

MARCH 22nd

1937



OUR FIGHT

ORGAN OF THE FRONT OF THE XV BRIGADE

LET US PROTEST.

We have all read with disgust of the shameful betrayal of the Spanish workers fight by British labour leaders at the International conference in London on the 10th, 11th, 12th. The DAILY WORKER of the 13th. correctly describes this action as a stab in the back.

When Comrade Pollitt was here he told us of the enthusiasm of the rank and file for unity in defence of Spanish Democracy. We can be sure that the refusal of Bevin and company to agree to the proposals of the Spanish Delegation does not express the mind and will of the rank and file of the Labour Party and Trade Union Movement.

The action of the leaders of British Labour means for the Spanish Government terrible difficulties in the way of securing food, arms and other means for the speedy defeat of fascism. For the Spanish people it means prolonged privation and death from the arms of Fascist Italy and Germany which can still come through despite the so-called non-intervention plan. For us in the International Brigade it also means increased difficulties, hardships and more sacrifices.

We have a duty in addition to the fight here at the front and it is to send to Britain a stream of protests against the Bevin betrayal through our organisations at home. We urge upon you to write your Labour Party or Trade Union Branch, Trades' Council and Co-operative Guild demanding that British Labour unites for the defeat of Fascism and a speedy victory for the Spanish People.

CONDOLENCE.

The Comrades of the American Union express their deep sympathy with Comrade O'Connor on the loss of his father.

REPORTS FROM THE FRONTS.

Guadalajara: The enemy is in retreat pursued by our forces. Our new positions are being reinforced and stabilised. Our victories on this front have been received with enthusiasm throughout Spain. The press gave detailed reports of the great victory especially with the occupation of Briguega, which is of great strategical importance.

Southern Front. Our aircraft has bombed for the second time the town of Pico Blanco, where there are large concentrations of Italian and German troops. Madrid. The congress of the United Communist and Socialist Youth began on March 18th. The delegates include 200 representatives from barracks and other military bodies and 40 from factories. All the problems of the day are being discussed. The first question of the Anarchists proposal for Government by the Trade Unions, UGT (Comm. & Soc.) and CNT (Anar.) This would isolate the proletariat, and destroy the co-operation between worker, small peasant landholders and petty bourgeoisie, this would destroy the Popular Front and sabotage our Victory. Another question under consideration was that of the shock brigades in the factories, there are factories which have already increased production by 150 to 200%. Certain workers are to learn all the jobs in the works, so as to be a reserve to others who go to the front. It was also discussed whether all students of ages 14 to 20 being put at the disposal of the government.

M. PERZOFF.

All English speaking comrades will learn with the deepest regret of the death of our comrade Marc Perzoff, who was killed on the evening of the 21st. He was a Swiss who had only recently joined the Ayuntamiento de Madrid Battalion. He

has been fighting against Fascism in Spain since Septemebr, at first with the Column on the Aragon Front, where he was injured by a shell. On his recovery he came up here to take his place in the front line, although he had been drafted to be a frontier guard.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

PARIS. The newspaper "Republique" writes "It is certain that Mussolini will lose his expedition in Spain. The Spanish people will not allow it- self to be colonised.

BARCELONA The Catalanian government has considered the question of recruits. Mobilisation of new recruits will stop at the end of this month.

BULGARIA. Three communist prisoners have been executed at Stara Zagora. Protests have been made by all political prisoners.

POLAND. Mass demonstrations have been held in support of a Popular Front.

FINLAND. The students of Finland have passed a resolution of greetings to the students of Spain.

BERLIN-VIENNA. During recent days, Austro-German relations have been strained. This is partly due to Nazi demonstrations in Vienna.

AMBASSADOR INTERVIEWS MR. EDEN.

LONDON. Spanish Ambassador in Engalnd has had a conference with Mr.Eden, in which he raised the question of Italian intervention in Spain. Mr. Eden replied that he believed it would wait for a reply to this question until after the next sitting of the Non-Intervention Committee, when he thought the whole question of foreign intervention in Spain would be examined by the Committee.

LONDON, March 20th. The "Daily Express" confidently states that the British Government has asked Mussoline to give an explanation regarding the landing of Italian troops in Cadiz on March 5th.

SPANISH LESSON.

How are you?	Como estas tu?
Very well	Muy bien (Moo-ee bee-en)
It is true	Es cierto (es thee-ehrho)
I am sure	Estoy Seguro (Estoy)

Ayuntamiento de Madrid

SAVE THE OLIVE TREES.

For sometime now we have seen a very painful sight around our lines. The olive trees have been sacrificed to build dug-outs, and vine roots torn up to make fires. Everyone realises the necessities of war, but we should not make destruction a habit, we should at least reduce it to a minimum.

We should recall the general agreement of all comrades when we put in to draw a bare living from the ungrateful soil of the mountains. Years and years of sweat have been necessary to make the olive trees and vines productive.

We are certain to have the agreement of all comrades when we ask them to protect and jealously guard the riches created by the land-workers, and at the same time contribute to the defence of the economy of Republican Spain.

A. DURBECQ.

STOP PRESS NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Guadalajara. Our advance still continues, our troops seriously threaten Sijuenza. Our planes inflicted a severe defeat on El today Whilst out they spied a convoy of 1000 camions, and bombed them, so causing considerable damage.

Andujar. A deserter who passed our lines two days ago, gave to some very interesting facts concerning the fascists who are fighting in this sector. He stated that their casualties number 13,000. One of the lieutenants who was killed was Vilarrubia who three months ago deserted our lines.

THE INTERNATIONAL.

After my experience the other night I take off my hat to the Truly I was amazed. I suddenly a noise and thought that the had broken through. I rushed up to my amazement our boys were the International. Soaked to the standing in water up to the ploughing and sprawling with ammunition through the mud, with prospect of sleep, to say nothing of bullets and mortors, yet sing as lustily as I have ever heard. With such a spirit prevailing, Victory must be ours.

W. Moredith
