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News From The Fronts.
NORTH: The offensive undertaken against Burgos, although primarily intended to relieve the pressure on the Basques, appears to have obtained more important results than the first notices indicated. The operations of the 5th. resulted in the complete wiping out of two companies of Falangists and Civil Guards, and the capture of 70 fully armed prisoners and considerable material. A congratulatory note from the Minister of Air and Navy indicates a possible further significance of the Santander Front, "For some time I have had the conviction that a breach into Castilla would be opened on these fronts. (Old Castile is the rebel region capitated by Burgos.)"

Today in the Basque Country our troops drove back enemy attack headed by 16 tanks, of these 6 were destroyed and the rest put to flight. The enemy suffered heavy losses. CENTRE: Loyal artillery was very active today against enemy positions in University City, Cerro-ajo, Carabanchel, and Getafe. 32 fully armed soldiers came over to our lines today.

Air Communique

Our aviation bombarded trucks on the road to Talavera. YESTERDAY at 7.25 p.m. we bombarded the military H.Q. at Belchite and the Monte del Valvario. (Other aviation activities probably reported in earlier communiqués.)

American Leaders Visit Jarama
James Ford and Robert Minor of the Central Committee of the American Communist Party visited the XV Brigade today. Ford was the communist candidate for vice president of the United States in the recent elections. Minor has a long history of strike struggles and persecutions suffered in defence workers' interests. When at the time the American visitors were approached by a British Political Officer who expressed a great eagerness to meet Minor, having last seen him when he was facing execution in The American South West.

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BLACKSHIRT PROVOCATION RELECHES NEW PITCH TONIGHT WHEN IT ORDERED ALL ITALIAN NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS IN LONDON HOME AND BANNED ALL BRITISH PAPERS EXCEPT THE SUPER FASCIST "DAILY MAIL", THE HIGH TONED FASCIST "OBSERVER" AND THE "EVENING NEWS". The latest development reported by the B.B.C. demonstrates that the feeble foreign policy adopted by the British Government under pressure of fascist inclined elements sacrifices even Imperial prestige and defence of Imperial interests.

BILBAO.

German aviation and the direction of the German General Staff are particularly marked in the repeated attacks Bilbao. It would appear that Hitler would like to have a position, similar to that of the Italians in Malaga, from which to bargain with uneasy France and vacillating England. Strong evidence of this is the evident effort of Nazi representatives in Paris to blackmail the Basque Government into signing a separate peace with Franco, effort which came to nothing.

However the capture of Bilbao would place the whole N. Country with its Basque steel industry and Asturian coal mines at the service of Hitler. The chief industries of Bilbao are steel and iron, the most important mines are Triano and Matamorros. The steel works - product used for cruisers - of Nervion is located at Sostao near Bilbao. At Zorroza there are the great furnaces of Altos Horros, with 2000 workers, a number of important machine construction factories and other mills.

Besides steel there are also in Bilbao other industries such as distilleries, tanneries, chocolates works, canning factories etc.....

Ford was greeted with warm affection not only by the English Speaking Battalions but by dozens of members of Dimitrov and other sections, who protested "Of course, we know who Ford is." Ford will shortly return to the States but comrade Minor expects to remain for some time and will probably often visit our Brigad again.

NAZI GUILT IN "HINDENBURG" CRASH
 WASHINGTON. The Commander of the "Hindenburg" has died of his injuries bringing the death roll up to 35. The Air Department of the U.S.A. has ordered an investigation of the catastrophe. It appears that the dirigible was charged with hydrogen gas instead of helium because the latter is more expensive. Dr. Hugo Eckener, sometime ago relieved of the command of the Hindenburg, had warned of the danger of hydrogen gas.

FASCISTS GIVE LIE TO FASCISTS.

A number of wounded civil guards in the military hospital of ANDUJAR have signed a document protesting fascist lying propaganda over the radio in connection with the capture of the Sanctuary of the Virgen de la Cabeza.

The Sanctuary, which surrendered to the Government on May Day had been touted by the rebels as a second Alcazar of Toledo. Families of revolted civil guards had been placed in this natural fortress by a generous government which permitted other civil guards to accompany them. The Guards then fortified themselves against the government and for eight months threatened the loyalist rear on the Cordoba Front.

After the surrender the fascist radio spread completely false stories of torture and execution of the prisoners.

CATALONIA

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The resolution of the Catalonian conflict is one of the major political victories of the Peoples' Front in its great war task. The agreement between the regional and central governments removes a number of hindrances to effective action. For one thing, it puts the border control in the hands of responsible authorities with a national perspective. Much more important is the fact that the military forces and the manpower of the region will now be available for action according to the plans of the General Staff. The silent Aragon Front should now begin to ring. Of equal importance is the remobilization of the important regional manufacturing plants on a war basis. The autonomous spirit hitherto fostered by the open and Trotskyist enemies of the People's Front has now been rejected by the Anarchists, in whose name they pretended

to operate. Said Minister of Industry Peiro (Anarchist): "It is the most absurd parody of socialism to 'socialize' every factory by itself." Nationalization of war industry and creation of an Army reserve will be material aided by the new stage of cooperation between the autonomous regions and their central government.

Moscow: Litvinov will represent the Soviet Union at the Coronation in London.

BARCELONA: The U.G.T. of Catalonia today voted to expel all members of the Trotskyist POUM from the Union. Any other members who participated in the fascist armed resistance to the legitimate Government will likewise be expelled. HOLLYWOOD. The B.B.C. stated that most of the film stars are backing the 6000 studio workers on strike. Picketing of cinemas starts on Monday. PARIS. At the conclusion of the debate on domestic policy, M. Blum received a vote of confidence of 380 to 199, a record majority.

CHARLES DONNELLY, age 26, Political Commissar of the Irish section of the Lincoln Battalion, died the death of a defender of democracy as a soldier of the revolution on the Jarama Front, February 27th, 1937. He was a poet as well as a soldier. We reprint the following poem which he contributed to "Ireland Today" for February 1937.

The Tolerance of Crows.
 Death comes in quantity from solved
 Problems on maps, well-ordered
 disposition
 Angles of elevation and direction,
 Comes innocent from tools children
 might
 Love, retaining under pillows,
 Innocently impales on any flesh.

And with flesh falls apart the mind
 That trails thought from the mind
 that cuts

Thought clearly for waiting purpose
 Progress of poison in the nerves
 Discipline's collapse is halted.
 Body awaits the tolerance of crows

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