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SAN FRANCISCO. THE B.B.C. REPORTS THAT A TERRIFIC FIRE IS RAGING ALONG THE WATERFRONT OF THIS TOWN. IT IS COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL TODAY, AND THE FIRE GAINED 1200 FEET TODAY. MORE THAN 400 FIREMEN ARE FIGHTING THE FLAMES AND ALREADY 28 ARE IN HOSPITAL OVERCOME.

News From The Fronts.

NORTH: At Euzkadi, several very violent enemy attacks in the Guipuzco sector were successfully repulsed by our troops causing the enemy many losses.

CENTRE: Our attack in the South of Toledo continues. The enemy has been forced to give up more ground and our positions are noticeably advancing towards the city.

Air Communiqué.

SOUTH: At 1.30 P.M. today 6 loyal planes bombarded effectively the powder factory and warehouses at Istarfe (Granada).

CENTRE: Somosierra Front, on the Robregordo road our aviation bombed and machine-gunned a convoy of 14 buses and several camions. COAST SURVEILLANCE. Today a sea-plane was clearly seen to leave a German war ship, 5 miles from the shore, and make off to the South.

Commander Blin.

The night before last, while examining the progress of the Genio's work, Comrade Blin, Commandant of the Franco-Belge Battalion was wounded by a ball which after passing through his hand entered his stomach.

He is less seriously wounded than at first thought, and we hope soon to see our brave comrade back again amongst us. We send him our best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Comrade Joseph who accompanied Blin was mortally struck by a ball that entered his heart.

We uncover our heads before this new victim of fascism.

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Without hesitation we deny that it is in the name of the Confederation of Labour, of the workers of the C.N.T.". An obscure editorial in "C.N.T." attempting to explain the rising in terms of conflict of antifascist ideas, goes so far as to say that, once the POUM was excluded from the Government, "It was natural that....it went into the street against the Government and its political enemies. (!)"

From the same "Mundo Obrero" editorial, comes a reply: "In the game of defending counter-revolutionary Trotskyism, those who went into the streets armed with machine-guns that were lacking at the front, are presented to us as overexcited men, but antifascists. This is poppycock. He who uses arms against the workers, against antifascists, against the Government, cannot be an antifascist. IN CATALONIA THERE WAS NO STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE WORKERS. WHOEVER SAYS SO LIES. IN CATALONIA THERE WAS A RISING OF ENEMY AGENTS - WHO CARRIED IRRESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS WITH THEM - AGENTS OF THE REBELS OF THE FIFTH COLUMN, AMONG WHOM STANDS THE POUM AND ALL THOSE WHO COVER THEIR FASCIST FACE WITH DEMAGOGIC AND PSEUDO-REVOLUTIONARY PHRASEOLOGY. And this conglomeration of enemies of the people and of the revolution, has risen against the Government, has risen, like the military-fascists of July, like the Civil Guards, like the most shameless fascists. Slick arguments are useless. The hour has come for all those who are in the Government to represent the forces of which they are the mandataries, in an authentic manner; they must have sufficient authority to prevent risings and attitudes that cannot be excused but only inexorably punished.

PARIS: France will spend 1000 million francs on schools and roads as well as 5000 million francs on workers' pensions according to the People's Front programme announced in the French chamber by Premier Blum. The Programme received the largest vote of confidence yet recorded by the People's Front Government.

TREASON IS THE ONLY NAME FOR TREASON

While the Madrid's People Front and mass organisations throughout the country petition the Government to liquidate the traitors who rose against the legitimate government in Catalonia, there are spokesmen for "moderation" who want the situation to return to "normal". "Normal" would be the situation before the rising.

(1) The Aragon Front deathly still for want of arms while Barcelona and every town in the region contain hidden machine-guns, rifles, and millions of rounds of ammunition.

(2) Militia columns which remain miles from any front, and have so remained since the war commenced; raiding and molesting the toiling civilian populations of wide areas.

(3) Continuous sabotage of the decisions of the Generalitat and the Valencia Government by bodies nominally responsible to parties or organisations represented in the Government.

(4) Open provocation by the Trotskyists, who despite the war were permitted to plead for the overthrow of the People's Front Government.

In the press of the C.N.T. this effort to maintain the "status quo" finds "theoretic" justification. Says "C.N.T." evening daily of the Confederation in Madrid: "No one doubts that the events we are talking about can only aid fascism; but, in general, those who participated in them (the armed actions) were, on either side, antifascists blinded by their different and equally incorrect and nefast criteria as to how the political and social life of revolutionary Spain should develop." It seems incredible that the official organs of the C.N.T.

should attempt to put the police and Government popular defenders on a plane with the fascists who rose in arms against the Government; especially after the highest Anarchist and Syndicalist bodies specifically condemned the call to arms as a Fascist provocation.

The explanation is known: Trotskyists have obtained editorial control of many C.N.T. newspapers.

But the fact that the Trotskyists have filtered into the ranks of Anarcho-syndicalism cannot excuse the C.N.T. from taking a definite stand. "Treason is the only name for treason", writes "Mundo Obrero". Nor is it a mere matter of honour for the C.N.T. to drop the position taken by many of its newspapers. It was in the name of an Anarchist group - of a so-called Anarchist group, in reality Trotskyist - that the rising in Barcelona was attempted. The National Confederation of Labour (C.N.T.) and the Iberian Anarchist Federation (F.A.I.) both denounced the group's action as an absolutely impermissible one, as performing the work "of authentic agents provocateurs." Yet now, C.N.T. official organs speaking in the name of that body want to describe the would-be rebels as "antifascists ... blinded by mistaken criteria..." In practice this position, by assuming the good faith of men who commit overt acts of treason against the People's Front Government, encourages the continuance of the hiding of arms, banditry of armed "patrols", and virtual sabotage of the Government.

"It is necessary that the C.N.T. clearly disauthorise the criminal insurrection in Catalonia - a thing it has not done so far - or that it cease to form part of the government", write "Mundo Obrero". "No more of the double game of having representatives in the Government of the people and then permitting that in the name of the C.N.T. groups rise to stab the Government in the back."

Nothing less than the absolute necessity of liquidating the fascists the rear if we are to liquidate them at the front, could induce the Communists - WHO FIRMLY MAINTAIN THAT THE CATALAN RISING WAS NOT THE WORK OF HONEST ANARCHISTS - to take this strong line. The People's Front bodies of every description have denounced the role of the POUM as that of Franco's agent, but they have not known exactly what position to take with respect to the C.N.T. This is due to the extremely dubious position of the C.N.T. newspapers many of which are openly devoting front pages to the defence of the Trotskyists whose guilt is further evidenced by the flight of their leaders to France. "In whose name is this defence made?" asks the Communist organ.

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