

We are Nosotros

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Our anarchist group was founded in the year 1923.

In circumstances that were very bad for our movement, very sad for the whole working class,

The pistoleros of the “Sindicato Libre¹”, sponsored by the bourgeoisie, were almost owners of the city.

The police hordes contributed to the destruction of our organizations and our men.

Salvador Seguí, the titan of anarcho-syndicalism, had fallen.

Old militants, the first men of our so splendid movement today, had fallen.

When we thought that the moment of being completely defeated was probably coming,

We united, in that moment, we who I have no shame in saying, we who I have pride in confessing:

The kings of the working-class, pistol of Barcelona!

We lived and acted disunited.

But we made a selection!

The best terrorists of the working class

The ones who could best return punch by punch and deliver the final victory to the proletariat

We split from the other comrades, we united, and we formed an anarchist group.

A group of action, to fight!

Against the pistoleros, against the bourgeoisie, and against the government!

We achieved our goal: we won!

Our punches were harder, more towards the head, than theirs.

And the group was formed, and it was an oath of those who joined it, that, from that moment on, our group “Los Solidarios” we’d continue the struggle, until the total triumph of the working class, until the triumph of the social revolution and that only death could separate us.

The first to fall was comrade Eusebio, in Asturias.

Comrade Torin also fell, in Barcelona.

The comrades Suberviela and Torres Escartín suffered in prison.

And when we, after the Republic was established, came out of the prisons, and united once again in Spain, we continued the group, and then, we renamed to, “Nosotros”.

¹ A labour union set up by the industrialists of Barcelona in an attempt to break the much more militant CNT Union. Its leadership was complicit in the Pistoleros campaigns, informing on CNT members.

We (Nosotros), who have no name!
We, who have no pride!
We, who are a mass!
We, who will go one by one!
We (Nosotros)!
We have a debt.
Durruti paid it.
For the revolution and in honor to his commitment.
We who are, like Durruti, to show Europe we stopped at the last compromise.
Time has been proving it:
It is not a test of a day nor a year.
It is a test of (???).
It was paid.
It was accomplished.
Durruti did his duty,
and we, who are still here, will also do it.
Death is nothing!
Our individual lives are NOTHING!
That's why we are "Nosotros".
And while one of us is left, "Nosotros" lives on.
That's all.

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and several other Anarchists who had been killed in combat, and the history of the CNT's
Action groups.

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