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IS THE VALENCIA GOVERNMENT SECRETLY ACTING IN LEAGUE WITH HITLER AND MUSSOLINI?

Negrin's Anti-Labor Acts Exposed By Libertarian Press

The lengths to which the present Negrin Government goes in its frantic efforts to sabotage every move on the part of the Anarchists to solidify and make more efficient, the Anti-Fascist Front may be gleaned from the following excerpts translated from our Spanish Press.

While certain elements among our own people are inclined to minimize the importance of the under handed work being done by, and with the sanction of the government, the facts stand out in bold relief proving that there is absolutely nothing beyond the

capacity of those opposed to the revolutionary trends in Spain that will not be resorted to wherewith to maintain up to the very last moment the reign of terror and series of provocations which are growing in intensity and frequency.

It is known in Spain that the patience of the rank and file in the great labor organizations has just about reached the breaking point. One thing, and only one thing has made the development of Russian Fascism possible and that is the fear of intervention which England is anxious to undertake but whose consequences she fears.

Frente Libertario, (libertarian daily paper for the militia on the Central Front) on August 7th carried a statement released by the F.A.I. headquarters denouncing the Negrin government for the campaign of persecution let loose in Catalonia . . .

The gravity of the events in Puigcerda cry out for justice. Our centers are being raided, comrades arrested and murderers go unpunished . . . Our sawmill has been attacked and all its workers murdered.

On the 10th of June, and while shops of the Serradora Colectivizada were operating normally, numerous forces of Carabineros, Assault Guards and other agents, operating under the orders of the delegate of the Public Order, Fernandez, began an unannounced bombardment of the building. Alarmed, the workers came out from the building to inquire what all the shooting was about. These government agents then entered the building and killed all the workers they found on the inside.

They left no wounded. All were killed without having been given a chance to defend themselves. No arms were found, either on their bodies or in the shop.

These persecutions in Puigcerda were carried out under the direction of two members of the P.S.U.C. (Catalonian Stalinist Party), Vincente Climent and Juan Jarjau. They work in conjunction with the Mayor of Vellver and a police officer by the name of Samper, both members of the Estat Catala, who in turn receive their orders from Fernandez . . .

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CONSTRUCTIVE WORK OF SPANISH ANARCHISTS

While most of the news now coming from anti-Fascist Suain is concerned with the attempt of the bourgeois-Stalinist bloc to wipe out the revolutionary achievements of the worker, it must not be forgotten that the major economic conquests of the labor unions remain intact. Although even the latter is now threatened, the constructive economic activity of the collectives, under the inspiration and guidance of the anarchist movement, goes on as before.

We should like to add to the numerous examples of collectivization presented in the past the story of one of the splendid jobs done by the workers of Puigcerda, a small town near the French border. This is the town whose workers were falsely accused of employing force and violence in collectivizing industries. Towards the end of April Puigcerda was provocatively attacked by Stalinists and civil guards and the ensuing fight cost the lives of several of our best comrades. But Puigcerda weathered the storm.

The following is just a detail (Continued on page four)

Hundreds of Anti-Fascist Volunteers Deported and Handed to Fascist Consuls by Negrin

Early in the morning of August 21st, Pierre Besnard, secretary of the International Workingmen's Association (of which the C.N.T. is the Spanish section) received the following telegram from the C.N.T.-F.A.I. and Libertarian Youth:

TO PIERRE BESNARD, SECRETARY OF THE I.W.M.A. AUGUST 20, 1937.

PLEASE INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN ANTI-FASCISTS EXPELLED FROM SPAIN TO MARSEILLES. PREVENT THE ITALIANS AND GERMANS AMONGST THEM FROM BEING HANDED OVER TO THE FASCIST CONSULS. DEMAND THE RIGHT OF ASYLUM.

(Signed) REGIONAL COMMITTEE C.N.T.-F.A.I. LIBERTARIAN YOUTH

By this time the readers of *Spanish Revolution* are fully aware of the great number of deportations of revolutionary anti-Fascist volunteers from Spain. Since the reactionary Negrin-Stalinist government took power in loyalist Spain many French volunteers have been deported to France, Americans to the United States, etc., etc. Not until last month, however, has the Stalino-Bourgeois-Right Socialist combine been brazen enough to act in a manner which openly indicates collusion with Il Duce and Der Fuehrer, by attempting to deliver Italian and German anti-Fascist refugees to Hitler and Mussolini.

In the months following the bloody May days, there has been a systematic round-up of all foreign anti-Fascists in Spain who expressed or who were thought to harbor any critical opinions on the policies of the government or the activities of the Spanish Communist Party. Hundreds of brave militiamen were thus thrown into prisons and kept there under the most horrible conditions imaginable, until a suitable way could be found to get rid of them. So they were simply shipped off to Marseilles while arrangements are being made with Italy and Germany, through the intermediary of the reactionary Argentine consul to "repatriate" the Italians and Germans among them. The charge against most of them is illegal entry into Spain!

Stalinists Concoct

Catalan Separate Peace Rumors

Again we hear of the perfidy of the Catalonian government, of the secret move to negotiate a separate peace with the fascists. Once more the papers report of growing frictions between the Valencia and Barcelona governments, of the re-shifting of troops and the firm determination of the central authorities to put an end to the vacillations and dangerous moves of the Catalonians.

What is back of those persistent rumors? The drive of the Stalinists for a greater concentration of power in the hands of the central government? But Catalonia, no less than the rest of Spain, is already under the domination of the Stalinist clique. Why the need for more conflicts, the careful preparation if the public opinion for some drastic steps in regard to the recalcitrant Catalonians?

The papers arriving from Spain shed a great deal of light on this matter, uncovering the hidden motives for those planned and well timed attacks emanating from the Communist controlled news agencies.

In its drive for a totalitarian dictatorship the Stalinists ran into an unexpected snag. And as usual they reacted to those difficulties with their classic weapon of oblogy and traduction. The semi-nationalist, liberal element of Catalonia do

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HEROIC 29th DIVISION ON ARAGON FRONT DIS-SOLVED TO DISARM REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS

With the advent of militarization on the Aragon front the P.O.U.M. militia was reorganized as the mixed brigades Nos. 128 and 129, composing together the 29th division. Since this unit did not enjoy the favor of the reformists and Stalinists it was used as a shock division in the hope of demoralizing it and eventually wiping it out. But these men were well hardened by a year's activity on the front and the last big attack on Huesca proved their endurance to be superior to that of the other forces.

During the first few days of the attack the aviation and artillery were used with great effect; but on the day when the infantry (29th division, assault guards, international brigade,

Karl Marx division) were to start an advance, neither the aviation nor the artillery gave any assistance, whereas the Fascist aviation and artillery were very active during the whole morning. Our forces, therefore found themselves in the dilemma of either risking all for nothing or giving up the attack. The lieutenant-colonel in command of the assault guards telephoned a request for the help of aviation, but it was refused him. General Pozas pretended that the air forces were participating in the defense of Bilbao—but the Basque capitol had already been under Franco's rule for three days.

P.O.U.M. Troops Congratulated for Bravery

Nevertheless the attack was launched. The international brigade reached the Plaza de Toros, entered the town, but since it was composed mostly of Stalinists, received orders to withdraw from the front lines and go to the rear.

The lieutenant-colonel in command of the assault guards con-

gratulated the 29th division (P.O.U.M.) and told its leader:

"At Sarinena I was warned against you on the grounds that you might shoot us in the back. Not only didn't that happen, but thanks to your bravery and your discipline we have avoided a catastrophe. I am prepared to go to Sarinena to protest against those who sow the seeds of demoralization to effect the triumph of their partisan political aims."

Heroes Accused as Fascists

That took place at the time when Rovira, head of the 29th division and member of the executive committee of the P.O.U.M. was arrested as a Fascist! And nevertheless as a military leader he had always achieved successes!

During the course of these operations, Cahué, old P.O.U.M. militant and commander of the 128th brigade was killed in action at the front, during the very moment that police visited his home to arrest him as an agent of Franco.

Nathan, a leader in the 29th division, also fell. Proletarian generals do not die in bed!

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WHITHER THE "GOVERNMENT OF VICTORY"

It called itself the government of victory, the government of the genuine popular front, the only one capable of bringing the war to a successful end.

It boasted of the powerful backing of foreign powers that was to come as a result of the elimination of the extremists from the government. From now on, it claimed, England and France would form an effective diplomatic barrier against further invasions of loyalist Spain by the Fascist powers. And as to Russia, now that its will has been complied with in the matter of forming a new government, it will assure the kind of aid in armaments which will prove decisive in settling the final issue of the war.

And in the name of those claims the newly formed government demanded from the workers and peasants of the country a blank check as to domestic policies, to be filled out at will by the representatives of the Basque financial magnates, by the corrupt politicians of the old Popular Front and the yes-men of the Communist Party of Spain. Victory over Fascism comes first—and because of its claims to being the only one to insure such victory, the Negrin government demanded an unconditional endorsement of its openly reactionary course of liquidating the revolution, of strangling the forces of popular revolt and outraging the elementary demands of democratic freedom.

Four months have already passed since the formation of this government and during this period loyalist Spain sustained defeats, the magnitude of which can be compared only to those of a year ago when disarmed and ill-trained militiamen, abandoned to their fate by a sabotaging government of bourgeois politicians, fought an unequal battle against the superior forces of a well-equipped and heavily mechanized army.

Bilbao and Santander fell, whole armies have been annihilated and now comes the worst. Asturias, the heroic Asturias, the center of militant resistance and revolutionary energy, is now swept over by triumphant Fascist hordes!

What is the cause of all those colossal defeats? Technical superiority of the Fascist armies? But where was the promised aid of Soviet Russia in the name of which the Spanish workers and peasants were exhorted to give up their revolutionary policies and meekly bend their heads before the new masters carrying instructions from Paris and Moscow?

Where were the government airplanes so ardently implored by the Basque defenders? Why the strange inactivity of government forces in face of the systematically planned Fascist aggression on the Basque front? What impelled even the more moderate elements of the Basque government to come out with an open accusation of being deliberately "let down" by the new Valencia government?

And why were the Asturians neglected in point of munitions supplies? Why was Gijon left in the position of Irun and San Sebastian of a year ago? Why did not the "government of victory" see to it that the heroic Asturian fighters should be sufficiently supplied with heavy armaments so as to enable them to take Oviedo and thus have a considerable force released for the defense of the Basque provinces? Was the task of supplying this heroic province through Bilbao, Santander and Gijon less hazardous than that of sending supplies through the submarine-infested waters of the Western Mediterranean?

The so-called government of victory failed in the elementary task of stemming the tide of Fascist aggression at one of the most important sectors of the war fronts. It failed because of its policy of antagonizing the militant section of the working class, of creating discord in the rearguard, of demoralizing the economic life by combatting the workers' organizations in control of the latter. It failed because, in its capacity of a mere agent for carrying out the will of alien powers—that of France and Soviet Russia—it became the rallying center for all the corrupt politicians of the old school but not the focal point for the mobilization of all the genuine anti-Fascist forces of the country.

And unless the latter find within themselves sufficient power to assert their independence, to resume the course of revolutionary struggles and mobilization of popular energies for a death and life struggle against the advancing hordes of Franco

Moscow Blackmail of Spanish Workers Told By Correspondent

Jose Gabriel, the Spanish correspondent of *Critica* an Argentinian paper published in Buenos Aires deals in an article written for a Mexican weekly *Regeneracion* with the role of the so-called People's government of Spain in abetting the fascist uprising of 1936. And since the Stalinist agents in Spain (the official Communist Party) have now become the staunchest defenders of this People's front the author finds it necessary to throw light upon the motives for such a conversion as well as the general course of Stalinist policy in Spain.

Armaments Withheld From Spain by Russia

The sabotage of the war front pursued by the Azana government during the first period of the fascist revolt (the author personally witnessed the results of this policy of completely abandoning the militia in respect of supply of ammunitions and provisions) found its counterpart in the blockade imposed upon revolutionary Spain by the so-called democratic powers and concurred in by the Soviet government during the first three months of the revolution.

"Russia," writes the author of this article, "remained indifferent during all that period. France favored on one hand strict neutrality, which of course was playing into the hands of the fascists, and on the other hand she was playing a game with the republican government, promising arms upon condition of keeping them away from the workers. Russia, realizing that the fascists might prevail in Spain, sent its ambassador Rosenberg, to Madrid, promising aid upon condition of having a government constituted which would take orders from Moscow and which would undertake the task of stemming the revolutionary tide. A truly socialist, syndicalist and democratic revolution, such as was sweeping Spain during the first months, was no more to the liking of the Stalin government than to the other autocratic and imperialist powers.

What Price Russian Armaments?

"The conditions imposed by Russia were accepted by the Azana government which welcomed the chance of putting a check upon its own proletariat. And even the new government succeeding it—that of Largo Caballero—was forced to play the hand of Russia.

"The latter imposed its will by a policy of shameful blackmail. In spite of the repeated promises to aid the Spanish government, it withheld any shipment of armaments, its aim being to enable the fascists to become sufficiently dangerous so as to place the Spanish government completely at the mercy of Moscow.

"It was only when the fascists came to the very gates of Madrid that the Russian tanks, aviation and cannons made their appearance. But by that time the revolutionary proletariat of

Spain was already in a position where there was no chance for it but that between Russia and Franco.

It was then that Russia undertook the next step in imposing its will upon the Spanish people: it sent to Spain its own technicians and installed in Madrid the famous International Brigades which of course did some good fighting against the fascists, but at the same time were employed for the purpose of putting down and subduing the revolutionary militia, *BEGINNING WITH THE ANARCHIST DURRUTI WHO WAS ASSASSINATED BY STALIN'S HENCHMEN.*

Revolutionary Workers Resist

"However, the subduing of the Spanish proletariat proved to be a much more arduous task than Moscow expected. The C.N.T. and the revolutionary workers accepted great sacrifices in order to win the war but they insisted at the same time upon continuing the revolution. It was because of that insistence that Russia withdrew its Ambassador from Madrid, cut down on its shipments of armaments to Madrid and the Basque province, leaving matters in a state of an indecisive draw between the Fascists and the Loyalists. Russia was also mainly instrumental in keeping armaments away from the Aragon and Asturian fronts. And it gave definite instructions to its agent in Catalonia, Antonov Ovseyenko, to work toward the elimination of the C.N.T. and P.O.U.M. from the political scene.

Moscow Plans Take Shop

"And when that failed to bring about its main objective, Russia entered into an understanding with France and England in order to eliminate Largo Caballero who came to see through the policy of blackmailing pursued by Moscow towards the Spanish proletariat. In order to achieve that, the Madrid and the Basque fronts were put on "half rations" in respect of armaments, while Asturia and Aragon were completely deprived of any aid. This was done in order to arouse the Madrid population against the militia, to have the Basque government demand, upon the threat of a separate place with Franco, the setting up of a new government, and to discredit the Asturian and the Catalan workers by charging them with inactivity on the fronts, although doing everything possible to incapacitate and demoralize their militias."

The rest of the story told by the author of this article is too well known to the readers of our paper. We dwelt upon it quite often in the pages of the *"Spanish Revolution."* It is the story of how the plot was carried out against the Largo Caballero government, of the furious drive against the revolutionary proletariat, of the "sacred union" between the discredited socialist politicians like Prieto, reactionary Catholics

and Mussolini, defeats already suffered as a result of direct and indirect betrayal nestling within the "government of victory" may prove the fatal harbingers of still greater tragedies to come.

Separatist Rumors

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not show any great willingness to let themselves be swallowed up by those very elements (the Communist P.S.U.C.) who only two years ago owed their very existence to the courageous parties. (The P.S.U.C. was boosted and given all sorts of assistance by the bourgeois parties in their hope of drawing some forces away from the anarchist C.N.T.)

Although close allies in their common struggle against the revolutionary proletariat of Catalonia, the Communist and the Esquerra found themselves drifting apart as soon as the C.N.T. was eliminated from the government.

This is not, however, due to any manifestation of radicalism on the part of the Communist Party. Just the opposite, it is the Esquerra (the bourgeois liberal party of Catalonia) that had to restrain the Communist P.S.U.C. in its zeal for restoring the pre-revolutionary social order. In respect of land collectives, as well as socialization, the Esquerra, although counter-revolutionary at heart, preached a moderate policy of conciliation. They were sufficiently grounded in Catalonia realities to realize that the C.N.T. is a power in Catalonia that cannot be repressed without invoking a bloodiest upheaval.

The Communist elements had no opinion of their own on this matter. Like in everything else they were acting on instructions from a power which was as remote from Catalan realities as it was hostile to the basic aspiration of the Spanish revolution.

Those elements are driven on by the logic of every totalitarian party. Now that the Russian cannons and planes have impressed the Catalonians with the necessity of conforming with the latest dictates from Moscow the slightest restraint was thrown to the winds the P.S.U.C. began to eliminate the liberal elements from various positions, launching a drive against its alleged separatist leanings.

It was the Moscow agents (Comorera and Co.) that entered into a secret understanding with the separatist, semi-fascist elements of Catalonia in order to drive the anarchists into submission by keeping alive and exploiting the danger of Mussolini's invasion (Mr. Comorera's negotiations with Dencas—leader of Catalan separatists and agent of Mussolini.) It was the P.S.U.C. that enabled semi-fascists like Casanova president of Catalan parliament to come back to Barcelona after barely missing execution ten months ago for his share in the fascist plot uncovered in December 1936.

And it is those very elements that are raising the hue and cry about separate peace negotiations, separatist aspirations and fascist plots and links!

and Basque industrial magnates. Stalinist agents and the financial interests of London and Paris.

It isn't the final story, for the Spanish proletariat may yet have a chance to say the last word, but it has already inscribed the most shameful page in the dark and sinister record of the Stalinist counter-revolution.

SPANISH C.P. ATTACKS U.G.T.-C.N.T.: UNITY PACT

We reprint below parts of an article appearing in the C. N. T. (anarcho-syndicalist daily) of 31/7/37. The article contained a collection of the opinions of the Madrid press concerning the C.N.T.-U.G.T. unity pact. The pact was highly praised from all sources. but the "Communist" Party press launched a vigorous attack against it. After giving various press opinions the article continues:

"El Socialista" says:

However, this step (C.N.T.-U.G.T.) unity was considered as a blow in all the Communist Presses. "Mundo Obrero," under a pompous title, declares, in a peculiar and confused manner: "This unity does not take into account the imperious needs of the struggle for the victory over fascism and cannot be fruitful. The workers and the people want unity for the collaboration with the Government." The Communist paper is trying to create the impression, as can be seen that the C.N.T. and the U.G.T., who came together primarily to take care of the needs of the war, are forgetting it. . . . Censored. . . . Nevertheless we wish to point out that "Mundo Obrero," in its leading article, declared repeatedly its intention to boycott the pact of united action established by the two organizations. It announces clearly in the following paragraphs:

"And when our party defended and defend the necessity of reaching an understanding between the two organizations for united action which would be a prelude to the creation of a Single Trade Union Organization, it always believed that trade union unity required the formulation of a concrete program based on the necessities that the war and the revolution impose on all workers and all the anti-fascists. Because unity that does not have as its basis a program that is a reflection of the aspirations, the desires, the needs and the demands of the workers and of the Spanish people, it cannot lead us any more rapidly or more surely to victory.

"This fundamental principle, from which is born the effectiveness of all agreements of unity, has been forgotten by the Executive of the U.G.T. and the National Committee of the C.N.T. in drawing up the agreement that has been made public today."

"We know," continues the same paper, "that the pact has only a provisional character, since the National Committee of the U.G.T. must be the one to sanction it with their vote. It would have been more logical for the Executive of the U.G.T. to have met with the National Committee for discussion and approval of the program of united action with the comrades of the C.N.T."

Can one say more against the approach of the two organizations toward each other? "Mundo Obrero" offers a picture of them as having forgotten the war and the revolution, as enemies of the political parties and of the Government of the Republic, as engaging upon a negative work, and permits itself to say that the Executive of the U.G.T., to whom belongs the historic honor of having signed

the pact, does not represent the organization. So far they have only failed to label us "Trotskyites" or call us agents of fascism, forgetting, of course, that this characterisation belongs to those who oppose, in any manner whatever, the united action of the proletariat and, thus, favor the enemy. It is obvious that "Mundo Obrero" should begin with the following affirmation in order to carry out its attacks:

"Every step toward unity of the proletarian and anti-fascist forces will always be welcomed by us with great satisfaction. The history of the Communist Party has been forged in the struggle for unity. At all times, under all circumstances—favorable or otherwise—the voice of our Party has always been heard throughout the Spanish revolutionary and popular movement calling for the firmest unity of all the revolutionary and progressive forces of our country."

But the Communist organ can be certain that the workers who read this distorted and insidious stuff, of unmistakable petty bourgeois character, will remember the socialist split of '21, of '20, of Adame and Bullejos, the creation of the CGTU, the cam-

paigns against centrism and reformism in 1934, etc.; and they have before their very eyes the existence of the Peasant Federation of Levante, created in opposition to the Federation of Land Workers, of the UGT, and against the National Peasant Federation of the CNT. We know what sort of "alliances" some political elements want.

The ex-organ of the UGT, "Claridad" came out yesterday in opposition to the unity of action of the proletariat. After saying, that "it welcomes with joy every step that signifies an advance toward unification," it declares that "the agreement signed by the National Committee of the CNT and the Executive of the UGT, in spite of being born with the most liberal allowances, can do nothing but diminish the vitality and the effectiveness, and this is supposed to be a gigantic step on the road toward trade union unity."

The sabotage is clear. It is evident in their words; it is to be noted in the position it has in their paper, where they relegate it to a secondary position, and headline, with a title across their front page, the news of the attempt to create a Single Marxist Party—in France! It is clear that these "defenders of unity" are interested in achieving it outside of our country and sabotage it in Spain itself.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS PROTEST NEGRIN ACTIONS

The Negrin-Stalinist counter-revolutionary repressions in Spain are beginning to arouse the more decent minded sections of the labor and socialistic movements throughout the world. We present herewith a portion of the joint statement of Marceau Pivert and Daniel Guérin which was printed in Le Populaire, a French Socialist journal, on August 31, 1937:

. . . For several months now, republican Spain has been the theatre of a series of COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY events. In May there was an attempt to disarm the proletariat of Barcelona and to wrest from it certain strategic positions: workers' blood was spilled. A proletarian Marxist Party, the P.O.U.M., has been dissolved, its press suppressed, one of its leaders, Andres Nin, a former Minister of Justice in the Generalidad of Catalonia was arrested and disappeared under the most alarming circumstances. Will his corpse be found some day just as the body of Matteotti was found in Italy? Joaquin Ocaso, president of the Aragon council—the Aragon whose admirable collectivization achievements our comrade Juin recently described in "Le Peuple"—has been imprisoned, the council dissolved. The repression doesn't even spare those militants who have come from foreign lands to put themselves at the service of the Spanish revolution: two comrades from the 15th Socialist Section are now in a Barcelona prison; a comrade from the F.S.G.T. (Friends of Nature Organization) who volunteered for the DEATH BATTALION has just been condemned by a "summary" tribunal to a prison sentence of twenty years; etc., etc.

These are internal matters which don't concern you, answers Valencia. We beg your pardon! These "matters" do concern us just as much as the "non-intervention" scandal, because we are internationalist Socialists and the direction of the Republican government (at least nominally), is in the hands of Socialists. And that is why we desire, not only to help the Spanish anti-Fascists to triumph over Franco, but also to obtain from a brother party the respect of the most sacred democratic rights: Liberty, Justice and Life for all anti-Fascists.

In conclusion we demand that our party . . . send a permanent delegation to the Spanish Socialist Party in order to assure more definitely:

On the one hand, our fraternal solidarity in the conduct of the military and revolutionary operations; the direct organization of effective aid to Socialist Spain on the part of the French proletariat;

On the other hand the respect of guarantees due to all anti-Fascist workers: the cessation of repressive measures against the proletariat and its revolutionary vanguard.

Funds For Spain Misused

Quite inadvertently, the state Department discloses, in a statement just released how the various collection agencies, conceived, born and nourished into thriving youngsters overnight on the strength of the crying needs of the Spanish people.

It happens that under the shameful Neutrality Act, all organizations collecting money for Spain must register and be assigned a permit number to solicit funds for this purpose. Moreover, each licensee is required to furnish a monthly sworn statement of income and disbursements. Now this is very embarrassing, especially to the professional mercy racketeers who, up until now, have never had to assume any legal responsibility and have never been required by law to disclose their operations to the public.

In the report released during the first week in September by Washington, the tidy sum of three hundred and seventy six thousand dollars was reported as having been received by the various collecting agencies covered by the report. Out of this considerable amount of money, one hundred and thirty nine thousand dollars was sent to Spain, nearly one hundred and twenty five thousand was spent locally in administration, publicity and other items and one hundred and thirty three thousand dollars is being kept on hand.

One organization, the American Committee for Spanish Relief, composed chiefly of Fascist sympathisers, collected more than thirty thousand dollars and did not send one cent to Spain. Instead, it spent nearly twenty six thousand dollars on a grotesque tableaux in Madison Square Garden which turned out to be a dud and kept the rest of the funds. This is the committee headed by the honorable Odgen H. Hammond, former United States Ambassador to Spain who explains the incident of thirty thousand dollars as the cost of "getting started."

The Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy did the largest business and made the largest hold-out. This committee collected nearly ninety seven thousand dollars out of which it reports having sent to Spain \$58,754.00, setting up an expense account of more than thirty one thousand dollars and retaining fifteen thousand dollars as pin money.

The North American Committee to Aid Spanish democracy did not even do as well, that is to say, it didn't do as well by Spain as the Medical Bureau, but it did pretty well by itself in that out of sixty one thousand dollars collected, it spent thirty five thousand, kept fifteen thousand and only sent \$18,841.00 to Spain.

There is little point in commenting individually on these committees, for whether they are controlled by Fascists, Catholics or Communists, all trade solely upon the misery of a situation where those of tender feelings open their hearts and pocketbooks in the earnest desire to render some small assistance to their fellowmen in distress.

We have, at different times, noted in our columns that all money sent to our Committee-

FOOTNOTES

C.N.T. Supplies Large Portion of Loyalist Militia

Almost half the men fighting on the various fronts of Spain belong to the anarcho-syndicalist labor union, the C.N.T. The latest figures given in the Spanish press show a total of over 200,000 C.N.T. men in the loyalist militia.

Anarcho - Syndicalist Strength Growing

According to the latest reports the membership of the C.N.T. is now well over 2,500,000.

On September 5th the C.N.T. held a mass meeting in Madrid, a city where formerly they had very little strength. Now their strength is grown to such an extent that this meeting had to be held in the largest theatre in the city. Besides an overflow crowd of many thousands who had to listen to the speakers thru amplifiers in the streets and three other large theatres were packed with workers who heard the speeches by means of telephonic broadcast.

Political Undesirables

The largest labor organization in Spain (C.N.T.) is found to have the smallest number of "political undesirables" (that is, Fascists in hiding in their ranks.) Here are some figures: The "Fragua Social" (20/7/37) writes:

"I have here an item that puts wings to my pen in starting this commentary. The Regional Congress of C.N.T. Unions of Levante considered certain interesting questions that must be considered and that, until now, have only been partially understood.

"The purifications of the Unions absorb the attention of the Congress, and all the delegates contributed to the discussion with great zeal. The political parties that have tried to soil the spotless reputation of the C.N.T., at times impudently, always in an irresponsible manner, have hit up against the truth, calm and immovable, that pointed an accusing finger at them, showing them up with the hard realities of fact. . . . Here are the statistics for the province of Albacete, in which the Investigating Committee of the Anti-fascist Front rooted out the undesirables:

In the UGT 1,637

In the political parties 686

In the CNT 489

The F.A.I. (Iberian Anarchist Federation) is the most water tight of all organizations in Spain. According to its regulations no one can become a member who has not been a known militant in the labor movement before (and since) January, 1936.

Anarchist Victories

Just as the anarchist troops were the first to enter Brihuega (central front) in the Guadajara rout so were they responsible for the victory in Belchite (Aragon front). Even the pro-Negrin correspondent of the New York Times had to admit this.

man, I. D. Radinowsky, is sent net direct to Paris to the representative of the C.N.T.-F.A.I. from whom we always receive an official receipt.

STALINIST PERFDY

On other occasions we have referred to the steadily increasing Fascist tactics of the Communists in Spain, how their every move harkens back to Russia.

True to type, the Communists now have a campaign of persecution against foreign Anarchists who went to Spain to fight against Fascism. Even as in Russia, a foreigner is suspect just by reason of his being alive. Many have already been deported from Spain, others are still in jail. The deportation delirium that swept the United States during the World War is being re-enacted all over again in Spain.

Realizing that they are riding for a fall, the fury of the Communists, finding themselves opposed at every turn, not only by Anarchist, but by the workers of the U.G.T., as well, knows no satisfaction.

That they are working definitely with the British foreign offices, goes without saying and that they are consorting with Fascist elements through Comorera is an open secret. But it is not the rank and file of the party that is to blame. It is a situation made necessary by the internal conditions existing in Russia today which make it absolutely essential that she have the support of England for whatever eventually may take shape in the Soviet political arena within the next few months. The craven will of the party is forced upon the victims in the party!

Hence we find La Passionara distorting all rudiments of human justice by announcing that in time of peace it is preferable to allow 100 guilty to go free rather than risk convicting one innocent man, but in times such as these, it is necessary to abandon sentimentalism, even to the point of executing 100 innocent rather than to permit one guilty to escape! Pretty much Jacobin—such a position in a country facing a military woven of the warp

STREET MEETINGS

We are pleased to announce that our street meetings are becoming more successful, thanks to the cooperation of the comrades who attend them. The meetings will continue until the cold weather sets in. We urge all comrades to be present at these gatherings at Irving Pl. and 14th St., on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 o'clock.

IT IS OUR DUTY TO DEFEND THE VICTIMS OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN LOYALIST SPAIN!

Prevent the Italian and German anti-Fascist refugees from being deported to Mussolini and Hitler by the Valencia government. Rush your protests to the Spanish ambassador in Washington and to the Valencia authorities.

and woof of the best that Italy and Germany can supply, tarrying now by the wayside to slaughter supposed fellow anti-Fascists.

More and more vicious become the attacks of the Communists against all opposing elements and more and more solicitous become their attitude towards the Catholic church, the petty bourgeoisie and the old treacherous army officers now leading 15 year old boys equipped with 40 year old muskets into a shambles. It was no accident that Pozas was chosen to succeed Miaja, though it might prove a boomerang for the Communists themselves, since he hates them quite as much as he does the Anarchists, Syndicalists and Socialists and any other of the advanced workers of Spain.

Within the last few months, more than 20 liberal judges have been supplanted by the appointment of Catholic judges in their stead and a recent decree of the Minister of Justice enables the prosecutors to try individuals in secret without even having a representative of the anti-Fascist organizations present, much less any of the mass of the people at large.

And what does it all mean? In a country that was saved from the Fascist terror by the instantaneous courage and determination of the working masses precisely because the government was unable to control its army and the Communist party was neither able or willing to participate, those very cowardly elements now plan a deal with the Fascists which will drown the Spanish people in a welter of blood and set Europe back a century.

Constructive Work

(Continued from page one) taken from a report by the famous French journalist, Robert Louzon; in which he describes how the workers thru their own intelligence and initiative reconstructed the entire economy on a socialized basis:

This scarcity of coal is indeed one of the most serious problems facing Republican Spain. Now about 10 kilometers from Puigcerda, near the village of Das, there is a bed of lignite which was being worked by a capitalist and two or three men prior to the Revolution. The comrades of the C.N.T. at Puigcerda believed that this lignite might overcome the coal shortage so they therefore collectivized the mine and a group of C.N.T. miners began to develop it.

At the present time, the survey of the bed, (which consists of a series of almost vertical layers), the preparatory work and the mining itself are being done simultaneously by means of two shifts each 20 metres deep. Naturally the main thing at the moment is the preparatory work. But nevertheless on the 20th of February, 36 workers in three shifts, extracted 15 tons a day. The following week 15 more men were engaged on the job and in proportion to the progress of the preparatory work, the number of workers increased to about 150. A daily production of 50 tons is estimated almost immediately and later on this will be increased to 100 tons per day.

Negrin Exposed

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The events in Puigcerda are most serious, but by no means are they the only ones for there have been assaults on many C.N.T. halls, Libertarian clubs and F.A.I. locals. In Salmon in Tarragona, there have been a number of arrests of members of all three organizations. Here, elements of the P.S.U.C. are armed with machine guns, rifles and hand grenades: they have assaulted the municipality and have conducted a hideous mock execution of the thirteen-year-old son of the Mayor, Jose Estrada.

In Barcelona more than 250 members of the F.A.I. have been arrested and are accused of incidents connected with the July 1936 uprising for which the P.S.U.C. and Estat Catala are alone responsible.

Another serious tendency is showing itself in the arrest of anti-Fascist foreigners who are being held in Barcelona jails as "Government Prisoners." These men who came to Spain to fight against Fascism are being jailed for no other reason than that they belong to organizations of a libertarian character and cannot be brought under the influence of the Communist Party. They have come from many lands and it cannot be permitted to have them remain in jail with no charges against them . . . They must either be tried or released at once. They deserve an apology for the injustice committed against them . . .

The persecution against our movement in Levante is becoming more and more intense. Although it has not yet reached the stage that it has in Catalonia with mass executions, there have been mass arrests which you may note from the incomplete list of prisoners in each town which is attached . . . (the list was evidently edited by the censor. Tr.)

"As you will realize, Comrade Negrin," the report continues, "it is impossible for matters to continue as heretofore. We do not contend that individual crimes committed by individuals belonging to this or any other organization should go unpunished. But we do insist that you, as the responsible man of an historical government, put an immediate stop to the systematic persecution against any particular anti-Fascist section. Let the trial of those accused, and against whom there are any charges, be begun at once, and let there be an end to these capricious arrests for hollow reasons or no reasons at all.

The morale in the rear and the necessities of the front demand the support of all anti-Fascist elements.

We address this document to you in all moderation as men of the movement who on July 19th did their duty and who have never spared any efforts or sacrifices on behalf of the cause. We feel that your sense of responsibility and comprehension of the gravity of the moments in which we are living, will prompt you to listen as the one who should properly hear and that your conscience as a straight and honest man will bring you to act accordingly without any guilty indulgences towards those who may take advantage of the hegemony gained through base means.

We shall await your pleasure, and remain, for the anti-Fascist cause,

(Signed) The Delegates to the Regional Plenum of the F.A.I. (Translated by O. D.)

29th DIVISION DISSOLVED

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The 29th division did not give up the battle but was ordered to the rear to be reorganized. In reality it was for the purpose of disarming them. But the militiamen refused to yield their arms saying that they expected to return to the front soon. Several days later the High Command ordered these two battallions to march on Fiscal (on the Jaca front) to repulse a Fascist attack. Not only did they crush the attack, but they reconquered positions and material previously lost. Then they fortified these positions, taught the troops there how to use hand-grenades and by their comradely spirit and courage earned the sympathy of everybody there. They were then called back to await new orders, which came soon enough: they were ordered to turn over their arms to those who had abandoned the positions they were supposed to have retaken.

Militiamen Disarmed, Have Ten-Day Hike Home

It became evident that the two battallions had been separated from the rest of the division the more easily to disarm

them. As the order came from the commander-in-chief of General Headquarters, they turned in their rifles. However, the Officers and soldiers wanted to keep the revolvers they had won from the Fascists during the heroic street battles in Barcelona July, 1936.

All the soldiers (except those who did not belong to the P. O. U.M.) by now defenseless, were concentrated in the village of Rodeano and surrounded by a brigade sent for that purpose. They were relieved of all their valuables, including watches and chains, pens, pencils and even good underwear and new shoes. After this the leaders were detained and the rest permitted to go. Many were forced to hike for ten days in order to get home.

Most of the 29th division was in line for such treatment, but these plans had to be given up for fear that the C.N.T. divisions might come to the defense of their comrades. The latest news, in a telegram from the Spanish government press service, is that the 29th division has been dissolved by order of the minister of national defense. (Summarized from L' Avante, Italian Socialist newspaper)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of International Libertarian Committee Against Fascism in Spain Detroit, Mich. — July 31st, 1936 to Augst 1st, 1937

General Income for the 12 months.....	\$8,702.97
Money sent through C.N.T.-F.A.I.....	8,070.95
General Expenses of the Committee	519.23
On Hand, August 1st, 1937.....	112.79

Hereafter this Committee will issue a monthly statement reporting the balance of funds for the information of readers of our publications. The Committee.

COMING EVENTS

U.L.O. CONFERENCE,

There will be an important conference on the work and extension of activities of The United Libertarian Organizations in New York, beginning Saturday, the ninth of October at which time the comrades will have arranged for a social get-together in the evening. In the afternoon and evening of Sunday, the tenth, important questions facing the organization will be taken up and discussed in detail. The conference will be held at the Vanguard Hall, 22 West 17th St., New York.

We are far from satisfied with what we have been able to do for our comrades in Spain and a number of suggestions have been offered looking to a more effective working organization that will enable us to spread out our activities and achieve better results than we have been able to accomplish up till now.

There will also be a thorough

discussion of the paper, "Spanish Revolution," and groups, as well as individuals working in cooperation with the U.L.O. are invited to send in suggestions in advance of the conference. If they will do this, the secretary will be able to collate all the proposals and thus present them to the membership in such form as will expedite the discussions and help us get the most out of the affair.

Entertainment

Our first annual dance and entertainment, proceeds of which will be assigned to the "Spanish Revolution," will be held in Irving Plaza, 15th Street and Irving Place, N. Y., Saturday evening, the 20th of November.

Refreshments will be served and appropriate entertainment will be provided, as well as an excellent orchestra. We hope sympathetic organizations will bear this date in mind and not arrange competing affairs on this particular evening.

MONEY COLLECTED FOR SPAIN AUGUST, 1937 BY U.L.O., NEW YORK

Receipt No.	Amount
250—F. Swekler, Sec. R. I. M. A. Soc. List 250A	\$28.30
251—One Big Union (Wm. Peterson) E.S.U.F. Com.....	.64
252—Mohegan Colony (Bannister)	16.00
253—Mohegan Colony (Bannister)	4.00
254—E. Trainer—Mohegan Colony	4.00
255—Vanguard Group—East Side United Front Affair.....	8.50
256—Mohegan Colony (Bannister)	54.02
257—Liza Brilliant—List 248	18.50
	\$133.96
PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$267.28
CASH ON HAND	\$421.24