

On the initiative of the C.C. of the C.P. of Spain, on September 20-21, 1962, there was held a meeting of the representatives of the Communist Parties of Spain (comrades D. Ibarruri S.Carrillo, S.Alvarez and R.Mendezona), U.S.S.R. (comrade Ponomorev), Great Britain (comrade J.Gollan), France (comrades Frichmann, Goznat and Gresal), and Italy (comrade Paietta).

The representatives of the fraternal parties heard and discussed the report on the situation in Spain and perspectives of the struggle of the Spanish democratic forces against Franco regime made by comrade S.Carrillo, General Secretary of the C.P.S. The participants of the meeting expressed their full agreement with the content of the report and heartily welcomed the heroic fight of the C.P.S. for a democratic Spain.

In the course of the exchange of opinions it was unanimously recognized that since the downfall of Franco regime is in view, there now exist in Spain great opportunities to make a breakthrough the bloc of the imperialist forces and thus to obtain a new correlation of forces in Western Europe in favour of the forces of peace and democracy. Taking that into account, the representatives of the Communist Parties agreed that it is advisable to regard the Spanish question not merely in the aspect of solidarity of the democratic and labour movement with the fight of the anti-Franco forces in Spain, but to raise it to the level of the major European and international problems, which the Communist Parties and the European Communist Parties first of all, keep within the sphere of their attention and work.

To this end it was recognized that it is desirable to render active international political assistance to the internal revolutionary democratic forces of Spain and to draw other parties and public organisations in different countries into