

The Death of the Bourgeois System

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The future of the Mexican Revolution, says comrade Antonio P. Araujo, is anarchist communism.

Overcoming a thousand difficulties, risking his life at every moment, our comrade Araujo was able to speak personally with the tireless and honest southern fighter, Emiliano Zapata.

It is not an easy thing to reach the places where the revolutionary operates. It takes audacity and talent to achieve it. Our comrade did it and talked to him.

Araujo found personified in the southern revolutionary, good faith and abnegation, indispensable qualities of a good revolutionary. Emiliano told Antonio that he has no other interest than the well-being of the working class, and these simple words, spoken by a simple man, had their confirmation right there, with deeds, with great deeds.

The conferences between Zapata and Araujo took place at the end of February of this year at the Hacienda of San Juan Chinameca, State of Morelos. From the windows of the hacienda house one could see the fields full of workers. Araujo had only to glance through the windows to verify the great truth he had heard from the lips of the austere fighter. He saw in the faces of those workers the satisfaction, the joy, the well-being. He did not see the anguished faces of the day laborers, but the satisfied faces of men and women who knew no master.

The haciendas that Araujo visited, he found were in the hands of the former peons, who work them freely, the bourgeois "owners" having fled from the rebellious people.

In the villages of the State of Morelos that comrade Araujo visited, he was also able to verify that Emiliano's words were sincere: "I have no other interest than the well-being of the working class". In the villages there are no police, and, for the same reason, order reigns in them. There are no rich people, so there is no need for police. In the gardens of the villages, where before only the bourgeoisie enjoyed themselves, Araujo found the workers strolling with their families. There were no longer any rude frock-coats. No longer would the bourgeoisie repel the workers with the tip of the cane, saying these words: get out of here, lowlife!

Everywhere in the territory controlled by the Zapatista revolutionary forces, Antonio found that well-being reigned. On Sundays, men, women and children dressed in clean clothes gathered in the villages to enjoy social life. No rags: instead, humble clothes, it is true, but shining with cleanliness.

Emiliano, in the flavourful talks he had with Antonio about the future of the Revolution, once again made clear his friendship towards the members of the Organizing Board of the Mexican

Liberal Party, sending words of encouragement so that we do not lose heart in the struggle we have undertaken.

Emiliano enthusiastically desires the formation of communist settlements, composed of members of the Mexican Liberal Party, in the territory controlled by his forces. While Venustiano Carranza makes the peasants buy the land, Zapata puts it in the hands of the workers without a price of any kind. Zapata is willing to provide everything necessary to the settlers who are members of the Mexican Liberal Party. The difficulty of communications, due to the chaotic state of the country, has prevented the settlement from being carried out.

Comrade Araujo's visit to the southern fighter has served to strengthen the ties of the union that have always existed between the southern movement and the Mexican Liberal Party, as well as to protect and strengthen the points of contact between the two tendencies, points of contact that form the solid basis of a work of revolutionary unification throughout the country, which is taking shape as time goes by, which is becoming more precise with the exercise of truly revolutionary methods and the salutary lessons from experience.

In his mission to procure the unification of revolutionary methods, Araujo has visited sixteen of the states that make up the Mexican nation, and the study from his observations strengthens the hope of all of us who wish that that formidable struggle of the poor against the rich does not degenerate into an obscure contest of aspirants to public office, but that, from progress to progress, it ends with the complete death of the capitalist system.

Araujo visited the workers' centers in the different states along the way, and became fully aware of the workers' way of thinking. Everywhere he found that the mentality of the working class is favorable to expropriation, and that in many places nothing is being waited for except a good opportunity to put it into practice.

The principle of Authority, so instinctively hated by the people of Mexico, is every day more and more weakened, and there are regions where it no longer holds sway.

As for the clergy, it has completely lost its prestige in a large part of the country.

The triumph of Anarchy is only a question of time. Let the Mexican movement have more duration, and the bourgeois system will be reduced to rubble. Let us not lose heart, comrades. Forward!

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