



OUR FIGHT

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ORGAN OF THE FRONT OF THE XV BRIGADE.

NEWS FROM THE FRONTS.

NORTH: Euzkadi. Our artillery fired upon a number of enemy concentrations. The enemy attacked very strongly in the North of Guipuseoa, but after heavy fighting were repulsed with heavy losses.

LEON: The enemy attacked our forces in the town of Laucha, but were driven back, we took several prisoners.

The other Fronts were quiet.

AIR COMMUNIQUE.

EAST: Three Republican planes bombed Sabiñanigo very effectively. The arms factory of this town is burning.

YESTERDAY'S AIR COMMUNIQUE.

CENTRE: Various reconnaissance flights were undertaken.

NORTH: A bombing patrol protected by fighting planes flew over the fascist positions in Berneo and Guornica and bombarded them, they also bombarded fascist troops on the road to Guornica from Berneo.

The destroyer H.M.S. Hunter has left the port of Almeria towed by English Cruisers towards Gibraltar.

OTHER AIR NEWS.

It is communicated from Barbastro that our aviation worked in a very intense way during the whole of yesterday, bombarding incessantly objectives of military and strategic importance at Huesca, Sabiñanigo and Zaragoza. These attacks have been carried out nearly every day without our aviation suffering any damage.

BARCELONA: The lectures on the recent events in Barcelona given two days ago in the American, Dinitrov, British and American Battalions by Ralph Bates, Political Commissar in Madrid, proved of great interest to all who had the good fortune to hear it.

Comrades will be glad to learn that Comrade Bates will visit the Brigade each week to lecture.

PUNISH THE TRAITORS.

The Trotskyist organisation, POUM was in close touch with the Nazi agents, the Gestapo.

The Plans for the insurrection in Barcelona were worked out in Fribourg, Germany. The newspaper "Frente Rojo" publishes information with which it proves that the Spanish Trotskyists of the POUM have been for a long time now in communication with the Nazi agents of the Gestapo and Italian Fascists. A number of meetings have taken place at Fribourg to work out the details of the rising in Barcelona.

This plan gave the fascists a wonderful espionage service, and gave them the opportunity of sending quantities of arms and machine guns across the various frontiers.

Further, the organisers of the rising thought that it would be of short duration and that they would succeed in smashing the Aragon Front and thus provoke foreign intervention. The German and Italian delegates had actually strongly pressed Lord Plymouth to act in this sense.

When the Trotskyist learnt of the appointment of General Pozas to the supreme command of the military forces of the Catalan army, they declared that they were lost and that it was a terrible blow to the realisation of their plans.

AGAINST THE FIFTH COLUMN.

The Director-General of the Police has stated that, by certain measures taken by the Madrid Police, measures which cannot be divulged just now, the Fifth Column is going to receive a definite blow.

When the moment comes to make public this work, one will realise the marvellous results obtained by this service, which is going to start working incessantly.

H.M.S. HUNTER.

LONDON: The departure from Gibraltar of several vessels in announced. The "Hardy" and the "Halperion" have gone to the scene of the explosion. Renter states that the catastrophe was caused either by an under-water mine or by a hostile act of an enemy plane.

Great activity is taking place in the Gibraltar docks. It is anxiously asked what attitude the British Government will adopt after the enquiry which is now taking place by the British Naval Authorities.

Certain indications, not yet confirmed, appeared to point to the fact that the accident that occurred to the H.M.S. Hunter was caused by an under-water mine. In this connection the declaration of the British Government that it would not tolerate any illegal intervention with the units of the British Fleet, is recalled.

The Government would take very energetic steps if it was discovered that this explosion was due to external causes.

VISITORS.

Company Commander Meredith of the British Battalion woken up from his afternoon sleep yesterday, thought he was dreaming when he saw a very pleasant looking young woman looking down at him.

But it was no dream. The pleasant looking young woman was real. She was comrade Jean Ross, wife of Frank Pitcairn of the "Daily Worker" and herself a newspaper correspondent.

Jean passed along the whole of the English trenches and talked with many comrades.

At the same time some other visitors were making their way along the American trenches. They were film photographers here to make a film of the Lincoln Battalion which will be later be shown in America with the object of raising money for the American Spanish Aid Committee.

DUGOUTS.

In the British Battalion, comrade Lobban and a number of other comrades have constructed in record time some dugouts which are the equal of any seen in the great war.

We hear that some American comrades having seen these are now

digging dugouts in their own trenches which they claim will be even better than Lobban's.

It is up to the comrades of the Spanish, Franco-Belge and Dimitrov Battalions to show what they can do now in the matter of dugouts.

LONDON: Left newspapers in England have commenced a great campaign demanding a real policy of non-intervention.

LATE NEWS.

VALENCIA, 15th. On the evening of the 15th, Valencia was bombed from the air. Four fascist planes flew over the city. No further details are to hand yet.

CATALONIA.

BARCELONA, 14th. The Delegate of Public Order has declared to journalists here that absolute quiet prevails over the whole of Catalonia.

In order to contradict information given by certain foreign newspapers the representatives of the "Manchester Guardian", the Reuters Agency, the "Times", the "Daily Telegraph" and the "London General Press" have sent the following communication to the Generality.

"The undersigned foreign correspondents, having learnt that certain foreign newspapers have grossly exaggerated the recent events in Barcelona, saying in particular that the streets were transformed into rivers of blood and dead bodies hooped up, we desire to make it known that this and similar news has no likeness to reality. The medical service worked very efficiently, no bodies could be seen in the streets. The information of the said papers was quite simply discovered in the realms of pur fantasy."

KOESTLER.

The English correspondent of the "News Chronicle", Koestler who was captured by the Fascists, and later taken off to Seville, will be exchanged for a prisoner of war in the hands of the legitimate Government, it is learnt today.

The Editor apologises to all comrades that this copy of "Our Fight" did not appear first thing this morning, but owing to a breakdown in supplies it was impossible