



MORE THAN EVER : DOWN WITH THE FASCIST ASSASSINS

The war has now entered into its decisive stage. Yesterday, the Sierras, the Republican troops wrote a further page in the glorious history of the Spanish Republic. The positions of the enemy, held by them since the first days of the insurrection, have been occupied by the glorious combatants. With a great spirit of combat, and with a force worthy of the admiration of all, they rushed to the assault of the hill of Cabezagrande and, even as these words are being written they are fighting in the gardens of LA GRANJA. On the heights of LEON the enemy have suffered a severe defeat. Thus is shown the irresistible force of the People's Army with its firm spirit and capacity for annihilating the fascists both national and international.

At the same time the fascists are utilising criminal methods of warfare which, at the same time, are a sign of cowardice. To the criminal assassinations of women and children of Madrid by the artillery of Germany and Italy, to the cowardly bombardment of Valencia and Barcelona has now been added a further villany. The ships of war of the German Navy bombarding the town of Almeria, have shown once more that Fascism will not stop at any crime in the carrying out of its plans: to reduce the workers to slavery and under the submission of a bloody dictatorship of the bourgeoisie.

In front of this criminal aggression of German fascism, placed in a corner, in the presence of pacifists and phlegmatic English, the League of Nations will dilly dally, will discuss and deliberate.

It is possible that from this meeting there will be addressed a vote of condolence and sympathy with the victims of Almeria. In any case we doubt if there will result any change in the ill-named policy of Non-Intervention which only aids the interventionist countries.

For us on the other hand the question is clear : FASCISM IS UTILISING PERFECTLY ITS IMPOTENCE IN FRONT OF THE VIGOROUS ACTION OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY ARMY. For this reason, it is directing its blows against the civil population, desperate blows which are only serving to incite the indignation of the working masses of the entire world.

The work of Spain is to conquer them and annihilate them on all fronts. The work of Spain is to follow the magnificent example of the combatants of the Sierras who have accomplished, on their part, the task of "attack the enemies on all fronts to aid BULGARI" and return to the territory which International fascism is seeking to take away from it.

GALLAGHER IN COMMONS

Mr Eden to-day in the House of Commons stated that he had visited the German Charge d'Affaires and expressed to him the hope that the Government of the Reich would not consider any acts which would further aggravate a grave situation. MAJOR ATTLEE asked if the government, in view of the gravity of the situation, would ask the League of Nations to institute an enquiry into the bombardment of Almeria and also the incident of Ibiza. MAJOR ATTLEE replied that owing to the short time since the events he preferred not to enlarge his previous statements. GALLAGHER then pressed to get an answer on the question of the German cruiser "Deutschland" which he said was first fired on the Spanish planes before it was bombed. Eden did not

WAR COMMUNICATION

Centre. Continuing their advance of the previous day our troops have occupied the important position of CABEZA GRANDE and also advanced our lines as far as the immediate zone of Balsain and in the Gardens of La Granja. The day was of hard fighting and terrific losses were inflicted on the enemy.

North. Vizcaya. Little activity on this front. Artillery bombarded the enemy positions. There crossed into our lines seven soldiers with ammunition.

Astrurias. Our troops by a brilliant surprise attack destroyed the Central power Station and killed all of the defenders. We have advanced our lines in this sector to include this building.

AIR COMMUNICATION

Centre. The following was the activity of the aircraft to-day.

At 6.30 bombed San Ildefonso. at 7.15 North of Balsain, Cabeza Grande, and Matabueyes where the enemy had great concentrations of troops. At 8.00 in Revenga and its vicinity. At 13.00 and 14.00 twice more bombed San Ildefonso and Matabueyes and later San Ildefonso again.

The Communique also says:-From a fisherman of Salou (Tarragona) we have learned of an arial combat. A loyal plane marked "Poyez" met at short distance from the coast 5 enemy tri-motors coming from Palma de Mallorca with the obvious intention of bombing one of the town of Levante, possibly Barcelona. Three of these veered off to the west dropping their bombs in the sea. The other two fought with the loyal plane and brought it down at the same time dropping their load of bombs.

Although this has cost the republic three victims it has however saved a town of Spain from a heavy bombardment.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN JAPAN

Tokio 31st. Following the recent Political crisis the Japanese Government has handed in its resignation.

Berlin 31st. This afternoon it was announced that there would be an extraordinary session of the Council to decide on the attitude of the Reich to the Bombing of the cruiser Deutschland.

It is officially stated that more German warships have been sent to the Mediterranean.

GENEVA. THE SPANISH DELEGATE IN GENEVA HAS DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE CALLING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Havana 31st. The Government has approved a law of amnesty. It is estimated that this law will affect about 3,000 political prisoners.

Gibraltar 31st. The Lieutenant Colonel Beattie, Colonial Secretary here to-day made the following statement to the newspapers:-

Here in Gibraltar we are in a very difficult position. Each day there arrive thousands of fugitives who declare that if we do not accept them they will be shot by Franco.

Paris 31st. News has been received of further manifestations of the workers in Italy. Following a notice issued calling on the unemployed to volunteer for Spain the workers have demonstrated in the streets and marched to the office of the local fascist syndicate. The police charged the crowd causing many casualties.

In the Factory at Viscoza the workers have demonstrated against the sending of troops to Spain and on the walls of the factory have appeared leaflets of the illegal workers organisation.

Paris 31st. The Popular Union of Italy which is composed of exiled Italian to-day met in Congress and showed to possess more than 60,000 affiliates. It has been decided to publish a newspaper "Voce degli Italiani" whose first issue will appear June 1st.

Paris 31st. It is communicated from Berlin that the Gestapo have uncovered in the neighborhood of Berlin a group of the "Popular Front of Germany" which had succeeded in distributing in large quantities leaflets and propaganda among the workers in the textile factory of Uebel Brothers.

8 Workers have been arrested for participating in these acts, among them one woman.

Washington. The Minister of State has communicated to the German Ambassador the hope that Germany will peacefully settle with the Government of Spain the incident of the bombardment of Almeria.

London 31st. The meeting of the Non-Intervention Committee this afternoon was taken up with discussing means for the protection of ships taking part in the plan of control. Representatives from Belgium, Checo, France, Portugal, Ireland, and the USSR were present. Germany sent a note explaining why its representative was not present and also sent a note with the same reason.

Rome 31st. Mussolini on learning of the incident of Almeria left his holiday and personally signed the order recalling the ships which were engaged in the control plan. He also called for the return of his representative in the Committee of Non Intervention.