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ALL ENERGIES DIRECTED TOWARD WINNING THE WAR.

We register with great satisfaction that the Government presided over by Conrado Negrin continues to be received with testimonies of complete adhesion. The whole country has placed itself behind the Government of the Popular Front, particularly, public sentiment of the Spanish masses has understood the true signification of the new Government.

All false statements against the Government have been cast aside with indignation. The position taken by the workers through their unions and through their parties, could not have possibly been put more categorically. The Spanish people know where they are heading and have chosen to go there. They cannot be confused by provocateurs and saboteurs. The people know that the immediate, the urgent need for the consolidation of its conquests and the building of a peaceful and happy Spain is the quick and victorious end to the war. Since through the programme of the new Government we see that it is dedicated towards lending its entire strength to the winning of the war, not only have the masses lined up behind it but they have lent their enthusiastic support by unequivocal adhesion.

The new Government has begun to take its first steps. We must not forget the difficulties which the Government will encounter in its work. The nine men that the people have put at the head of the country are not wizards who can realise in a few hours what may take days or months. Our war is plagued with obstacles; obstacles which exist not only as the strong lines of the enemy at the fronts, but also as enemies in our own rearward. But the people feel sure that the Government, realising its difficulties, will cast aside all obstacles in its way with the energy the present circumstances demand.

It is appreciated by the people and by the Government that an end must be put to all public disorder which in truth does exist. It is realised that disorder does not always express itself with machine-guns and rifles as in Barcelona, there is today a latent disorder in the State that is reflected in the existence of counter-revolutionary groups whose only mission is to provoke conflict in the rearward and thus serve Fascism. It is clear to all that one of the most dangerous of these groups is the POUM. It is a dangerous enemy of the public, of the Popular Front and of the communist, socialist and anarchist worker. All loyal Spaniards agree that this Trotskyist group must be declared illegal, its counter-revolutionary mediums of propaganda confiscated, and its directors imprisoned.

But it has been pointed out to the Cabinet that the Trotskyists do not constitute the only disturbing element. The government realises and is attempting to solve the existing problem presented by the uncontrollable. In many cities there exists arms deposits that escape the control of the Government, which are in the hands of enemies of the Popular Front. These arms impose a sort of terrorism which generates discontent among the people. It is clear that only the army should have arms. Steps have been taken by the Government to confiscate arms from those organisations which wish to maintain their own arsenals, while the fronts are so short of arms with which to fight the invader. It is treating these organisations as the enemies of the Popular Front.

The people and the Government realise that the next problem is the necessity of ending disorder in economy. Some factories and industries being exploited by the workers for their own purposes instead of

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directing production towards supplying for the war. The people demand a single proprietor: the Government; a single organiser and co-ordinator of all production: the Government. Thus an end will be made to disorder in industry.

These are the exigencies which the Government is expected to take care of immediately. They are, considered from the strictly standpoint, of extraordinary importance. It is realised that their immediate solution is necessary for the victory.

NEWS FROM THE FRONTS.

NORTHERN FRONT: The Republican troops attacked the front, north of Guipuzcoa, occupied important positions and caused many losses in the enemy lines. A machine-gun, an automatic rifle, several rifles and a large quantity of munition were captured from the enemy.

BILBAO. Fascist aviation attacked several of the suburbs of Bilbao, causing the deaths of several of the civilians.

CENTRE FRONT: MADRID. In a surprise attack our troops occupied the Plaza called Embajada de Cuba, near the Cuesta de las Perdices and our position was immediately fortified. A convoy intended for University City was rapidly destroyed by our machine guns.

AIR COMBOUTIQUE.

This afternoon our aviation bombed the railway station at Burgos where there were several trucks, causing a large amount of destruction.

Several reconnoitering flights were undertaken, all these were undertaken without finding anything fresh.

NEGRIN DEMANDS COMPLETE VICTORY. VALENCIA, 20th. The Premier, in an interview with foreign correspondents, was asked whether he would consider mediation as a means of ending the war.

Dr. Negrín answered, "This word cannot be applied in the present war because mediation is a means of ending Imperialist wars between capitalist states but not this war where the legitimate government has been attacked by rebel invaders. It is therefore the duty of the Government to drive out the rebels completely from all sectors.

Ayuntamiento de Madrid

UGT WARNS ITS MEMBERS.

BARCELONA, 20th. The secretary of the U.G.T. of Catalonia has published a note which in part runs as follows :-

"The Secretary of the Catalan U.G.T. feels it is necessary to warn all its members against being confused by the manoeuvres of the counter revolutionary elements of fascism. The U.G.T. of Catalonia has clearly stated its position with respect to the Government of the Republic which has just been formed; a position of confidence and frank approval in it. Being a Government of the Popular Front it should be adhered to. It is a Government of war which will give no quarter to national and international fascism. It is a government which seeks victory over fascism and which realises that victory can be won only by means of arms."

The secretary goes on to say that though he is in favour of unity between the Trade Unions, he is not in favour of uniting with any organisation which in any way attempts to sabotage the new Government. Unity, he says, is necessary for collective action against the invaders and must not be used as an element of discord in the Popular Front. He is in favour of uniting all forces which can contribute to the winning of the war.

MADRID. The newspaper "Frente Libertario" has been suspended indefinitely by public order authorities. "Castilla Libre" the morning organ of the Regional Confederation of Labour was suspended several days ago, and "C.N." evening organ of the National Confederation of Labour voluntarily suspended publication.

ANTI-NAZI DEMONSTRATION IN BERLIN. BERLIN, 18th. Two trains, one from Vienna and one from Paris, arrived in Berlin on May 1st. with anti-nazi slogans painted on all the cars. The train from Vienna carried large letters painted in red and spelling "Rot Front."

KOESTLER IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, 20th. Koestler, the News Chronicle reporter who was arrested by Franco in Malaga and condemned to death for spying, arrived at Plymouth today. He stated that he had not yet recovered from suffering inflicted on him in the jails at Malaga and