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Lets Make a Common Meeting Ground.

The ancient story, or at least the legend, tells us how the realisation of the Tower of Babel, which was going to reach the Heavens, was interrupted. The legendary builders could not finish their job, because they were suddenly separated from each other by different languages.

Some, on remembering this legend, speculate on our difficulties. They imagine that our International Brigade is a new Tower of Babel, and that the success of our cause is endangered by the language difficulty. But they are wrong.

It is true that the fact that there are 12 different languages spoken in our Brigade creates difficulties which we do not wish to conceal.

However, it must be said that these difficulties are lessened by the fact, that, even though our languages are different, we all have the same burning faith in Victory, and we are all animated by the same supreme objective: TO DEFEAT FASCISM.

But is it not possible even to conquer these difficulties of language? Yes, it is quite possible if we wish it.

But how to set about it? That is the problem, let us look for the solution.

If one of us wishes to speak to everybody without an interpreter, must he learn 12 languages. This is quite impossible because before he had finished his work, we would have carried off the victory at the same speed as was done at Guadalajara. Then this is not the solution.

If, on the contrary, each comrade of different nationality learns a little Spanish, we can meet each other with a common tongue.

Consequently, quickly and without any great effort, the members of the International

Brigade will be able to speak to each other, and they will be able also to speak to the working population of this country. We have been kept away from one another by this language barrier. Let us make a common meeting ground by the use of the Spanish Language.

The Spanish language is beautiful, and when each of us returns to his own country, possessing all the knowledge and qualities gained during the course of our battles, it will be fortunate to have the benefit of another language.

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONALISM.

Jean BARTHEL,

Pol. Commissar of the Brigade.

News From The Fronts.

CORDOBA FRONT. Following on the news of yesterday, today our troops have now taken El Soldado (an important mining centre) and have advanced and are still advancing in the direction of Belmos and Pennaroya. At El Soldado we have captured enormous quantities of munitions and war-materials, including 300,000 shells, a million cartridges, 380 rifles, 10 machine-guns, 100 gas masks, 3 lorries of first-aid equipment and much telephone material. We also took a number prisoners, mostly non-Spaniards and Moors. The latest news states that we have advanced 23 km. on this front. 2 days ago the fascists were 2 km. in front of Pozoblanco.

GUADALAJARA. Today our troops descended from the mountains to the enemy positions in the valleys, and caused considerable damage amongst the Fascists. Our victories include the capture of Ledanca.

ASTURIAS. The fascists were defeated at Trubia and have lost men and materials, especially machine-guns and rifles.

NORTHERN FRONT. According to the B.B.C. we have advanced 12 miles in the direction of Burgos.

MADRID FRONT. Ont oh Road to Corofio our aircraft have dropped leaflets to the Fascists soldiers inviting them to come over to our side. It was noticed that those who paid attention to these were shot by their own officers.

CENTRE FRONT. Quiet.

Further news from the B.B.C. Apart from the above confirmed by the B.B.C. it states that the fascists have launched many attacks around Bilbao, one of which, only, was successful in gaining a hill. The B.B.C. also states that the Fascists had bombed a town killing 200, including 3 priests.

GIBRALTAR. Further news has come through about the plots against Franco. At Tetuan, 1150 have been arrested and 50 shot. There have also been arrests at Gouta, Mallila, Larache. Amongst the accused are fascists who have protested against their German and Italian officers. At La Linea where mass arrests have taken place, the military commander has been arrested. At Algeciras several bombs destroyed a large quantity of munitions, last night.

ZURICH. The "Natzional Zeitung" reports that in Sierras of Estremadura, in the fields of Galicia and Navarre, armed groups of Popular Front supporters have been attacking the enemy, especially munition convoys. They are also attacking Franco's troops in the back at Dragon. Up to the present Burgos has kept quiet about this, and the fact that now they are forced to admit, shows that the struggle in Spain is developing in a new form. The fascists are being attacked both from the front and the back.

GENEVA. The Mexican Government has sent a note of protest to the League of Nations, condemning the invasion of Spanish territory. This note has created profound impression in political circles.

LONDON. France and Great Britain have sent a note to Burgos to warn them that all interference with their shipping will receive the reply it deserves. The Admiral of the British Mediterranean Fleet has had very sharp orders to let nothing pass without reply.

VALENCIA. "Mundo Obrero" says "Guadalajara, the Asturias and the Southern Front are milestones on the road to victory. Our regular army under a single control and backed by the Ministerio de Madrid

adequate reserves fulfills all our hopes which are the hopes of all antifascists in Spain and the whole world.

CATALONA. The new Government not for the first time today.

News from England.

The B.B.C. reports that yesterday all Franco's wireless stations protested at the bias of all the English newspapers, which were always minimising his victories and magnifying his defeats.

GLASGOW. The strike reported in our pages yesterday is spreading. Today boilermakers have come out in sympathy. The total out now is 3000. Other workers and shops are paying for strike pay. The strike leaders have stated that the A.E.U. executive committee say go back, they will take it as advice and not instructions. **LONDON.** The M.F.G.B. held its second conference on the question of the two unions in Notts. coal fields.

U.S.A. On April 2nd. 400,000 coal-workers are coming out on strike. To night Lewis is meeting the owners for last minute conference.

U.S.A. Cordell Hull says U.S.A. is not calling for International Disarmament Conference.

INDIA. Yesterday was celebrated the inauguration of the New Constitution. The Congress Party supporters held demonstration up and down the country and there was very little disorder. In Bombay and Calcutta many factories and shops were closed.

Spanish Lesson.

The Present tense of TEMER-

I have	Yo tengo
You have	Tu tienes (sing)
He has	El tiene
She has	Ella tiene.
We have	Nosotros tenemos
You have	Vosotros tenéis
They have	Ellos tienen.

The capital	La capital
The town	La ciudad (the)
The village	El pueblo (poc)
The nation	La nación (na)

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The sea	El mar.
The wind	El viento (viento)

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