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NEWSPAPER "UNIDAD Y LUCHA" (UNITY AND FIGHT)

Facing the information that monopolies show us through their media, the organized working class organized has its own newspaper, **the organ of expression of the Central Committee of the PCPE "Unidad y Lucha"**. Do not let them continue to sell stories. Unidad y Lucha (UyL) is the newspaper of the Party of the working class, written by and for workers

HISTORICAL ARCHIVE OF CJC

To celebrate the 30th anniversary, CJC has made public the historical archive that collects **documents of its career since 1985**. Articles, resolutions, extracts from magazines, photographs, etc. All materials are necessary for understanding **the development of the Communist Youth** and maintain firmness today.

CURIOSITIES

Did you know that the magazine Tinta Roja (Red Ink) was called Youth until 1997?

The origin of the "Youth" name goes back to 1936 when the Socialist and Communist Youth decided to give this name to the organ of the organization recently founded by the unity of both: the Unified Socialist Youth (JSU). In 1986, 51 years later, the nascent CJC decided to give this name to its organ of expression, which was changed on the occasion of its Fourth Congress in 1997, assuming its current name: Tinta Roja (Red Ink).

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EDITORIAL

If there is anything that characterizes the Collectives of Communist Youth is **we have been a pain in the neck since our very own birth, 30 years ago.** Actually, our own birth was a real declaration of intent, as back in the mid 80's **it demarcated the communist youth movement** in two fields: the revolutionary field, a resolute advocate of Socialism and the Soviet Union, organized by the Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain (PCPE); and the opportunist or reformist field, coming from the Eurocommunism of the Communist Party of Spain (PCE), which had spent time trying to lessen the role of the Communist Party to a mere electoral choice. And we could not have a more galactic debut than **the 1985 and 1988 general strikes** that stopped the country: a real fight school where the most conscious young workers could harden themselves in the class struggle.

Our fighting spirit has been such throughout the years that **not even the counter-revolution in the USSR could make us surrender**, despite the so strong attack it supposed in the early 90's. While many lowered the red flags and looked for new theories to excuse themselves, our comrades in those times, now veterans, held firmly the ensigns of Marxism-Leninism in their hands. **They could not consent the betrayal that was been committed to so**

many workers who had fought and even died since the foundation of the Communist Party, in 1921, for

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the defense of those principles.

And thanks to all of them, thanks to all those generations of communist fighters, the Collectives of Communist Youth are here now: we are still a pain in

the neck! Because **the communists have reasons to exist while the exploitation of man by man exists** and, so, aware of this historical need, every communist who dies is reincarnated in another new communist, in a 20-year-old-young who has just become a member, with still a lot to learn but with a strong will to make its fair goals reality.

This magazine you have now in your hands -with the same name, Youth- is the same one that many young people like you had in their hands for decades. Imagine for a moment what they thought about while they were reading it and under what so different circumstances they could find it. Precisely, **the essence of the young communist member is that one: to be aware of your social position as a worker or future worker, to learn from experience and always to look at the future with optimism.**

**LONG LIVE THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
COLLECTIVES OF COMMUNIST
YOUTH!**

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BEING A MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST YOUTH

**AWARENESS FOR PRESENT, HONOR FOR PAST
AND OPTIMISM TOWARDS THE FUTURE**



30 YEARS OF CJC

30 YEARS ORGANISING

THE STUDENTS

Young students are one of the essential pillars of the Communist Youth. That is the reason why during these 30 years we have been in each of their struggles trying to organize a response to the capital offensive against public education.

One of the tasks our militancy have been developing since 1985 is the fight against the privatisation of education, opposing any law made by the bourgeois State to give private and subsidised centres larger concessions to the detriment of public education.

CJC first fight was in 1990 against the establishment of the **Ley de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo (LOGSE)** and since that time we haven't

ceased in denouncing every legal reform including the LOMCE, approved last year.

It is important to stress that we have opposed from the very first moment to the **European Higher Education Area (EHEA)**, better known as **Bologna Process**, applied to higher education. From 2005 onwards we have developed a massive campaign against Plan Bolonia collecting the experiences obtained from the fights which took place in **1999 and 2000 against the Ley Orgánica de Universidades (LOU)**. This fight lasted to 2009, when, in spite of mitigating the application of Bolonia, it was proven that the tasks of complaints for themselves weren't enough and that it was necessary to go one step further if we wanted

to stop the next EHEA objective, **Estrategia Universidad 2015**.

During the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, facing the advancement of the labour movement and the feeling of remoteness that caused the year 2015, the students' mobilization depended on the convocations by the labour unions. The students supported the three general strikes and the strike from the public sector which were called up in those years. But the students' movement was soon reactivated with the announcement of the government to approve the **Ley Orgánica para la Mejora de la Calidad Educativa (LOMCE)**. Since then, the student movement grew. This growth was expressed in different strikes, which dragged



not only the majority of the students but **also the teaching and administrative staff, and counted on the support of the parents.** The main difficulty was to reactivate the student structures after almost three years of organisational gap, lack of experience and most of the student leaders in the last years of their studies, near the end of them.

This accumulation of experiences have made us to realise, as we pointed out before, that the tasks of complaint, no matter how regular they were, won't suppose a progress by themselves for the students. These complaints must be supported by **an organisational proposal which allow the students to transfer the demands generated in their**

centres of learning. Not only for fighting back these attacks, but to focus on building an educational system that it is really at the service of the students, the working class and popular sectors. In this respect, CJC always have committed to create a **framework of unity at state level.** We have boosted and worked on the associations which sought a greater coordination and confluence.

On a different level, these 30 years of fight with the students have required a **continued internal work of analysis and formation** from us, in order to refresh our suggestions to the development of the student movement. For this reason we have organised countless proceedings, sessions and reports of students topics. And

we will continue organising them.

As a result from this accumulation of experiences, nowadays our youth is capable of dealing with the large quantity of challenges that supposes the student movement. Now more than ever the oligarchy attacks public education to add another sector to the exploitation of the capital and control our training as workforce. **The fight we began 30 years ago is still alive and our work is needed now more than ever.**

Pau Román, students Responsible of the Central Committee in CJC.



II YOUTH CAMP//

From the 14th to the 16th of August, come to the II Youth Camp!

If Capitalism does not stop its exploitation in summer, the working youth cannot stop our struggle.

This is the reason why this summer we organize the "Youth Camp" again under the logo "United we are strong, organized invincible". It will celebrate its second edition that will be even more special because it coincides with the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the Collectives of Young Communists (CJC).

With the experience of the previous edition, this year we come back with more motivation and willingly to try to convert the Camps of the Youth in a **reference of entertainment and formation to the youth of our country**, which will move from all the places to go every year to the event.

That is why the objectives that we want to reach this year are ambitious. Our intention is to duplicate the assistance of young fighters, which come from the different schools and colleges, popular neighbourhoods and working places where they have demonstrated their braveness during this course. In addition, this year we have the aim of **hosting an international delegation** of young people that come from other countries, mainly from Europe and Latin America, with the purpose that they also teach us their experiences and that they show us the situation of the youth in their countries.

We value as really positive the organization of the last year camp. This one, we come back to focus each day on a concrete thematic, in which we intersperse **cine-forums, sport competitions, music shows and entertainment activities** in general.

Do you want to know what will the thematic be each day?

Como aperitivo adelantaremos Firstly we will show some of the contents of the camp to start and to encourage you and yours to go and participate. Remember: it will be the days 14th, 15th, and 16th and **you have to complete your inscription with enough time to assure your assistance.** The prize and the way to fill the inscription

will be available in our website: www.cjc.es, be aware.

1st day: Thursday 13th August

The first day we will talk about **the experiences and anecdotes that the student movement has given us in the last 30 years:** the vindications, ways of mobilization, obtained conclusions, etc., with the aim of applying what we have learnt to the daily struggle. Furthermore, we can see the exposition about the 30 years of history of the CJC, which will be available during the whole camp.

2nd day: Friday 14th August.

The second day will be international. This day we will know some of **the struggle experiences of the peoples of the entire world against the imperialist tyranny** and against the measures that the different governments are imposing. In this way, intermingled with other activities that are not confirmed yet, we will know the situation of the **Sahara Occidental** through the brigadiers that will live in their skin the situation of this country. Also, we will talk about the anti-imperialist struggle that during 70 years have done **the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY)** that is composed by anti-imperialist organizations of 75 countries.

3rd day: Saturday 15th August

The third and last day, apart from enjoying an amazing route across historical places where important anti-francoist struggles took place, we will have the opportunity of analysing and sharing the keys of some themes of the current situation as the "**Ley Mordaza**" (Mordaza Law) and the "**Asociación Transatlántica para el Comercio y la Inversión**" (as well known as TTIP).

Fourth day: Sunday 16th August

The fourth and last day, more calmly, we will do the closing ceremony it will be a tribute to the 70th Antifascist Victory Anniversary.

During these days we will celebrate a concert whose groups have not confirmed yet, but that will be announce in a short time and will be the end-point of this second Edition of the Youth Camp for the Peace and against Imperialism.

As the Commander Ernesto "Che" Guevara said:

"The fundamental clay of our work is the youth, on them we will deposit our hope and we will prepare them to take from our hands the flag."

Liher Calleja, *Manager of the II Youth Camp*

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30 YEARS FIGHTING

TO BRING THE WORKING CLASS TO POWER

CJC has always defended the need of a strong working movement that makes the capitalist class tremble. The first evidence of this was our participation in the **general strike on June, 20th 1985**, just a year and a half after our foundation.

Three years later, on **December, 14th 1988**, the strike was such that even knocked the TVE (national television) signal. These general strikes were a real "schools of war" of the entire working class. Only through struggle it can be learnt how to recognize the capacity of its strength, facing the oligarchy.

Since then, CJC has participated in every general

strike that the working class has taken a leading role in our country, as well as in the various claims and conflicts that have taken place.

In the last general strike on **November, 14th 2012** CJC could see how young workers want to fight and how they don't give up into a future of poverty to which the capital wants to relegate them. The same value was shown in the **strike of March 29th** of that year and earlier in the strike in **September 29th, 2010**.

Although since then there has not been organized general strikes, **workers' protests have continued** and as communists we have always been there supporting them. Precisely, the development

of these struggles has shown the right thing about our discourse: the need of a Socialist Revolution in Spain.

About how to organize the working movement, CJC in the 80s defended the trade union **Comisiones Obreras** as our benchmark; hence we presented union delegates for this trade union. Today, with the spirit of the first workers' members of this trade union, we are convinced that **Committees for the Workers Unity (CUO)** are necessary for the union of the working class regardless of union membership.

Roberto Guijarro, Workers and
union movement Responsible
of Central Committee of CJC.

WORKERS AND UNION MOVEMENT//////////



Workers from "Coca-Cola en lucha" during one of more than 800 demonstrations they have made since January, 2013.



The Youth on the warpath

(1936-1939)



Spain was awakening troubled, the news was coming with dribs and drabs until the facts became evident: **the military uprising against the Republic** was general. July, 18th would become one of those key dates in the history of Spain, a date that would open the darkest, saddest and most painful period of our people, but also a date that opened **heroic pages of fights and resistance written with blood.**

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Some thought that finishing with the Republic, with the desires and hopes of a whole people, would be easy. But the loyal forces, the working class, the peasants, the intellectuals, the working Spain wouldn't let to be won. **Franco's war machinery couldn't win, neither Hitler's, neither Mussolini's,** it was needed intrigues and treasons and the Fifth Column turned up being the most efficient weapon. The war ended after 1,000 days of combats with the gates of Madrid wide open and Franco entering victorious in the city of the **"No Pasarán"** (They shall not pass).

But if Franco needed intrigues and the use of the most modern and deadliest war machines to crush the Republic was because, amongst the people, the Youth, in hundreds of thousands of people, threw themselves into crushing Fascism. The great poet Miguel Hernández said it: "The youth always pushes, the youth always wins, and the salvation of Spain of its youth depends".

That's how it was and this is their story, the story of young people like **Trifón Medrano**, that was general secretary of the UJCE and frontline fighter, like **Miguel Hernández**, who at the beginning of the war was only 26 years old, like **Vicente Alcalde**, later dead at the defence of Stalingrad, like **Antonia Portero**, that was 17 years old when she watered with her blood the front of Villaverde, or like **Antonio Coll**, who in Carabanchel didn't doubt to throw himself to the Italian tanks, those iron monsters that spit death, with his hand-grenade. This is the story of more than 250,000 young people that massively enlisted in the Socialist Unified Youth (JSU) to give their lives against Fascism, 250,000 anonymous lives, but all of them with a name, a family, a story.

The Youth with weapons had in the JSU their organization of reference, the

organization that had since its birth: **the gene of unity and fighting spirit.** It was created a few months before the war; **JSU formed a group with the best of a generation.** By the hand of the Communist Party of Spain, they quickly understood the nature of war and the need to act in consequence. All over the country the headquarters and centres of the JSU became places of recruitment, thousands of men and women **went to the front with limited training, but with enough will.** A lot of them were teenagers of 13, 14 and 15 years old.

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Their role wasn't to be on the front yet because the rearguard required a great attention. They had to work in the International Red Aid, assist the wounds, keep producing in the factories, farm the fields, educate the pioneer, tend the children, but also generate reserves to substitute on the front the fallen brothers, fathers, mothers and friends. Around the structure "¡¡Alerta!!" (Alert!!), young people between 14 and 24 years old were organized for the cultural, physical and military formation, collaborating in all the tasks of the rearguard.

A lot of young people were integrated in the Chiefs of Staff Group of the Ministry of War and tens of battalions were created by the members of the JSU: **the battalions of Aida Lafuente, Octubre, Pasionaria or Joven Guardia** are only small examples of great achievements.

The **Republican aviation**, the "Gloriosa" (Glorious One), was nourished with young people like **Lacalle**, who captained numerous battles against the Italian-German aviation. And just because the Youth always pushes, the youth always wins, doesn't surrender even in the deathbed. This is how a young aviator narrated the death of his companion after an action of the aviation:

We flew over the point we had to bomb. Lagos repeated: «Go forward, go forward». It was one of the best flights we did during the whole campaign. At the beginning of the return flight I realised what happened: Lagos had fallen between the pilot's seat and the controls, and I, wounded on the right arm, had to make desperate efforts to avoid a catastrophe. At last we managed to take land in enemy territory. Lagos,

agonizing, kept repeating «Go forward, go forward».

JSU were also vanguard to achieve the unity of the youth, through the creation in a first moment of the Youths Front and later of the **Antifascist Youth Alliance**, grouping different sectors and youth organizations.

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Women achieved prominence in the JSU without comparison in history. They occupied important managing positions, in all levels. It's highlighted the role of the Young Girls Union that achieved 12,000 members only in Madrid. They made young women protagonists of the war, marching to collaborate in the fight against fascism wherever it was necessary.

José Díaz, general secretary of the PCE, expressed his feeling towards the role of the youth:

Thousands of young people have fallen. Many others have replaced them in the trenches. All our war is full of the heroism of our youth. We must be sure that the young Spaniards of all tendencies that are with weapons in their hands won't give up a foot to the enemy.

And they never gave up to the enemy. The war ended and, with a devastated Spain, thousands kept fighting against fascism in Europe, in the Soviet Union, in France. But they also fought in the Spanish mounts and cities, in Franco's jails, in towns and fields. Because the youth always pushes, the youth always wins, and the salvation of Spain of its youth depends.

Víctor Moreno

¡LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM!

The firmness of CJC throughout its history against the imperialist activities has always been solid. The **protests against joining the NATO** we organized back in the 80s with the PCPE are a good proof of it and still today we denounce it as **the armed wing of western imperialism**.

CJC has always analyzed that imperialism doesn't depend on the ruling party of each country, because **imperialist politics are inherent to capitalism** in its most developed stage and that NATO's actions only satisfy the voracious hunger of imperialist powers for "new markets" which they solve through war and invasion.

Throughout our 30 years as an organization we also have had **a total commitment in support of those countries which have fought against imperialism**. They are a great example for all communists. We've organized many brigades to share experiences and learn from Socialist countries like **Cuba and North Korea** nowadays or the **USSR** yesterday. We also participate in the **World Festival of Youth and Students** which puts together a great amount of anti-imperialist organizations and that allows us to know the different positions on today's imperialist attacks.

We also have organized some brigades with the intention of supporting anti-imperialism and strengthen ties with other organizations that have positions similar to ours, like **our presence in the SDAJ's festival in Germany, in Western Sahara thanks to UJCSARIO or the festival "Odigitis" of the Communist Youth of Greece (KNE)**.

Cristian Ferrer



40th edition of Odigitis Festival, organized by the communist greek youth (KNE) in 2014.

EUROPEAN COMMUNIST YOUTHS TOGETHER AGAINST FASCISM

This year it's the 70th anniversary since the red flag was shown in the Reichstag. It is 70 years since the Red Army defeated Fascism, and the end of one of the worst crimes of humankind. **The role of Communists was absolutely essential**, especially the contribution of the soviet people, who changed the path of history.

Today we have to demand this fact because there are **coordinated efforts by global capitalism to erase and re-write history** in its benefit after the counter-revolution in the URSS in the early nineties. Instead of talking about the Communists as a decisive factor, they speak about the United States or England, when their bourgeois governments hesitated during the whole war, giving truce to Fascism.

The European Union, as a natural alliance of those European bourgeois and in their line of their official anticommunist policy, **declared the date of May, 9th as "The European Day"**, looking for the oblivion of the Antifascist Victory Day, with the purpose of the disappearing this fact from the collective memory.

The European Union continues growing their anticommunist ideology, **saying that Fascism is the same as Communism**, and trying to proclaim the innocence of the capitalist system, from which Fascist ideology is part of it.

All European Communist Youths have clear that we should learn from history, study the truth, and know and make youth of our countries know the truly experience, the fight,

and the important efforts that Communists did to defeat Fascism.

We also have to explain about the **improvements on living conditions and the full conquest of youth and working class rights that were only achieved in Socialist countries.**

That is why, due to the celebration of the XI MECYO edition (Meeting of European Communist Youth Organizations), celebrated in Frankfurt (Germany) on March 7th and 8th, the participating organizations decided to dedicate this meeting to the 70th anniversary of the victory against Fascism, and to the study of how nowadays, capitalism continues creating crisis, wars and fascism.

With that purpose a **joint web page** was created (www.antifascistvictory.com) where all the acts, campaigns, propaganda, music and documentaries related to the celebration of the 9th May in each country from the different Communist Youths in Europe, CJC among them.

This webpage pretends to be a loudspeaker of all these activities, and to get the activities that are carrying out the rest communist youth organizations around the same idea to know to the working and from popular extraction youth from our countries, in order to **rescue the red thread of history and explain both the decisive role of communists and that capitalism is the origin of Fascism.**

Ester Cubero, Responsible of the International Area of the Central Committee of CJC

