

POUM: Partido Obrero de Unificación Marxista

The POUM was formed by dissident anti-Stalinist Marxists and led by Joaquin Maurin and Andres Nin, who had once been Trotsky's private secretary in Moscow.

Drawing support mainly in Catalonia, the POUM, with the Anarchists and some of the left of the PSOE, argued that war and revolution were inseparable and accused the PCE of betraying the Spanish revolution.

Following the May Day events in Barcelona in May 1937, described by George Orwell in Homage to Catalonia, the POUM was declared illegal and brutally suppressed. Andres Nin was imprisoned and murdered.