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REORGANISATION OF THE GOVERNMENT IN REPUBLICAN SPAIN.

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HEADED BY LARGO CABELLERO HAS RESIGNED AND A NEW GOVERNMENT IS IN PROCESS OF FORMATION.

The Government's resignation has been forced because of its failure adequately to organise industry for the war; failure to organise the offensive against the fascist and failure to deal with the bad situation in the rear. The tragic events in Barcelona were the direct result of these weaknesses of the late Government.

The Communist Party writes in its paper "Mundo Obrero" the following:-

"The Communist Party wants a government of the Popular Front that can satisfy the masses and that can solve the problems of the war, of industry, and that can clean up the rearward.

"The crisis has arrived and the Government of Largo Cabellero has fallen. We, who are responsible for its fall, claim that this crisis was necessary because there were certain political errors made by the cabinet of Largo Cabellero, errors which have resulted in the bloody encounters of Catalonia, errors which are reflected in inactivity on all the fronts, errors which are reflected in the chaotic situation found in all industry.

"All this had to result in some concrete action by one of the representative forces in the government, which was the custodian of confidence. This force had to be the Communist Party, which is the echo of the aspirations and of the desires of other organisations and parties and, above all, of the immense majority of the Spanish people.

"We ask for a Government of the Popular Front. It is clear that we ask for public order, for complete control of all industries and for the formation of war industries; that an adequate change be made in providing the necessity of the war and of the revolution. If this change is not introduced we have not gained much.

"We do not demand this for our own part as a party, but because we believe that it is essential to follow this plan in order to win the war and the revolution. Let it be understood then that all the acts of the Communist Party are inspired by the necessity of quickly winning the war and of leading this triumph to the popular revolution."

The most important papers of the other parties of the Popular Front agree with the chief points in the demands of the Communist Party.

Thus the Socialist Journal "Informaciones" organ of the Air Minister Prato (right socialist) says :-

"All the sections of the Popular Front must compose the new government.

"The crisis arose because the new orientations, the new necessities the grave days we are living in ask for other expressions and solutions of personal character, and all this will be found in the three we have already spoken of, the Antifascist Popular Front which must continue to form the Government.

"The composition of the Government is very important and is the main question of the moment. It must be a Popular Front Government. The distribution of posts in it must correspond to the needs of the war. All the Trade Unions must realise this necessity.

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NEWS FROM THE FRONTS.

NORTH: EUZKADI. In the Guipuzcoa sector our troops attacked the fascists and captured an important position. Our artillery fired on several places inflicting heavy punishment. Quite a number of deserters reported in our lines today.

ASTURIAS: Oviedo. Our forces repulsed an enemy attempt on Tenderina.

LEON: 15th. The Republican forces on the Leon Front have taken and occupied two strategic hills, Aguila and Canto, which were previously occupied by the fascists, in doing so they have completely cut the enemy communications between the city of Lillo and the front.

16th. The loyal troops repulsed several fascist attacks today and continued to hold all the positions recently won. We attacked in the proximity of Lillo. 24 soldiers from the fascists deserted to our side.

H.M.S. HUNTER.

LONDON, 14th. All London is asking what action the British Government will now take after the accident to the "Hunter". The feeling in London is very strong against the fascists, as it is generally believed that the mine was laid by fascists.

Well informed circles in London have been assured that the British Government has not received official information concerning the cause of the catastrophe, and for this reason there has been no official comment concerning the action of the British Government in the matter. The authorities refuse to make any comment whatsoever.

GIBRALTAR, 15th. The British Naval Hospital ship Maigo sailed from Gibraltar today for Almeria to pick up the dead and wounded of the "Hunter".

MOSCOW, 15th. The Socialist Fatherland establishes another world record. Captain Baiboukov has established a new air record for transport planes. Flying a commercial plane with four 800 horsepower motors and carrying a five ton load, he averaged 280 kilometres an hour for a distance of 2003 kilometres.

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE CRISIS.

May, 16th. The President Azana has charged Largo Caballero with the formation of a new Government. All the leaders of the parties composing the Popular Front were called into consultation and important conversations went on all day.

All the parties represented in the last Government agree that the new Government must also be a Government of the Popular Front in which all parties will participate.

We may confidently anticipate that the reorganisation of the Government will lead to a great strengthening of the forces of Republican Spain; to the rapid organisation of new offensives against the fascist enemy; to the better organisation of industry; and to the cleaning up of the open and secret agents of the enemy in the rear.

In short the reorganisation now taking place will lead to the victory over the fascist enemy much more rapidly.

PARIS, 14th. Workers on the Paris Exposition have announced their refusal to return to the fascist fatherland.

VALENCIA, 14th. A nest of 5th Column traitors have been uncovered in Almeria. All their arms have been confiscated. It was found that they had been carrying on their activities in this sector since the fall of Madrid. During April many carbines and rifles were seized from 5th Column agents in the sector besides 4 machine guns, 12 automatic rifles and 575 pistols. In the whole of Spain excluding Catalonia and the province of Valencia 12863 arms were seized by the police during April. During April 350 rifles were seized throughout Spain with the exception of Catalonia. In Catalonia 1500 rifles and 12 machine guns.

Besides this in the whole of Spain 5000 hand grenades and 216000 rounds of ammunition were seized.

PARIS, 15th. According to the "Humanity" the following is information of a confidential character from an Italian City. Various sub-officials have been called up and sent to Germany in order to lend their services in German territory between Poland and Czechoslovakia. Is Germany preparing a fascist offensive in Czechoslovakia?

LONDON 15th. English workers have prepared refuges for 4000 Bilbao children, the first 2000 are expected in London next week.