but from standpoint of liberal bourgeoisie. His stand obscures real nature of SU - he supports detente and Cubans in Africa.

Yugoslavia is not a socialist country, but has great spirit of independence. Cannot build socialism on Yugoslav line.

Gibraltar (I asked him for his views on this). Should be part of Spain. Connected with Q. of Spain entering NATO. British want Gib. to be NATO base, but part of Spain. ORT policy is against both military blocs, but do not want to one-sidedly weaken NATO. Gibraltar as part of NATO would be worse for national independence - NATO is US dominated and US is main enemy. Are in favour of joining EEC as this would weaken US control.

In Spain, revolution could come before war, must prepare for both possibilities. Political situation is developing consciousness of millions of people. Some factors for revolution exist in Spain.

Before finishing the cde. gave the greeting of their General Secretary, cde. Sanroma, and said that an invitation to send a delegation to Madrid would be in the post soon. The ORT very much want to develop relations with the ORT, RCL.

MC (I said that as the meeting was informal and not prepared for, the views I expressed should be considered individual views.)

I spoke on the RCL's firm support of the theory of the three worlds, that both superpowers are the main enemy, our view of the SU, the stage of the revolution in Britain and who our main enemy is. I spoke also of our correction of some rightist errors on British imperialism and on third world countries. I said that these errors should be attributed to the RCL and not to the theory of the three worlds.

### Sergio.

In ORT's view British imperialism is big second world country with mainly reactionary features.

We should speak more of Gibraltar - a matter of common interest.

There is only I M-L force in Spain - the ORT, dangerous to make analogy with situation in other European countries. Only one other org, which could claim to be M-L - the PTE. (Others are clearly not).

PTE have sent people to world festival in Cuba, said they are not 'Stalinist', say main enemy in world is US and can ally with SU. Held meeting on occasion of 60th anniversary of October revolution in Soviet embassy.

The meeting closed on a high note of unity and comradeship, with the ORT cde. urging us to take up the invitation of a delegation to Madrid.

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