



# OUR FIGHT

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FRONT-Line ORGAN OF THE FIFTEENTH BRIGADE

## COMMUNIQVES FROM OTHER FRONTS

**FRONT** - The enemy attacked at the this front, mainly against coastal sector and Arenas de Caballeros. They took this town and San Juan, located on the coast. They also attacked Peñas Blancas and Las Peñas, but were forced back, losing considerable number of men.

The action of the great mass of heavy aviation was extraordinary. They machine-gunned, in addition to the mentioned positions, Carreña and Vega.

On the Leon front, after a strong attack, the fascists occupied the central point of the Sierra de los Caballeros.

In the Oviedo sector the enemy called Grullas, Planora, Biedes, San Juan, and other positions.

Our forces in the Zuera sector, occupying a landmark point, repelled our front lines, after sustained fire with the enemy.

The enemy batteries at Zuera, Lecina, and Perdiguera shelled us.

Four refugees from the enemy lines passed over to ours.

**GRANADA** - In Pitres, (Granada), the enemy hostilely our positions with artillery and machine-gun fire; our troops replied in a like manner with rifle fire, without consequence. A place along the positions of Cruz de Chorrillo.

An advance begun by our troops in the Pozoblanco sector progresses slowly because of stiff resistance.

## LOYALIST DESTROYERS IN CONVOY, MEET, ENGAGE FASCIST CRUISER "CANARIAS"

The Minister of National Defence reports the following encounter:  
On the night of the 17th, at 21:15 hours, 30 miles, 95° off Barcelona, a combat lasting more than an hour took place between the fascist cruiser, the "Canarias", and three destroyers of the Republican Fleet.

"Our boats, following the clash, continued undamaged and carried out their convoy mission."

A later communique supplies the following additional information:

"Our three destroyers were convoying the "Sister" and the "Jaime II"; upon reaching the sea-coast fronting on to Calella (Arenys de Mar), the "Canarias" came out to meet them and opened fire against our ships.

"Two of the destroyers accepted this challenge to battle; the third, detaching itself from the convoy, went on with the mission of convoying the merchant ships, escorting them to the regions of Menorca; it rejoined the other two and all went on to Barcelona."

Two refugees reported in our line.

**TERUEL** - Trench mortar and cannon fire in the Sarrion sector.

The enemy infantry, located along the heights of kilometre 141, of the Teruel-Valencia railway, menaced our positions on the railway station at Ojos Negros.

**CENNER** - No news.

**AIR MINISTRY** - No news.

Ayuntamiento de Madrid

ENTRE LA BRIGADA

Hemos oido rumores que hay mucho tiroteo. Esto indica "Inquietud para los facciosos. La experiencia previa de los americanos e ingleses en el juego de "Basquetball" debe hallar una expresion verdaderamente estetica en el lanzamiento enlatada favorita... paña. Pero sea posible que alguien da de mala gana contra el Comisariado. Casi alcanzó a un camarada hayer. Oye cuidado!.

Los del Lincoln-Washington hace algunos dias, se encontraron molestados por un aullido penetrante; nombraron un Comité de Investigacion, el cual comprobó que se trataba de la cornota de vendedor de pescado y que pertenecia al cocinero del batallon Mackensie-Papineau. Fue rogado que casase.

Alguien ha empezado una competicion entre las cocinas de la Brigada, y resulta que las ultimas comidas, han hecho pensar a los soldados viejos. "Me en !. Vaya que guerra!... Por el momento la cocina del Estado Mayor gana por un poco de cordero sobre los cocineros del Lincoln-Washington, los del Mackensie-Papineau tambien les siguen de cerca, faltando las patatas y un pudin, Pues, los camaradas se van a engordar por un tiempo.

A pesar de las batallas, alguien pudo guardarse dos dados. Y hubo un momento bastante desconcertante, un comandante de compania intentaba ganar el sueldo de su compania. Pero entre el juego aparecio el ayudante del batallon. El, al ver a la muchedumbre, se acercó y oyó: "...Y no habeis de jugar...".

Indirecta Nº 689: No echad latas, papeles etc. en el campo. Ayuda al saneamiento y limpieza del campo y evita de correr el peligro de la aviacion enemiga. Salud eh?.

Camaradas, el que no haya leido el discurso de nuestro representante en la Sociedad de Naciones Dr Negrin esta invitado a hacerlo pues es de sumo interés, lo encontrareis en la prensa del 19 del corriente.

SPAIN BEFORE THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS (Continued from Page Five, Column Two)

of Mussolini to send more troops and material; now the fascists are growing desperate as each day finds us stronger and stronger.

- From the facts at hand Dr. Negrin drew the following conclusions:
- 1st-That it is recognized that Spain has been the object of aggression by Germany and Italy.
- 2nd-That, in consequence of that recognition, the League of Nations examine, in all haste, the form by which an end may be put to this aggression.
- 3rd-That there is given to the Spanish government is right to acquire freely all war goods it deems necessary.
- 4th-That all non-Spanish combatants be withdrawn.
- 5th-That the means of security adopted in the Mediteranean (Nyon Pact) be extended to all of Spain, and that Spain be assured the legitimate participation to which it is entitled.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS OF AND IN SPAIN

David Levinson, noted liberal and Philadelphia lawyer, has arrived in Valencia to spend some time in Spain. The Spanish press has enthusiastically hailed his arrival; they cite his long and fine record as a warrior on the legal front against fascism. He has defended or volunteered his services in the defense of Dimitroff, Prestes, Berger, Popof, Rokosi, and other internationally known working-class leaders.

In Tarragona province there last night appeared over Reus three fascist planes who dropped some bombs on the civil populace.

The Catalonian Generality formally denied, in a statement to the press yesterday, that Catalonia was contemplating a separate peace with the foe.

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# JAP WAR SPAIN THE LEAGUE NATIONS

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CHINESE LOSSES ARE TERRIFIC  
CHINESE POSITIONS HOLD IN  
MOST SECTORS; TWO CHINESE  
COUNTER-ATTACKS ARE HIGHLY  
SUCCESSFUL; NEW TACTIC HELPS

Chinese troops have adopted a fighting tactic which is giving excellent results. To escape the heavy artillery fire of the Japanese Navy, the Chinese abandon their first lines and counter-attack as soon as the Japanese troops occupy them, and before the latter have a chance to become accustomed to the new positions. Most combats have been fought as a result of this maneuver, mainly with short arms and knives. Foreign war correspondents say the Chinese will hold their positions much longer than anyone originally thought, and that to take Shanghai the Japanese will need at least 100,000 men.

### MILITARY EXPERT SAY JAP ARMS GOOD BUT CHINESE SOLDIERS ARE BETTER. CHOLERA EPIDEMIC

A foreign military expert made a statement to the Havas news agency that the battle around Shanghai has confirmed the superiority of the Japanese armaments, but brought out the valor of the Chinese soldier. "The Chinese infantry," he said, "are the victims of the terrific pounding inflicted from aerial bombardments, and the Japanese advance very costly; the Japanese have suffered enormous losses. A large number of cholera cases have been reported out in the International Zone."

### CHINESE BETTER POSITIONS AT SHANTUNG

bloody fights in the North station of Shanghai continue. (Continued on Page Four, Column Two)

liberately ignored and flaunted it. He sought in vain for any valid reason, aside from the different political philosophies in conflict, why both Germany and Italy should be so hostile to the Loyalists. He could find none.

In outlining the cause of the Government he pointed out that Spain has in its favor its record of integrity and the hope of the new regime to build a better and happier Spain. Against she had the misfortune of possessing the Balearic Islands, and Ceuta, territory desired by the fascists; and being rich in the natural resources so needed by Germany.

With the progression of the war, Comrade Negrin pointed to the decision of the League Council in its session of May, to effect the withdrawal of all foreign volunteers from Spain, and how the fascist forces, realizing this meant certain and swift defeat, paid this suggestion no attention whatsoever. And so the war entered a new phase, when even the soldiers of the rebels realized that the fascists had no intention of ceasing their infamy. Hatred of the foreign troops, and disgust for the conflict among the mercenaries themselves (as evidenced by the growing number of deserters and their statements upon surrendering.) now dominated. The situation had now reached the stage of open, though undeclared war. And not only was this hatred confined to statements; hundreds of prisoners besought us that they be allowed to fight under our banner. And now certain sections of some fronts are held almost entirely by these former troops of the rebels.

On the question of volunteers, Dr. Negrin drew the differences between those sent here by the fascists as parts of regular units, and the men of the International Brigade.

He went on, then, to express the faith of the government in the League to aid in the solution of this situation. He told of the further plans

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*Prometeo*

¡Pobres camaradas! Eran tan jóvenes, alegres, y confiados! ...Vino la guerra y van apareciendo como el humo. ¿Dónde está esa juventud? Preguntálo a Ernaco, Hitler, Mussolini, y Salazar, a todos esos "humanitarios" que se dicen salvadores de España. Esa horda que no ha hecho más que asesinar a todos aquellos que desafiaban la verdad y muestran en el mundo explotado, toda la infamia, toda la podridad que está formada esa casta de vampiros, que nos van chupando la sangre a través de los siglos, y que sintiendo temblar el viejo templo que es el capitalismo, y al vernos arrastrados en la misma calidad se lanzan con todos sus instintos criminales, contra la voluntad espontánea del pueblo.

Triste realidad para ellos el ver que existe un contraste profundo, entre el pueblo de ayer y el de hoy.ayer un pueblo ignorante, una voluntad propia, que se dejaba arrastrar por cualquier capricho de su verdugo a quien llamaban Señores.

Hoy un pueblo que ve toda la realidad, y que al igual que Prometeo. Quiere romper sus cadenas, y libertarse de los vampiros que le chupan la sangre. **AGRIPINO MONTEIRO**  
(Batallón Dimitroff)

**UN RAPORT QUE SE HUNDE EN EL MEDITERRANEO**

De Valencia hemos recibido noticia, en relato a la piratía en el Mediterraneo, que un submarino, de nacionalidad desconocida se hundió en las cercanías de Barcelona unos días pasado. Todavía, no hay confirmación, por se arrastran al fondo de mar en busca de prueba. Se cree que el submarino era italiano y atacó a un buque mercante de Inglaterra; dan el crédito por el hecho reportado a un buque de guerra de Inglaterra.

**CAMARADA DA ATENCION A LA NOTICIA**

Si todavía no has recibido un aviso que relata al boletín pideselo de la Comisario.

**PRIVATELY SPEAKING**

We've heard a rumor that there is a lot of shooting going on. That's "trouble" in big letters for the fascists. The previous basketball experience of many of the Americans and British comrades ought to find an aesthetic expression in the tossing of their favorite tinned fruit - pineapples. But maybe someone has a grudge against the Commissariat. Y'almost got one of our boys the other day. Take it easy, willya?  
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The Lincoln-Washington boys, for several mornings, found themselves annoyed by a shrill-pitched howl in the early mornings. They put an investigating committee to work. The committee submits the report: One howl, equal to (theoretical) bugle calls by Mackenzie-Papineau fish-horn tooter. Requested-Please desist.  
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Someone seems to have started a competition among the members of the Brigade, and as a result the food lately has caused some old soldiers to wonder just what kind of a war it was, anyway. At the last reports the kitchen of the Estado Mayor clung to a slim one-lamb-chop lead over the cooking fiends of the Lincoln-Washington. The Mackenzie-Papineau boys were hot on the gravy trail, lacking two potatoes and a pudding to catch their American rivals. Anyhoo, the battalioners will be putting on some weight for a change.  
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In spite of the battles someone, evidently, managed to cling to a pair of ivory dice (dice, you dope!). Add some embarrassing moments: A certain company commander was busy trying to annex the company payroll when all of a sudden the battalion adjutant appeared. Attracted by the crowd he approached to hear the CG saying "//. And, boys, there is no need to gamble."  
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Hint No. 689: Don't toss tin can papers, or any etc. around the camp. Add to sanitation and neatness of camp and byates any danger from avion on the prowl. Salud, eh?

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Comrades; Have you received your  
for submitting address and have  
of "Our Fight" sent to these  
places. If you haven't get one  
your Commissar; fill them out  
turn them in to him as soon as  
possible.

Please pay especial attention to  
postal regulations which appear  
in the "Voluntar for Liberty" a  
copy of these will be mimeo-  
graphed and distributed to the Batt-  
alions and other units in a few days  
copy; learn the regulations,;  
THEM and you need have no  
doubts or complaints about the mail

We would appreciate material about  
comrades who have been killed and  
wounded in action. This material will  
be useful in keeping the press at  
informed on these comrades who  
no longer with us.

The material may be of two sorts:  
1. Personal, dealing with the life and  
activities of the comrade at home or  
(in the Battalion); or it  
deals with his functions and work as  
a member of your particular unit in  
the Brigade.

If you have any photographs or na-  
mes of comrades, especially  
missing, we would appreciate their  
names. We promise their safe return in  
good condition.

If there are any particular com-  
rades who are cartoonists or art-  
ists, the Political Commissariat  
would like to have their names.

JAP - CONFLICT  
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...sending reinforcements to  
...Other heavy battles occu-  
...this sector. In the Yang Se  
...the Japs have set up 24 pie  
...heavy artillery. They have  
...leading troops north of Shanghai

and security." He then painted a new  
picture of the world situation;  
"Fear of aggression, of invasion,  
of revolution, of all things. The  
people of the United States are deter-  
mined to stop this threat far from  
their shores. "He made reference again  
to the Supreme Court, declaring his  
plan for reforming it to be completely  
constitutional and attacked some of  
the Court's recent decisions. He  
asked the American people to have  
faith in the Constitution as being  
fully capable of solving their pro-  
blems.

THE SINO-JAPANESE WAR (Cont. fr.P5)

Early this morning (September 18th)  
the Japanese carried out several aer-  
ial bombardments, with no positive  
results. They did succeed in killing  
a large number of the civilian popu-  
lace, most of whom were women and  
kids.

Chinese troops held all their pos-  
itions in this sector.

In various sectors to the south  
of Shantung the Chinese have measur-  
ably improved the lines they held,  
and fortified their newly taken pos-  
itions, being able to withstand suc-  
cessive counter-attacks by the Jap-  
anese which were preceded by heavy  
artillery bombardments and mass att-  
acks by aviation.

300,000 CHINESE  
PATRIOTS DEFEND  
SHANGHAI, JAP  
PRESS ASSERTS

The Japanese press affirms that  
there are twenty-nine Chinese divi-  
sions engaged in the defence of Shan-  
hai, containing more than 300,000.

Early in the morning of the 16th,  
after a night attack which turned into  
a blood-bath, the Chinese troops  
retook the city of Li Tiang, occupied  
by the Nipponese on September 14. The  
latter suffered heavy casualties, and  
withdrew toward the northeast, but

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# SPAIN AT THE LEAGUE NATIONS NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

## DR. NEGRIN MAKES BRILLIANT SPEECH

### ASSEMBLY BEGINS DISCUSSION OF SPANISH INVASION BY FASCIST POWERS; SENTENCE SEEN SWINGING TO LOYALIST FORCES

On the 18th of September the Assembly of the League of Nations began the discussion of the invasion of Spain by the fascist powers. The opening of the discussion was heralded by the speech of Spain's Prime Minister and President of the League Council, Dr. Jaun Negrin.

Dr. Negrin made a brilliant and masterful exposition of the Spanish situation, dealing with the conflict from its opening and through all its various phases and the multifold incidences connected with it. We reprint a brief summary of his remarks, but we strongly recommend to all comrades that they obtain a copy of one of the Spanish papers of the 19th, which have been distributed among the Units and have some comrade translate the speech in its entirety to groups.  
From Dr. Negrin's speech:

First he pointed out the original nature of the conflict: a military uprising, purely an internal affair, and one which devolved no duty upon the League. But proof of early foreign intervention, and similar proof of premeditated action and knowledge by Germany and Italy, he stated, had repeatedly fallen into Government hands. And when he represented the Loyalists at Geneva last September, and made his historic remark that the fields of Spain, now running with blood, were the fields of battle of world war, sufficient proof was proffered to justify these remarks.

From this preamble he went on to point out the ridiculousness of the Non-Intervention Committee, and how not only did it fail in its task, but actually accomplished the denial of natural International Rights to the Loyalists' legal government. And he pointed out how the fascists del-

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GENEVA- To cover any loopholes and obviate any piracy by surface vessels and aircraft, the signatory nations of the Nyon Pact have agreed to amend signed amendments to the following "...for the adaption to the case of attack by surface boat or airplane equally whether on the high seas or territorial waters, the Conference Powers have agreed to an arrangement similar to that relating to any attacks by submarines.

FRANCE- "Le Populaire" publishes a despatch from one of their correspondents at Tangiers announcing that the 7th of September 7000 Italian soldiers disembarked at Melilla.

Three Italian Divisions immediately left for Spain from this Moroccan port. Italian officers have said that these 7000 soldiers are no more than the vanguard of a great number of troops daily awaited in Melilla.

And another dispatch announces that a week ago there came to Spanish Morocco a great number of German engineers who are studying the organization of the fortifications along the frontier, between the French and Spanish zones and around Tangiers. The Cabo de Milla Alhucemas large calibre batteries of German make have been mounted.

U.S.A.- On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the American Constitution, President Roosevelt spoke over the radio, with these points outstanding:

He pointed out that in times such as ours the idea that the Government of democratic countries represents individuals must be abandoned. This is in direct opposition to the dictatorial methods. The President attacked the mis-users of the democratic ideal and theory: "Now that men and women of today refuse to obey, cowardly individual or one group of ruling forces it is better recognized that it constitutes the threat to world peace."

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We are surprised! A brand new mimeograph arrived this morning! We need those contributions more than ever. We will be glad to print them. You are guaranteed a public, so scribblers, pen!

NEWS FLASHES

BELGIAN CRISIS

The Communist Party of Belgium, yesterday, issued a statement supporting the position of the Socialist Party in the current crisis, caused by the resignation of Premier Van Zeeland. The Socialists, announced, as the largest minority party, they are willing to take responsibility for forming a new government.

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ERNEST THAELEMAN?

Information has reached anti-fascist circles outside Germany, that Ernst Thaelman, was taken away from Monabitt prison, August and that no one knows his present whereabouts.

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KING SPEAKS TO PARLIAMENT

King George VI, delivered his first address to Parliament yesterday. Regarding Spain, the King said:

"The English government has followed the events in Spain with breathless anxiety. The government will do all in its power to aid the establishment of peace in Spain."

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MARSEILLES DOCKERS ACT!

Marseilles dockers, refused to unload the cargo of the Japanese S/S Kashima Maru. Passengers, mail and crew were allowed to disembark. The ship, cleared for the return to Japan, cargo intact.

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INNER CRISIS IN HITLER CABINET?

Herr Schacht, resigned as Minister of Economy, causing speculation as to possible difficulties within the cabinet.

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A STRAIN ON THE FRIENDLY TIES!

The Roman press is quiet regarding the current celebration in Germany of the anniversary of the Austrian victory over the Italians at Caporetto in the World War.

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TOKIO CABINET MEETS

The Japanese Cabinet is meeting today, to draft either, the acceptance or rejection of the invitation to participate in Brussels Nine Powers Conference on the Chinese War. The inspired Japanese press has been agitating for a rejection, and has characterized the conference as an insult to Japan.

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Ayuntamiento de Madrid



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