



LUCÍA SÁNCHEZ SAORNIL

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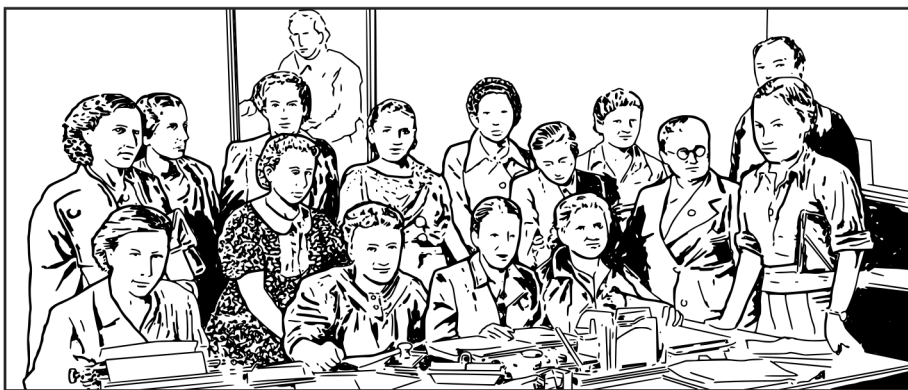
Born into a modest family, she obtained a job at the telephone company in 1916, but continued her studies at the Academy of Fine Arts. In 1918, passionate about poetry, she joined the literary movement « Ultraísmo » and published her first poems.



An anarcho-sindicalist activist, she took part in the social conflicts at « Telefonica ». Transferred to Valencia in 1927, she contributed to the anarchist newspapers *Tierra y Libertad*, *Solidaridad Obrera*, and others. Returning to Madrid in 1929, she became an editorial assistant at the newspaper *CNT*.

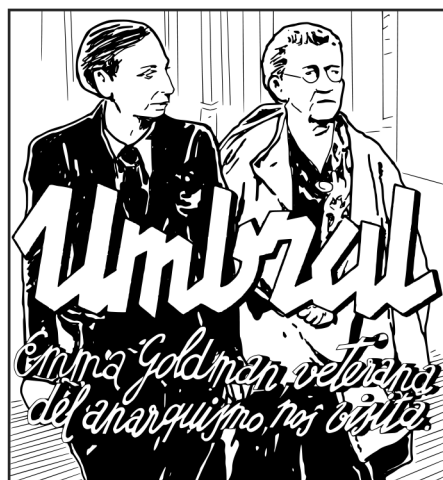


A committed women's activist, she remained convinced that women's demands required a specific organization. In 1936, with her companions Mercedes



Comaposada, Amparo Poch y Gascón, she founded the emancipation movement « Mujeres Libres » (Free Women), which began publishing the magazine

of the same name in May 1936. When the revolution broke out, she worked tirelessly, present both at the front and on Radio Madrid.



Back in Valencia in 1937, she became the main editor of the anarchist weekly *Umbral*; there she met her companion América Barroso. In May 1938, Lucía was appointed Secretary General of



International Antifascist Solidarity (SIA), responsible for organizing international aid. With the revolution crushed, she took refuge in France in early 1939 and attempted to rescue refugees.



In 1942, to avoid deportation to Nazi camps, she returned to Madrid, then to Valencia, living in complete hiding until 1954.

She died in Valencia on June 2, 1970.