



### SPAIN AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The present session of the Council of the League of Nations will attract more attention than the preceding sessions when the question of Spain has been discussed. Not only Spain but the entire World will be affected by the decisions of this session. For many months Spain has been the focus of world politics, she has been the cockpit of many interests and many ambitions. In the immediate past ministers of many European Powers have used the struggle in Spain as an instrument of their own egotistical ambitions, and Geneva, which is under the control of these Powers, has continually hedged and refused to recognise the true aspect of the Spanish situation. However today, - imperialist interest or no imperialist - class interest or no class interest - the League of Nations must listen to the demands of Spain, if only to defend its honour. The International situation is grave, and the Spanish Delegation's proofs are plentiful and its arguments strong. The delegation today will produce concrete argument, testimony and documents which will prove without doubt the bloody invasion of Spanish soil by international fascism.

What answer will the Delegation receive ?

For the past two days the League of Nations has attempted to feed the Spanish government with patent medicines. The first suggestion or "cure" was mediation with the rebels and invaders. Such a peace would be a "sell-out" to the Spanish people, a donation to International fascism, and a shameful blow to Spain and the workers of the world.

The Spanish delegation will again make it clear that they want no help of any kind and ask no favour from the League of Nations; they will only ask their rights as representatives of a state under a legitimate government.

There can be no question of mediation. Mediation can only be effected between two sovereign states. In this war there is on the one side the legitimate government and on the other a gang of rebels.

The second "cure" was the removal of volunteers. This suggestion is tragically funny in view of the fact that the only volunteers in Spain are on the loyalist side and that their number is extremely small in comparison with the hordes of regular Italian, German, and Portuguese troops and mercenary troops who constitute the "nationalist" army. Nevertheless the Spanish government will win this war - with or without Geneva - and whether Geneva likes it or not.

The above is the leading article in to-days "Socialista" )

### WAR COMMUNIQUE

In the Sierras our troops have occupied the position known as EL NERVENO. This position greatly improves our lines. In the operation the enemy suffered heavy casualties. Artillery effectively bombarded the crossroads at AR VACA destroying several machine gun nests:

### AIR COMMUNIQUE

As a reconnaissance flight our airplanes saw in the Road from Sesafia to a small convey of enemy camions. They flew low and machine gunned them.

Ayuntamiento de Madrid



#### LONDON BUS STRIKE: SETTLEMENT ?

The B.B. last night announced that a settlement had been effected with the Busmen and the Transport Board. The men are to return to work on Friday and working agreement is to be negotiated immediately after this return. Machinery is to be set up to enquire into the question of schedules and conditions of work. Bevin stated "It is an honourable settlement."

#### ANOTHER BRITISH SHIP ATTACKED

Almeria 26th: The radio stated that to-day another British ship was attacked by fascists, this time being bombed from the air. No further news is as yet available.

#### GERMAN TO DIE

Bilbao 25th: German air-pilot, brought down and captured by Basque soldiers, was to-day sentenced to death. Charged with taking part in a military rebellion and being responsible for the deaths of loyal subjects among them being many women and children he pleaded GUILTY. Papers on his person proved him to have taken part in murders of Guernica and Durango.

#### THAELMAN

Paris 25th: 3 French doctors to-day returned from Berlin where they had gone to examine the health of our comrade Thaelman. Stated that they were refused permission for this visit by Ministers of Propaganda and Justice on the excuse that he was looked after by the prison doctor.

#### VANDERVELDE

Brussels 25th: Vandervelde, one of the leaders of the Socialist International, to-day demanded the formation of a committee to investigate Guernica. Also stated that he believed the members of the Non-Intervention Committee were not impartial and demanded investigation as to their integrity.

Van Zeeland, Premier of Belgium, promised to raise this matter with Foreign Minister, Spaak, as soon as he returned from Geneva.

#### NEW GOVERNMENT AT WORK

Valencia 25th: It was announced to-day that the new Minister of the Interior had started the work of collection of arms from the rear. Among other arms thus collected was 1,073 rifles and many small arms from Barcelona. Towns from which arms were collected include Madrid, Alicante, Ciudad Real, and Granada.

#### FASCISTS BRING DOWN FRENCH AIRLINER

Bayonne 26th (By Radio) An airplane part of a French Air line Service between Biarritz and Bilbao, was to-day machine gunned by a Fascist airplane and brought down. The pilot was killed but the four passengers escaped unhurt.

When this service was first organized General Franco stated that it was a contravention of the Non-Intervention agreement and warned the owners that any planes flying on this service would meet with the hostility of his forces.

#### ANTI-RED AMERICAN VISITS POPE

Vatican 25th: Ex Mayor of New York, La Follette, one time candidate for American Presidency, to-day had a long talk with the Pope. Questioned after this meeting the famous anti-red stated that he had been getting the opinions of the pope on his "Crusade against Bolshevism".

#### FASCIST SET BACK IN PARIS

Paris 26th (By Radio) The French Minister of the Interior, Laval, has to-day dismissed from his post the Mayor of Saint Denis, the renegade Doriot. Doriot is the leader of the French Popular Nationalist Party, is a leading figure of the Fascists in France.

#### Late News of Bombing of English Ship.

It has been ascertained that the ship already mentioned was the Guatula and was loaded with wheat. Considerable damage has been done to the ship although it has not sunk.

Almeria 25th: Between 8.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. fascist airplanes have bombarded here. 25 bombs were dropped but none fell on the beach or in the bay. Up to the present there has been no report of any victims.

Almeria 25th: At 2.30 this morning the fascist aviation bombarded the village of BERJAS. A cafe was completely destroyed but there were no victims.

#### TIT-BIT

Berne 25th: The international Red Cross has sent to all governments asking for aid in order to continue its wonderful work in Spain. (no comment)