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Life is now quieter and new tasks face us. Comrades who have proved their metal must now try to preserve themselves for future struggles and victories over the fascist enemy. Never has sickness amongst us been less evident, many comrades are more physically fit and have put on weight during the recent months. We must still further improve on this by organised effort while there is time and opportunity. The medical unit will now initiate a concerted drive for general cleanliness and improved sanitation. It is now possible to obtain all the necessary materials so that all comrades will be able to clean their teeth, wash and shave themselves, keep their dugouts clean, beat their blankets in the sun, use the latrines that are being built, change their clothing and delouse themselves and use the purified water supply. The comrade who does these things sleeps better, eats better, and is altogether brighter and happier than his more slothful comrade. It is of men like these that the British "News Chronicle" spoke when describing the first members of the International Column as being "physically and in every way superior to the fascists". But unless their good habits are taken up by the whole battalion, if the trenches, in which dug-outs are, are strewn with rubbish, if the latrines are not used and the excreta not covered, then the good suffer with the bad, and the health of the whole battalion is undermined and the resistance to offer to fascism is weakened.

Comrades! Take the initiative among your sector for a sectional effort by all. Tell us your problems and demand our assistance. Co-operate with us in the efforts to make. Forward with the sanitation campaign, for the health and comfort of all comrades and the defeat of fascism.

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News From the Fronts.

SOUTHERN FRONT. THE ADVANCE CONTINUES
OUR BLASQUEZ TROOPS HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH THE ESTRAMADURA ARMY FURTHER LARGE QUANTITIES OF MUNITIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

Our troops are advancing towards Tuenteovejuna and have captured much more war material including 19 heavy machine guns and 40 light guns, 1 anti tank and 1 anti-aircraft gun, 20 cases of cartridges, 7 cars and 8 lorries and 1,000 shells. The fascists left 500 dead and we took many prisoners.

Our troops from Blasquez have made contact with those from Estramadura, an achievement of great strategical importance. **BILBAO.** Yesterday the fascists again attempted to attack in the Ochandiano sector, and once again they were repulsed with heavy casualties. Fascist aircraft bombed a ship which served as a hospital.

The Minister of Agriculture Uribe (Comm.) has gone to Bilbao on behalf of the Government.

Basques of the Philippine Islands have sent 10,000 dollars to the authorities at Bilbao. **BARCELONA.** The United Socialist Party (Soc. & Comm.) and the U.G.T. have issued an appeal to the Catalan people, setting out the following requirements for victory:

1. Immediate compulsory military service.
2. Cleaning up of fascist elements.
3. Formation of military reserves.
4. Reorganisation of industry.
5. Fair treatment of agricultural workers.
6. Full revolutionary and anti-fascist control.
7. Concentration of all the means of war in the hands of the government.
8. Severe measures against speculators.
9. Discipline in the army and behind the lines.
10. Centralised control of war transport for the whole of Spain.

MADRID. The towns of Almon and Molen have sent large supplies of food to Madrid.

GIBRALTAR. It is reported that at ALGESIRAS there is much feeling against the Italians and German officers who have shot many Spanish officers.

VALENCIA. The Socialist Party has issued an appeal for help for Madrid, which has held up Fascism at great cost.

International News.

LONDON. Fascist bombers attacked the English warship "Gallant", dropping 6 bombs without a hit, between Alicante and Valencia. The "Gallant" replied with anti-aircraft guns, and the fascist planes made off. A second British boat, "Thropo Hall" was stopped outside outside Bilbao, but replied to the attack and succeeded in entering the harbour.

BERLIN. The Nazi are staging another large scale trial, and are demanding death sentences for a large number of workers.

PRAGUE. As in France, Parliament is discussing an act for the state ownership of munition factories.

MILAN. In the province of Genoa (Italy) there have been large anti-fascist demonstrations. Slogans have been put up on factory walls - "We are hungry" - "We want bread and work" - "Down with Fascism".

LONDON. In the Transvaal (S. Africa.) after the laws against Nazi organisations, the Germans have been trying to get naturalised, but this has been stopped by the Government.

PARIS. It is reported that all boats leaving Spanish ports under Fascist power are strictly controlled, for hundreds of German soldiers have been attempting to get home. All discovered have been shot. They claim that they did not wish to

LONDON. The Governor of South Africa Lord Clarendon, has publicly stated that as long as the Nazis are in power, Germany will receive no colonies.

LONDON. Closely questioned in Parliament as to if he knew that Italy and Germany were sending troops into Spain, Eden replied that HE KNOWS NOTHING!!

WARSAW. At the university here, the fascists have been causing anti-Jewish trouble.

LYONS. The electricity and gas workers are on strike.

GENEVA. It is reported that the Emperor of Abyssinia wishes to speak at the next meeting of the League of Nations, against the fascist bombings in Abyssinia. Ayuntamiento de Madrid

An Anti-Fascist Demonstration.

At Colmenar de Oreas, there took place yesterday a moving international demonstration on the occasion of the funeral of comrade André BRULE, second-in-command of the Franco-Belge Battalion. Every battalion in the XV Brigade sent a delegation and the Popular Front of Colmenar was also represented.

A cañon decorated with banners and green plants carried four coffins while the Hymn of the Spanish Republic and the International were played. Above the coffins portraits of Lenin, Stalin and Largo Caballero were placed.

The cortège was headed by several young girls carrying flags and wreaths and following them were some of our comrades with a magnificent wreath made up with French and Spanish colours.

The population of Colmenar formed a line as the funeral cortège passed which included a guard of honour, with civil and military fraternally mixed.

At the cemetery several speakers in turn, dwelt upon the merits and virtues of this excellent comrade, who was one of the best of warriors.

Comrade Barthel, dealt in moving terms with the life of our comrade-in-arms, a victim of fascism, a comrade of great character who had not hesitated to give his services to the oppressed, even in this year living under the dangers and risks of war. He ended by saying that his sacrifice will not be in vain.

Comrade Tort, the Commandant followed and stated with moving sincerity that he was giving his last homage and adieu to one who was not only a comrade without equal but a brother to him. Galli stated that the unity of all the Spanish forces will hasten the end of the war and the victory of democracy over fascism. The last speaker, a representative of the Spanish Popular Front thanked the members of the International Brigade for the magnificent example and disinterested help they had given the Spanish people. He saluted Comrade BRULE and all those who had fallen for the cause.

This was the finish, the crowd slowly drifted to the gateway of the cemetery while the strains of the International were played. On the cañon there was a banner with the word "We do not weep for our killed we revenge them".

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