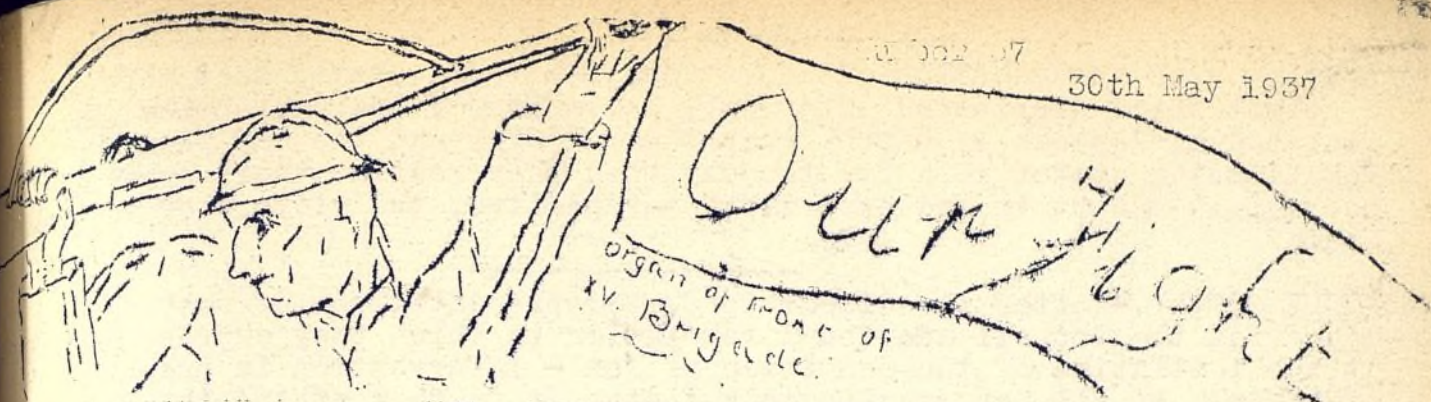


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THE SESSION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Yesterday was the most important sitting of the present session of the League of Nations as Comrade Del Vayo, speaking in the name of the Spanish Republican Government, took the floor.

After underlining the fact that the Government of Spain was addressing the League not through any desire to solicit aid or any special favour from it he said, posing a question based on Article 11 of the League Covenant - "One can only serve peace in the most efficacious manner by taking action, strongly and resolutely, against those who try to disturb it. The prestige and the very future of this institution is endangered by silence. To-day, it is clear that the foreign intervention in Spain, which every day is amplified and more insolent, is imperiling the peace of Europe."

In an exposure of facts he went on to detail the four phases of the fascist intervention :

a) - The intensification of the German - Italian intervention which culminated in an open invasion of Spain and which could be summed up in the one word "Guadalajara"

b) - The application to the war of the theory which is known as "Totalitarian War" and to apply it in such a form as to rouse the conscience of the whole world at the destruction of Guernica.

c) - The vigorous application of the system of control elaborated with great pains by the Committee of Non-Intervention.

d) - The latest efforts of this Committee to its logical conclusion in the withdrawal of foreign combatants.

"Several months of lamentable gestures" he went on "on the part of the Committee have resulted in one thing, in the knowledge that Germany and Italy are up to this intervention up to their necks.

If the armies sent to Spain have not been in greater numbers it is only because one is shown the spirit of a people who are resolved to fight to the last breath for its independence and liberty. Nevertheless, is it possible that 70 or 80 thousand Italians should be on Spanish sovereign soil and their presence officially ignored?

The "White Book" which we have submitted to all members is only a small part of the documents which we have been able to collect. Even so their number establishes, and more so, the impudence of the Italian High Command.

It shows the presence, on Spanish territory, of regular units of the Italian Army, directed in their operations by the Italian Government in the same manner as if it were directing operations in a conquered country.

The only reply to such an act is the one given by the Republican Army" After giving proofs that the destruction of Guernica was carried out by German aircraft, and underlining the fact that the policy of Non intervention was only accepted by Spain with the greatest reserve, DEL VAYO passed to the question of volunteers -

- The volunteers in Republican Spain are part of the units of the Army. They have come spontaneously to fight on our side fully conscious that the field of battle in Spain will decide the fate of Europe, the fate of all freedom of nations and of men. When I think of these comrades heart is filled with emotion, giving their blood and life freely during the darkest days of the battle on the fields of Battalla in Castille, during the darkest days in the defence of Madrid. This idea, so clear and elevated, which brought these comrades to the struggle of the Republican Government will, in direct contact with the Spanish brothers, bring them always united to the struggles of the Spanish people. But, understanding an aesthetic discipline, volunteers will never create difficulties in the way of new sacrifices and the Spanish government is ready to make in order to avoid the extension of the conflict.

(Aguntamiento de Madrid)

Dealing with the question of mediation, DEL VAYO stated that this was just a spirit which disappeared after only a few hours, adding, happily. He finished his speech in saying that the war will end the day when the Totalitarian states wish it, the day when they realise their error and accept, as a certain and inevitable perspective, the victory of the Republic Spain.

 GENEVA 29th: * After the discussions of representatives of most of the countries the Council adopted a resolution in which they express satisfaction at the initiative of the Committee of Non - Intervention in proposing the withdrawal of all non Spanish combatants. It further states the hope that this initiative will permit the withdrawal of these combatants as quickly as possible, that it is a measure that it is the most efficacious remedy to a situation which compromises peace in the world. It asks strongly that all members of the Committee to make every effort in this direction.

The council condemns certain methods of war which are contrary to the rights of the people, such as the bombardment of open towns. The Council paid special thanks to those Institutions and also to certain Governments which had gone to the aid of the civil population.

 LATE NEWS FROM FRANCE BY RADIO
 There arrived to-night 23 Englishmen who had been prisoners of the Rebel Franco. These men stated of their of their hard time in the hands of the rebels and especially as regards the great shortage of food given to them while in the hands of the rebels.

 AIR COMMUNIQUE

Valencia 29th: This afternoon two of our planes left the base in a reconnaissance flight over the Balearic Islands. While passing over the Island of Ibiza a war ship which was about two hundred metres from the shore opened fire with anti aircraft guns against our planes although they on their part had not made any attack either against the boat or the town. The airplanes replied to this attack and dropped 12 bombs several of which produced explosions on the ship.

It appears from radio messages which were heard by our station that the boat which was attacked was the German cruiser "Admiral Scheer" and was in difficulties with a fire aboard.

The part of the sea in which it was is in Spanish territorial waters and this German vessel has no right to be there. That part of the sea is controlled by ships of the French fleet.

 NEWS OF THE FRONTS

Centre: The enemy to-day launched a violent attack against our positions with the intention of making contact with the troops who are surrounded in the University City. This attack was beaten off by our troops who destroyed a fascist tank.

NORTH: Yesterday our troops making a brilliant counter attack took an important position from the enemy who fled leaving abandoned 2 machine guns, 50 rifles, 30 cases of munitions, and large quantities of foodstuffs.

ON THE REST OF THE FRONTS NOTHING NEW OF IMPORTANCE

 News from Various sources

The National Council of the UCT, meeting on the demand of several Federations discussed at length the question of the formation of the new Government and decided by a huge and important majority to give to the cabinet of Dr. Negrin the fullest of its assistance. It has also been decided to call at the earliest possible a congress of the Federation.

Valencia 29th: The fascist aviation yesterday evening bombarded the towns of Valencia and Barcelona. In Valencia there were 20 dead and around 50 wounded.

LONDON 29th: An English ship, part of the control service, was bombarded yesterday by two Junker airplanes. It is understood that a communication on this will be issued by the British Government.

Barcelona 29th: The organ of the P.O.U.M. (Trotskyists) La Battalla is forbidden in a new decree of the government.

Valencia 29th: The Chief of Police in Valencia to-day stated that the anti aircraft Battery at Montjuich had brought down one of the rebel planes which had bombarded the city. The range of the gun was at 4 miles distance.

London 29th: The Daily Herald has sent a telegram to Dr Negrin, the President of the Republic, expressing the hope that the victory will be his in the very near future and reaffirming their promise of all assistance to the people of Spain.