

## STATEMENT OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE PCPE

## ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION CREATED IN THE COUNTRY

The Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain follows closely the events that are taking place in our country, in which a process of reorganization of the bourgeois political system is underway. The recent events and the "vote of confidence" announced by the PSOE must be analyzed within that framework.

The arrest of Eduardo Zaplana and other people politically and entrepreneurially linked to the Popular Party of the Valencian Country, accused of money laundering arising from the illegal collection of commissions for the awarding of public works, reveals once again the framework organized around construction and public works, in which business sectors and salaried political sectors used our land and our environmental heritage to profit from the destruction of the country, from public money and the suffering of the people.

In turn, the approval of the General State Budget for the year 2018, with the support of the parties Citizens, PNV, Canary Coalition, Union of the Navarrese People, Nueva Canarias and Asturias Forum, allows the bourgeoisie to have the necessary stability to continue increasing their profits, looting the country and intensifying the exploitation and suffering of the popular majorities.

The bourgeois political forces that have supported the Budgets of the Popular Party Government represent different sectors of the bourgeoisie that, defending the interests of the same social class, demonstrate their ability to share the public budget over specific differences. The case of the PNV, supporting the Budgets with Article 155 of the Constitution in force in Catalonia, is the best example that bourgeois politics moves at all times in favour of the economic interests of the social class it serves.

The publication of Sentence No. 20/2018 of the National Audience (Court) in the case known as "the Gürtel case", confirming what the people knew well, acts as fuel for a change in the forms of domination that has been developing for some time, placing the Government of Mariano Rajoy in a position of weakness and accentuating the serious crisis of the Popular Party. But this sentence becomes known after the approval of the General Budget, thereby facilitating its approval and that changes in the political framework are carried out while maintaining the economic interests of the bourgeoisie intact.

The latest published polls confirm that, as our Party has been saying for some time, the old two-party system has been replaced by an axis to the right (represented by the PP and Citizens) and by an axis to the left (represented by the PSOE and Podemos). There is an



intense dispute within each of them to determine which force is the hegemonic. And there is also an intense dispute between both axes, without ruling out other transactional possibilities between the two poles as the one that can represent an agreement between PSOE and Citizens. These changes, while allowing the working people to be trapped in false debates, give the political system enormous flexibility to face the new economic and social upheavals that are to come. The two political axes on which the parliamentary debate is based disagree on the nuances, on the forms of management, but they are tightly united in the defense of capitalism, in defense of the exploitation suffered by the working class and the great popular majorities.

The essential question to be resolved is not whether capitalism is managed by one pole or another, but whether or not the capitalist system must be overcome. The parliamentary dispute between forces that defend the bourgeois system will not solve any of our problems. Regardless of the result of the vote of confidence announced by the PSOE or the forces that can support it, the exploitation will continue and intensify, because in the laboratories of the ruling class new anti-worker and anti-popular measures are being prepared so that a tiny minority continues to accumulate wealth at the expense of our work and our suffering.

The intensification of the workers' struggle of the last months must continue, because it is the only sure way to defend our rights and to conquer new positions. Only the independent struggle of workers in the organizational, political and ideological fields will give results. Nobody should let themselves be dragged by the bourgeois forces, nobody should fight under the flags of others.

We call to intensify the trade union struggle in the perspective of the General Strike, regardless of what may happen in the parliamentary framework and who represents the power of the capitalists. We call on the workers to massively support trade union events and to provide them with strength and political perspective.

We call to politicize all the struggles, to strengthen the positions of the working class, to the militant organization of the working class in the trade unions and in the Communist Party. It is not a time of conciliation, but of intensifying the class struggle before the events that are to come.

For a country for the working class!

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