

There was only issue that rose out of the whole discussion on which there was differences of opinion and in as much as the general considerations will all be provided for everybody in written article form and everyone will have full opportunity to be acquainted with the whole thing, therefore, can confine remarks now to the question of the difference of opinion.

This was with relation to Mexico and the question of whether the CPM should endorse the presidential candidacy of C.<sup>475</sup> who has the support of the CTM, the Peasant's Federation and of a considerable section of the professional political circles of Mexico and the army. Will remember that has this question at the Convention of the CPM and there, after some difficulty, persuaded them to abandon their opinion, which was at that time to endorse C., and instead to make the issue in the CP the question of unity of the PMR<sup>476</sup>, to bring pressure to bear upon the two leading candidates who are clearly in the main line of the PMR namely C and M<sup>477</sup>, to come together, to do everything possible to soften the struggle between them instead of contributing to any hardening of the division into two groups that would threaten the unity of the PMR. The CPM Convention adopted that position and although some of the Mexican representatives here themselves said in discussion that that decision had not been carried through in practice, that in practice the Party had worked as if C had been endorsed, yet the supplementary report that was made by HL<sup>478</sup> also pressing this as a most important issue, effectively convinced us by reciting documents from the newspapers from the Mexican Party, and established the fact that the Convention decision actually had been effectively carried through and also that the adoption of this position had enormously strengthened the strategic position of the CPM and greatly improved the political situation in the country.

The Mexican comrades were all agreed, however, that in the immediate future at the meeting of their NC<sup>479</sup> called for some time in the next two week that they should, as they said, take another step forward now and come out for C. It was our opinion, which became stronger as the discussion progressed that this would be a great mistake, would be the abandoning of the strong position that the Party occupies by being the main champion of unity in favor of adopting a partisan attitude in the struggle within the PMR, supporting one candidate nor candidate not against reaction but against another

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<sup>477</sup> Se refiere a Francisco Múgica Velásquez.

<sup>478</sup> Hernán Laborde, véase la nota 434.

<sup>479</sup> Comité Ejecutivo Nacional.