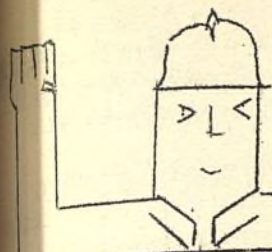


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PRESTES SENTENCED.

RIO DE JANEIRO. THE TRIBUNAL OF NATIONAL SECURITY TODAY CONDEMNED THE BRAZILIAN COMMUNIST LEADER AND REVOLUTIONARY HERO LUIS PRESTES TO 16 YEARS AND 8 MONTHS. THE GERMAN DEPUTY BERGER WAS SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS AND 4 MONTHS.

Air Communiqué

NORTH: A squadron of bombers escorted by a fighter squadron bombarded Ercillas and enemy positions. (The Air Ministry communiqué also mentions bombardment of the bullring in Burgos where concentration of troops had been observed.)

SOUTH: In a reconnoitering service our trimotors bombarded the arms factory of Tolédo.

CORDOBA. Our aviation bombarded Agollos and nearby positions. Today at 4 p.m. four flying planes dropped bombs on Cordoba barracks causing destruction.

At 6.30 p.m. they again returned bombarding munitions factory. Two bombs fell on the railway and the rest on the factory causing heavy changes.

Other Air News.

Further details of loyal aviation from these past three days in Aragon show that one of our planes dropped three high power bombs on the tower of the Cathedral of Zaragoza. The destroyed tower contained anti-aircraft guns. The aviation also bombed the central railway station in Aragon, various warehouses containing, according to confidential information, war material, and various barracks believed to be housing large number of conscripts in training.

Communicé Not Available Yesterday
Our planes bombarded ships anchored in port of Melilla obtaining positive results. Enemy anti-aircraft artillery fired freely at our planes without hitting us.

Our planes bombarded military objectives in the town of Argés. Our squadron bombarded two villages in Grenada producing a tremendous explosion in one of them.

BILBAO A SECOND MADRID.

Bilbao is suffering a severe attack by land, sea and air. If we compare Bilbao with Madrid we will note at once that Bilbao is the weaker for being exposed to heavy artillery from the sea. On the other hand Madrid was a particularly open city whereas access to Bilbao can be had only through rough country easily defended. A key point for instance is Mt. Sollube. It is the barrier which separates Bermeo from the Mumcuia valley. It is a nearly impassable barrier but not positive proof against the tremendous forces which have been mobilised against it. Italian and German war aid has accumulated in extraordinary quantities here.

If the enemy succeeds in passing the Sollube and reaching the Mumcuia valley the situation of Bilbao will become more or less comparable to that of Madrid in November.

Already the various foreign offices, with their inability correctly to estimate the strength of the popular forces, have given up Bilbao for loss and begin to urge surrender of the city via their mediation. We recall that in November they made the same offers with respect to Madrid. The diplomats whispered together, the International Red Cross deliberated. So certain did they consider the fall of Madrid that they offered to guarantee easy terms if the government would only surrender. We, therefore, need not worry too much about the present obscure manoeuvres of Foreign Powers with respect to Bilbao.

A second "miracle" must be produced by the same simple but extraordinary methods as were employed to save Madrid. The quick regularisation and unification of the Basque military forces; the awakening in Bilbao of that furious spirit of bitter-end resistance so marked in Madrid, are the general bases of the "miracle". To this a new factor can come to the aid of Bilbao: ATTACK, ATTACK, ATTACK on all other fronts.

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EXTERMINATE THE TROTSKISTS.

MADRID. The "Claridad" national organ of the U.C.T. and voice of the Left Socialists calls for the immediate dissolution of the Trotskyist POUM in an editorial entitled "With The Government to Crush Traitors".

"Serenely but with energy we have denounced the counter-revolutionary line of aid to the fascists carried out by the POUM and provocateurs infiltrated into the sphere of the Democratic Republic.

"THE FACT THAT ONE OF THE LEADERS OF CATALAN TROTSKISM HASTENED TO CROSS THE FRENCH BORDER IS A REVEALING SYMPTOM.

"That proves not only the participation of the POUM in the Catalonian events but also that its leaders carried out a counter-revolutionary labour and were conscious that it was a work favouring those who are today fighting our People's Army and Legitimate Government.

"It was, then, a veritable fascist rebellion with which it was sought to aid the invaders to break through our fronts. This rebellion was inspired by responsible parties and leaders. Let us be pitiless with them.

"It should be remembered that when the Madrid Defence Junta decided to dissolve the POUM in our Capital, popular acclaim was awarded it.

"Today after what has happened, we point out to all antifascists their obligation to close up our ranks around the government and our comrade Largo Caballero - a true friend of the revolutionary unity of the working class. Let there be no wavering.

"The people legitimately represented in the Government is going to punish these hidden traitors as they deserve. In the name of this people we demand but one thing: DEATH TO THE AGENTS OF FASCISM.

"DISSOLUTION OF THE POUM, ADVANCE GUARD OF FASCISM IN LOYAL SPAIN. DISCIPLINE IN THE ANTIFASCIST ORGANISATIONS. IMMEDIATE PURGING OF ALL THE TRAITORS WHO HID BEHIND ANTIFASCIST DOCUMENTATION IN ORDER TO AID ENEMIES OF THE WORKING CLASS. SENTINEL DUTY BY ALL THE ANTIFASCIST ORGANISATIONS TO PREVENT THE REPETITION OF SIMILAR OCCURENCES IN ANTIFASCIST SPAIN.

News From The Fronts.

The official war communiqué indicates that yesterday's fighting in the North and on the Tago was on Government initiative but contains no war details of a special interest. BARBASTRO (ARAGON): The following report which for obvious reasons cannot be further verified has created a sensation here. In one of the recent raids on Zaragoza by loyal aviation, the public lights of this city were suddenly turned on to aid the aviators. The two comrades who carried out this heroic act were arrested immediately after the bombardment and shot.

SANTANDER: 8th. Rebel aviation called here twice today. At 7 a.m. 6 bombers and 4 fighters appeared. They crossed the city from east to west and dropped some bombs in the village of La Albericia where they caused relatively heavy damage. The attack was carried out very rapidly. At 9.30 a.m. 7 bombers appeared dropping various projectiles in the Capital and in the village FUENTEARTE. Most of the bombs dropped were of the incendiary type.

Clean-Up In Barcelona.

BARCELONA, 9th: Following the recent armed clashes in Catalonia provoked by disguised fascists, a general clean up as begun. B.B.C. (British Broadcasting Corporation) reports absolute quiet, meaning that the government police are in full charge. Thus far 214 arrests of leading figures in the attack have taken place, and some leaders of the POUM have fled abroad. A number of Assault Guards arrived here abroad the "City of Barcelona". General Pozas, newly named Commander of the Army of the East, was applauded and cheered at a drive through the city today.

BERLIN: Technicians here are reported to have turned back a consignment of heavy tanks and armoured trucks for defects of construction. It is suspected that they were sabotaged by workers in the factory in sympathy with the Spanish workers. NEW YORK: An American concern will build a 55000 ton battleship for the Soviet Union; it is reported here. The ship will carry nine 16in. cannons and a battery of anti-aircraft guns. In strength and it is expected to rank with the