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## LET US FAMILIARISE OURSELVES WITH THE POLITICAL LIFE OF SPAIN

We have emphasised more than once in our bulletin the necessity of our International comrades being thoroughly conversant with the political problems of Spain. In this way we will assure the closest contact with the popular masses of this country. Accordingly, we take this opportunity to reproduce a leading article from "MUNDO OBRERO" on the role that the Popular Front Committees should play.

"Having reviewed the present situation, it is evident that Parliament cannot hold regular meetings in order to accomplish its constitutional functions. As the most legitimate representatives of the hopes and aspirations of the people, the deputies cannot do other than give all their energy and enthusiasm to their service. The majority of the deputies are engaged in war work, and they cannot cease devoting themselves to this work in order to obtain victory.

But, even during a war, the people must have their organ of opinion. Without a collaborating instrument with the Government, which helps it to execute its decrees and keeps it informed of the aspirations of the popular masses; how is this problem to be solved under the present circumstances?

In our opinion the solution rests with the activity of the Popular Front Committees. Since Feb. 16th, the creation of Popular Front Committees has been intensified on the territory of Republican Spain. Today Committees exist in the towns and in the villages. For some time they have executed the popular will and rendered great service in the fight against fascism.

Today these committees can be organs of popular expression. It is known that their decisions cannot have, like those of Parliament, executive force. It is not a question of creating co-active organs, of governmental institutions, but solely of giving the people a means of contact with the Government, and keeping it conversant daily with the people's opinion. This will be the task of the Popular Front Committees.

In every corner of Republican Spain they should constitute the apparatus which notes the beating of the people's consciousness and transmits it to the supreme organs of Spain, and in this manner, facilitating the application of those indispensable measures for winning the war."

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### News From the Fronts.

SOUTHERN FRONT. In the Pozoblanco sector a complete fascist company deserted involving about 160 men, including N.C.Os. First they shot their fascist officers and came over with arms and munitions. The enemy continues trying to supply the surrounded fascists in Santuario de la Virgen by air, but owing to their fear of our aircraft these supplies often drop in our lines. MADRID. Yesterday the Fascist attacked on the Usera sector but were repulsed. Our troops counter-attacked with hand grenades and captured the enemy front line. 12 houses were occupied. The 3000 fascists surrounded in University City are now in a desperate situation.

TERUEL. We are strengthening our new positions. Our aircraft destroyed the bridge over the river Jiloca, and so cut the enemy communications between Catalayud and Teruel.

NORTHERN FRONT. Our coastal batteries forced two fascist vessels to move. There is a steady stream of deserters from the enemy. Latest news states that three British ships reached Bilbao. When the first was outside Spanish Territorial waters the rebel cruiser Almirante Cervantes fired a shot across its bows, but at a sign from the HOOD the rebel made off, and the merchant vessel reached Bilbao escorted by three Government destroyers, amid scenes of great enthusiasm. The other two food ships arrived later. BURGOS. We bombed Burgos yesterday, causing much confusion. One of our airmen attacked and forced down was seriously wounded. He had already brought down seven fascist planes.

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