

Notes on... ORGANIZACIÓN COMUNISTA RECABARREN OCR

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OCR's political origins go back to the 1960s, when they defended the revolutionary principles of the Marxism-Leninism. In Chile, the militants that were for the Marxism-Leninism abandoned the old "communist" and "socialist" parties and they formed the combative *Espartaco Group*, that after a Programmatic Congress founded the *Revolutionary Communist Party - PCR-*, which carried out a campaign of revolutionary activity of discussion and defense of the Marxism-Leninism. Although this party had a national presence and was the ideological vanguard of the workers, students and conscious peasants, OCR concluded it was not unaware of the errors of left that led to it isolate of the masses in the period of the Allende's *Unidad Popular*; what had led to their division and subsequent disappearance by the beginning of the 1980s.

Upon released from prison, Edmundo Bavestrello, former member of the Executive of the PCR-ML, unsuccessfully tried to rally during 1983-1984 scattered militants of the Marxist-Leninist Revolutionary Communist Party (PCR-ML). Initially he joined Proletariat Action in 1985 when based in the second largest metropolitan area in the country, the seaport of Valparaíso. Very quickly Bavestrello rallied some former members of the PCR and PCR-ML, such as Francisco Villa, former member of the CC. of the PCR and PCR-ML and Jorge Yáñez, former leader member of the PCR and PCR-ML, and constituted a political organization call ORGANIZACIÓN COMUNISTA RECABARREN (OCR), in honour to the great labour leader and leading Chilean communist figure, Luis Emilio Recabarren, who founded the First Chilean Worker Party in 1912, the

Worker Socialist Party POS, the one that in 1922 became the Communist Party of Chile. Edmundo Bavestrello was subsequent leader of the OCR. ⁱ

Politically OCR were anti-revisionist Stalinists regarding the USSR of the 1930s as "being a great experience, valuable for the future socialist society to implant in Chile."ⁱⁱ The former admiration for China and Mao had waned: "The fact of having led the Chinese revolution and of having excelled as a military strategist is not enough to consider him as a Marxist-Leninist, much less consider his "thought" as the third stage of Marxism-Leninism."ⁱⁱⁱ In mirroring the Albanian attack upon Mao, the OCR concluded that "we can say that the errors that Mao Tse Tung blames on Stalin only sought to discredit him in the Chinese Communist Party and in the international communist movement to impose "Mao's thought" as the third stage of Marxism-Leninism."^{iv}

Domestically they were critical of other forces on the left including what they described as the "neo-revisionism of the PC-AP" who also expressed favourable attitudes to both Stalin and the Albanian leader, Enver Hohxa. In 2014 the OCR condemned "Lord Artes" dalliance with, and support for, North Korean Juche idea describing it as a "New Catercism" for their former comrades. Contemptuous of others, it judged that while several had resolved to build a new Marxist Leninist Communist party in Chile, these efforts have failed in the face of, what the OCR describes as "the pernicious action of deviations of left or of right", and were dismissive of those groupings that claim be the new party, accusing them of still retaining "the remnant and old revisionists practices, inherited from the old "communist" party of Chile."

OCR Transformed

On February 14 and 15, 2020, the Recabarren Communist Organization held a Programmatic Convention to analyse the class struggle and the changes in organization derived from the 2019 social outbreak, when it concluded and resolved to make a qualitative leap.

So in April 2020, OCR declared the organisation transformed into the new PCR, **Revolutionary Communist Party of**



Chile although it was a mere shadow of what the original was.

From April 2020, all information and documents of the PCR were published on the blog: pcrchile.blogspot.com.

It announced that "Enver's legacy reflected in his writings unmasking the opportunism of Eurocommunism, Russian and Chinese social imperialism still guides us."

ⁱ <https://ocrchile.blogspot.com/2015/01/partido-comunista-revolucionario-pcr.html>

ⁱⁱ What Do We Want 1985 <http://ocrchile.blogspot.ca/p/que-es-la-ocr.html>

ⁱⁱⁱ MAO TSE TUNG: The Asian Marx or the Chinese Khrushchev? (2010)

^{iv} ABOUT STALIN'S ERRORS ACCORDING TO MAO TSE TUNG (2010)