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OUR FIGHT

News From the Fronts.

VALENCIA. The recent bombardment of enemy position at Zaragossa destroyed the bridge communicating with Zuera, it was learnt today.

NORTHERN FRONT. BILBAO, 7th. The 23rd. Asturian Battalion brought down a rebel plane flying over Elejalde with rifle fire, the Basque Defence Communiqué stated today. The plane fell near Mt. URRUMENDI. The rebels made desperate efforts to reach the fallen plane but were prevented by a curtain of artillery fire, which also beat down a number of enemy parapets. The B.B.C. reports that the Loyalists made a considerable advance towards Burgos, taking two villages.

CENTRE FRONT. Shelling of Madrid continued today with customary casualties amongst the civil population. Loyal artillery destroyed the flour mill near Espinosa.

TO (TAGUS) FRONT. On Southern part of Toledo enemy pressure counteracted by heavy fire from our troops, the armoured train acting on the enemies rear with particular efficacy. The loyal aviation at the same time machine gunned the enemy position.

Air Communiqué

NORTHERN FRONT. Yesterday three of our squadron bombarded the Northern front in Burgos province. The bombardments were chiefly directed against the villages of CILLERUELO, BRICIAS, BRICIAS, CAMPERO and enemy concentrations discovered between Almonete 315 and 316 of the highway to SANTANDER. 86 bombs were dropped and great results observed.

CENTRE FRONT. In the road between TOLEDO and TOLEDO our planes discovered an enemy column with several trucks and machine gunned it. The railway station of MIRAELEIO and the enemy trenches on both sides of the road from NAVAHERMOSA to TOLEDO were bombed this morning. At dusk train in VILLALUENGA was bombarded. Fighter patrols drove away two bi-motors attempting to reach two loyal destroyers escorting Spanish merchant vessel.

The "Revolutionary" Face of Fascism.

Following months of patient explaining, the Government has finally determined to tolerate no more "leftist" sabotage in the rear-guard. Not sabotage alone, but a thinly disguised banditry alienating the sympathies of the peasant and small trader from the Republic. The sum of such methods is terror, a terror that only the other day cost the life of Antonio Sasé, secretary of the Catalonian General Union of Workers, (U.G.T.) Against the Fascist inspired terrorists the central Government made its hand felt, taking full responsibility for public order in Catalonia.

But who inspires and eggs on the saboteurs and terrorists? Who are the Fascist agents who still dare to show their heads after nine months of war? It is unnecessary to answer the questions. It is enough to quote a few passages from the Trotskyist organ, La Batalla, published in Barcelona. A Trotskyist inspired "organisation" calling itself Friends of Durruti was inciting to riot. The official organisms of the Anarchist bodies disavowed the Friends of Durruti. But said "La Batalla" of May 2nd: "We are in agreement with one of the Anarchist groups - "Friends of Durruti"- which is today in open conflict with the government-participating leaders of the C.N.T., and has made public the following slogans: All power to the working class; All economic power to the Trade Unions; Set up a Revolutionary Junta against the Government of the Generality." AN OPEN CALL FOR REBELLION AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S FRONT AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. A CALL, IN SHORT, TO JOIN FRANCO'S REBELLION. The Trotskyists cast off the mask.

Despite the Moscow trials many innocents have insisted on regarding the POUM as a danger to the Communists alone. Now the cry goes up, "No pity for the Trotskyist agents of Franco in the rear of the loyal forces The People's Front, representing the whole of legitimate Spain, has discovered that Trotskyism is but the "revolutionary" face of Fascism. The hour for physical extermination of Trotskyism has arrived.

Ayuntamiento de Madrid

PERUVIAN CONSULATE PROVES SPY NEST
MADRID, 7th. Police today raided the Peruvian Consulate in this city discovering a fascist radio apparatus for communicating with the rebels and arrested more than 500 persons implicated in this espionage service. The raid was conducted by the Security Chief, WENCESLAO CARRILLO in person. The police were first met by the Consul General who feebly protested that "violation" of diplomatic privilege. Once inside the radio sending and receiving apparatus was discovered as well as numerous notebooks and notes giving data concerning military situation, location of materials, movement of forces and so forth, in code. On a wall of the radio room was scrawled in pencil various insults directed against the Republic and General Miaja. Apparently counting on diplomatic immunity the fascist "refugees" spies had made no evidence to conceal the damning evidence. Caught in this situation the Peruvian Consul manifested surprise and indignation at this "abuse of hospitality". He signed a note recognising the facts as alleged by the police. Among the half thousand "refugees" were many outstanding fascists.

VALENCIA. Minister of Agriculture, Vicente Uribe, Communist, today announced that present wheat stocks are sufficient to guarantee the bread supply of all loyal Spain.

JAEN. The current olive crop in the province of Jaen saved by the Government defence and counter attack on the Southern Front is estimated to be worth 200,000,000 pesetas.

International News.

MOSCOW. Soviet Military Adviser, GOLUBIEV, improved government situation and internal crack up of rebel forces says, "The situation on the Spanish Fronts as it now stands does not require the immediate offensive of the Republican Army. Wars, particularly when they draw out as is now the case in Spain, are not won by offensive-at-all-costs but rather with perfectly planned advance movements worked out in every aspect and detail, with strong reserves and with the necessary labour in the rear-guard."

SHANGHAI. Strike breakers today provoked a clash with 2000 textile workers at Chapei who fought off large bodies of police.

"HINDENBURG" BLOWS UP.
LAKEHURST, N.J. 7th. THE GIANT TRANSATLANTIC DIRIGIBLE HINDENBURG EXPLODED COMPLETELY WHILE LANDING AT THIS FIELD TODAY. OUT OF 39 PASSENGERS AND A CREW OF 61, 32 WERE KILLED. THE SHIP WAS AT AN ALTITUDE OF ONLY 75 FEET WHEN IT EXPLODED AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT MANY OF THE WORKERS WHO WERE ASSISTING THE LANDING WERE REACHED BY THE FLAMES. THE ENTIRE AFFAIR LASTED ONLY A FEW SECONDS. THE EXPLOSION WAS HEARD FOR MILES. THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS FORMED A COMMISSION INCLUDING DR. ECKHARDT WHO HAS STATED THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS NOT DUE TO SABOTAGE. **BUCHAREST.** Anna Paulker and her antifascist comrades were today sentenced to 10 years imprisonment by the Rumanian Supreme Court. At the same time John Patoni, Macedonian Fascist murderer of Senator Stefanoff, brother of the Secretary of the Rumanian Communist Party, was freed by the same Court. **LONDON.** The Soviet delegate Malin informed the Non-Intervention Committee today that between Oct. 30th. and April. 10th. 84 Soviet ships were molested by fascist Spanish pirates, only one of the vessels molested by the fascists was destined to a Spanish port. **PARIS.** According to the United Press Germany and Italy have agreed in principle on a military alliance. Germany would guarantee the Italian border at the Brenner Pass in return for which Italy would give Germany a free hand in Austria. It is understood that Field Marshal von Blomberg is to work out the details.

PEIPING. As a result of the recent People's Front negotiations, the formations of a Red Army of North Hensi consisting of 40000 men in three divisions dependent on the central Government, is reported to have been authorised.

LONDON. The Spanish Ambassador delivered to the British Government a formal request that the Non-Intervention Committee launch an investigation of the destruction of Guernica.

This city of Basque historic monuments contained no military objectives; razed by bombs from German planes, the same aviators descended to staff the fleeing civilian population.

(Owing to pressure of space we regret that we have to hold over the conclusion of Marion's article on Barcelona.)