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Is Catalonia Negotiating A Separate Peace With Franco?

We very often wonder at the brazen lies of the Nazi and Facist press. Do they really serve their purpose? Is the public so gullible as to swallow the crude fabrications of the official Nazi press which do not even stand the test of the most elementary common sense.

Nazi fabrications, however, are masterly works of artful propaganda compared to the official lies now emanating from the Stalinist controlled sources of information on Spanish events. Thus we read in the New York Times of August 28th that the Central government is seriously concerned with the move for a separate peace made by the Catalonian Government and that it is sending its own troops (the International Brigades) to thwart such an attempt. (Like all official dispatches it is inspired by the Communist controlled agencies.)

But who is the Catalonian government? Only two weeks ago we read about the curbing of the autonomous power of the Catalonian government, about its "coordination" in the general plan of things as shaped now by the Moscow agents. How can a government that is shorn of its powers of military and financial control, of any sort of independence in diplomatic relationships, negotiate a separate peace?

And who controls this government? Who was the one that pro-

voked the political crisis with the view of ousting the C.N.T.? Who arrested the P.O.U.M. leaders without even notifying the official government agencies?

That the Moscow agents now run the Catalonian government, just as they control the puppet government of Negrin, is now known to everyone who has given himself the trouble of reading the daily dispatches from Spain. The P.S.U.C. (Stalinist outfit in Catalonia) is all powerful in Catalonia. The thousands of political prisoners, the assassinations the fascization of political life, the attack upon collectives, the demoralization of the Aragonian Militia, all that testifies to the all-pervading influence of this Moscow-controlled Party. Who then has the authority to negotiate a separate peace in Catalonia?

The Esquerra (Liberal Republicans)? They have no armed force in the province to back up any move of that sort. It is the P.S.U.C. that is flirting with this idea. Against whom then are the International Brigades sent in order to frustrate such moves?

True, the present leader of the P.S.U.C., Comorera, was an ardent separatist only two years ago, demanding the separation of Catalonia from the rest of Spain at any cost. But Comorera's convictions have become proverbial in Spain. His separation (Continued on page four)

ARAGON FREE COUNCIL DISSOLVED BY ORDER OF VALENCIA GOVERNMENT

ITS PRESIDENT, ASCASO, IMPRISONED ON TRUMPED-UP CHARGES

A Landmark of Counter-Revolutionary Triumph

We already wrote of the furious drive instituted against the Aragon Council by the Moscow agents and their bourgeois allies. The Aragon Council was the only bright spot in the ever darkening picture presented now by the revolution on the downgrade. It retained its truly anti-Fascist character representing every section of the anti-Fascist camp in Aragon. Although the latter province is predominantly anarchist in its sentiments, the Council gave equal representation to other non-anarchist forces of the anti-Fascist camp. There was no censorship in Aragon. Newspapers in Aragon came out without the ugly and ever increasing blotches gradually whittling down the freedom of Spanish press. Jails were reserved for Fascists and not for revolutionists. Meetings were held openly, without any interference of the new Che-Ka police. And strange as it sounds in present day Spain, even anniversary meetings to commemor-

ate the revolution of July 19 were held officially throughout the province. Unlike Catalonia WHERE THE MOSCOW AGENTS NOW IN CONTROL OF THE PROVINCE FORBADE ANY ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS OF JULY 19, Aragon had a number of such meetings at which the revolutionary message and significance of July 19 was emphasized anew.

And what is, perhaps, even more important: the collectives were not baited and held under continuous threats of the semi-Fascist elements operating through the governmental agencies.

An oasis of freedom and revolutionary hope? One does not have to know much about the nature of Moscow Fascism in order to realize that no such oasis can be tolerated by its forces. The Aragon Council, and especially its President—one of the most intrepid militants of the anarchist movement—Joachim Ascaso, became the target of a vicious campaign of slanders on the part of the counter-revolution. And in measure that the latter was gaining supremacy in Catalonia, actual steps were undertaken to

eliminate the last stronghold of revolutionary power. The calculated and pre-meditated demoralization of the Aragon troops was one of the steps. The disarming of Catalonian workers and peasants—another step of that nature.

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"MYSTERIOUS" FIRES IN STALINIST BARRACKS ARE NO MYSTERY TO WORKERS

A fire broke out on July 13th in the Karl Marx Barracks (Communist). The firemen who extinguished it reported that a great quantity of explosives were stored there: hand grenades, rifles, rifle bullets, mortars, machine guns, rifle machine guns, etc.

Is it not rather suspicious that all the C.N.T.-F.A.I. locals are searched, where they find only books; while locals where so much explosive materials are to be found are not searched at all?

11,000 assault guards have been brought to Barcelona from the fronts, with all their rifles, machine guns, cannons and tanks. Why do we want so many men in the rear if nothing is happening, and even more, if we are now drafting men for the front? (C.N.T.-F.A.I. Information Bulletin.)

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REACTIONARY CHURCHES REOPENING IN SPAIN

On the 24th of August we received a cablegram from Barcelona, bearing this cryptic legend: "First mass celebrated yesterday Barcelona everything quiet."

A few weeks ago, when the international press throughout the world announced that the official representative of Francisco Franco in the Holy City had supplanted the erstwhile representative of the Valencia Government, much favorable editorial comment appeared in the press here and abroad, ostensibly calculated to lessen the prevailing opinion against the atrocities committed by Franco and his bosom friends. The spectre of Guernica, the slaughter of Malaga, Irun and Bilbao will gradually diminish in horror just in proportion as the blessings of the Holy Father are poured out upon Franco's head. Well, it is bad enough that the moral depravity of the Roman Catholic Church is still as base as ever—that the Burgos Government had received its soothing unction—bad enough indeed, but quite logically to be expected. Fellow criminals will naturally seek out each other's company!

The Basques, good Catholics that they are, have been delivered into Franco's hands, the Falangists are fierce, fanatical fighters for the Catholic faith, perhaps the only really sincere supporters of Franco among the countless tens of thousands of mercenaries operating under his banner; and a very large element of the bourgeois population in that section of Spain that has fallen to Franco, are predominantly Catholic. That the Pope did not officially recognize Franco long since is more surprising than the fact that he is recognizing him now. It was the inevitable and proper thing to do. The Roman Catholic Church and the murder of men, women and children are historical counterparts.

But the recognition of the Roman Catholic Church by the Government of Valencia puts the final stamp of moral leprosy upon the men of which it is composed. It is a better barometer of the character of that government than all the acts of reprisal and betrayal it has committed since its cowardly retreat from Madrid last fall.

There is, after all is said and done, something mysterious

about the connivance of the Communists in this latest move of the government to re-establish the operation of the Roman Catholic Church. Opium in Russia can scarcely be anything else but opium in Spain, but they know exactly what they are doing and why they are doing it. The inner political atmosphere of Russia so reeks of degeneration that its outer policies must needs bring it deeper into the mire of corruption with which Moscow, London and Paris find themselves surrounded. None will ever know the extent of the countless dead who perished in Russia for the brazen crime of owning a horse, yet members of the same political organization that once slaughtered the kulaks there, now deify the Caciques in Spain and take from the peasants the land the Revolution gave them. Naturally, this pleases those little village tyrants, so, having back their land, now they want back their priests who will certainly bless the communists for their noble, bloody deeds.

Little else remains to be done, save make the deal with Franco (Continued on page three)

Libertarian Youth of Valencia Province on The Upgrade

At the beginning of March (1937) the Libertarian Youth organization of the Valencia organization had only 10,000 members. Now it has 35,000 members and it keeps on growing rapidly.

Four months of active propaganda made it the leading youth organization of that province. Next in influence comes the Unified Socialist Youth, which at the present time is faced with inner problems of a very acute nature.*

*Ed. Note. The Valencia United Socialist Youth Organization is backing Largo Caballero in his fight against Communist domination.

Because of its left orientation the Valencia Socialist Youth is bitterly assailed by the Central Executive Committee of the Unified Socialist Youth captured by the Stalinists at the very beginning of the revolution.

In Valencia alone there are 38 centers of young Libertarians with a membership of 6,500.

Their activity in selling magazines and publications in the streets and meetings is very great. In two months they sold 60,000 books. Numerous rationalist schools (of the Francisco Ferrer type) were created under the leadership of those organizations. And apart from educational facilities every local has now physical training courses and gymnasia.

Shortage in paper prevents them from publishing a newspaper of their own. But instead they have a page in the daily anarchist papers (F.A.I.) *Nosotros* and *Fragua Social*. Another C.N.T. daily in Valencia publishes much of the material of the Libertarian Youth organizations.

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SOLIDARITY OF WORKING CLASS CAN SAVE SPANISH REVOLUTION

Neither the verbal protests of the "Socialist Call" nor the belated warnings of the "Nation" against dictatorship in Loyalist Spain, will do much to halt the ever-increasing persecutions of anti-Fascist revolutionists in Spain. The Russian-controlled Negrin government has no mind to put an end to their tyranny in Spain any more than the C.P. is ready to give over its power to the working class in Russia. In fact the resistance of the Spanish working-class to any dictatorial power, whether it be that of Franco or Stalin, has merely goaded the Spanish agents of the G.P.U. into a murderous frenzy. The alliance between the C.N.T. and the U.G.T. has not been to their liking. "Mundo Obrero," Spanish organ of the C.P. raved and ranted against it and the censors were driven into intense activity immediately after its conclusion. Nor was the meeting of the Provincial Federations of the Spanish Socialist Party (representing its rank and file), which condemned the national committee of the S.P. for its attempt to manoeuvre an amalgamation with the Communist Party and branded it as lacking "personality and authority," conducive to the good temper of the aspiring politicians of Spain.

Appeals will hardly be of service to the Spanish people, victims of German and Italian ambitions and English, French and Russian imperialist treachery. The illusions have been shattered. We must proceed to action, independent action not subject to the betrayals of a government or of a political party hungry for power.

The "North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy" is a creature of the Communist Party and has as its purpose to gain prestige for each successively more reactionary government that Russia creates in Spain. The financial contributions that it receives from its well-meaning but misinformed supporters, are sent (the part that gets there) to those who attacked the workers in Barcelona in May 1937, who assassinated Berneri, Nin, Martinez and hundreds of other militants. Money must be sent to the true anti-Fascists of Spain, not to those who persecute them. What then should be the attitude of any self-respecting anti-Fascist toward the North American Committee?

If the "Socialist Call" and the "Nation" are serious in their protest, if they realize the danger to freedom inherent in the policy of the Negrin government, controlled by the Communist Party, they must immediately, before it is too late, call for proper action. They must forget their politics and realize that humanity and civilization are at stake.

A call for direct action on the part of the working class must be made at once. The actions of the English sailors and I.W.W. seamen in refusing to transport goods to Fascist-controlled ports in Spain should serve as examples for all American labor. No materials of any sort should be manufactured for or shipped to any but the loyalist ports in Spain. Labor must demand—nay, COMPEL—the end of false "neutrality," of hypocritical, treacherous, "non-intervention." It must use its strongest weapons to wipe off the face of the Spanish peninsula the filth and mire of international diplomatic intrigue that is smothering and threatens to engulf the Spanish people. For this, organized labor must use those weapons which constitute its strength—the boycott, the strike, the general strike!

This is the only program that the international working class can follow in order to save the cause of anti-Fascism in Spain. The Russian revolution was assisted by the unflinching solidarity of the workers in many countries who resorted to direct action to help their Russian brothers. Why cannot the Spanish Revolution be saved by similar help?

Workers of the world, your Spanish brothers need your solidarity to-day more than ever, for they are fighting your battle as well as their own. Now is the time to act!

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ORATORY IN BARCELONA

BARCELONA MASSES CELEBRATE UNITY PACT

From "Tierra y Libertad" we reprint the following extracts from the speeches delivered to an overflow audience at the immense Olympia in Barcelona. The meeting was sponsored by the C.N.T.-F.A.I.

"We are here to crush Fascism. There can be no differences. However, we should not lose sight of the fact that all the economy, both of Cataluna and of the rest of Spain, must be managed by the working class—the essential background of victory. If the creative urge of the working class is not heeded, you may rest assured that the national economy will suffer collapse and finally sink. . . ."

Francisco Esgleas, Former Minister of Defense for Cataluna.

"Revolutionary Spain will not return to the past. . . . Spain has planned out its revolution, and nations under such circumstances have their hesitant and heroic phases. . . . When some people think that the temperature falters because of the prolongation of the struggle, they then try to throttle the revolution: but they are mistaken. . . . The proletariat will sweep away all the obstacles in its path. . . . will destroy capitalism and advance straight forward to the establishment of the society of free producers. . . ."

Ramon Liarte.

"Do not forget that in Spain there are two U.G.T.'s. There is the one of the small businessman, the storekeeper, the owner and the industrialist. The U.G.T. of the small shopkeepers who formerly belonged to the "LIGA" (that very reactionary political party of the rich—O.D.) and who are now in the U.G.T. because it is necessary to join one of the two existing unions, and, of course, the spirit of the class of such as Senor Esteve, who says to himself: 'I must join a union. Otherwise I could not sell my goods. Alright then, I'll join the U.G.T. where I am better understood.' This is the U.G.T. of Cataluna.

"We must rise against the conservative spirit of the small owners and businessmen in the U.G.T.

"And then there is the other U.G.T. The U.G.T. of Spain, which is incorporated in the revolutionary movement of Spain, authentically socialist, recognizing class responsibility, which has collectivized and is a part of the great socializations. The U.G.T. of the workers who know that the hour has struck for the proletariat and that the opportunity must be taken advantage of and that it is necessary to join the sister union. The U.G.T. of the Federation of the Land Workers: we count on that U.G.T.. The members of that U.G.T. do not whisper in the bread lines and the factories and shops—'Do not pay any attention to the C.N.T.' That is the one that will build up, together with us, the Federalism. That is the one that constitutes the bulwark against Fascism. That is the one which,

together with the C.N.T. will build up a new Spain.

"Spain is a free country. Our freedom cannot be alienated by any country in the world, much less by Rome, or Berlin or even Moscow.

"It is not only the anarchists who protest against the attempted interference by the various 'friend' and 'enemy' countries in the affairs of Spain. A large section of the socialists feel the same way about it. Pascual Tomas, general vice-secretary of the U.G.T., attacked that policy in a vigorous recent speech in Castellon, saying in part: 'There are some who must wait until the white dove of the "slogan" or the "line" arrives. And such as these are good for our cause. We declare that we are immensely obliged to Russia who defends herself by defending us. No one knows of the extent of this help better than we. . . . However, and despite all that, we must issue the warning that no one should try to make capital out of that help with the purpose of trying to impose upon us acceptance of given tactics and doctrines.' Always internationalists, we will defend our independence as a nation and in order to be able to do it with authority, we ask some measure of respect on the part of others, because Spain is of age and quite competent to have her own thoughts and ideas without having to import those thoughts and ideas from elsewhere."

Federica Montseny.
(Translated by O. D.)

It might not here be amiss to make editorial comment on the firm manner of speech indicated by the foregoing excerpts of some of the speakers at this meeting. Where else in the whole world might anarchists and anarchist sympathizers be expected to speak firmly and

openly, than in Barcelona? And yet, it was right there in Barcelona that some of the greatest and most wanton crimes of the communists have been, and are being, committed against the revolution. Communists do not fear fine speeches, they make them themselves on occasion, such as the one of Hernandez in his attack upon Caballero as War Minister. It was a fine, splendid piece of oratory—an incisive, biting and devastating attack upon a former friend and ally—but it was a tissue of lies, a cauldron of hypocrisy, a masterful diatribe against a tool in the communist factory of intrigue that could no longer be used.

The purpose of the meeting at the Olympia was to celebrate the ratification of the pact of unity of the two revolutionary organizations still gasping for breath in Spain. It is our hope that this unity will accomplish its purpose and that it will see, before too late, the folly of conceding one after another of the demands of a straw-man government which is being used by Moscow wherewith to sustain life in her fetid body through her unholy alliance with Britain and France. These latter two nations are gradually, but certainly strangling the most ambitious attempt ever made at constructive social revolution, in all the time of man. That Soviet Russia is capable of such duplicity were enough to make all decent people want to wash their hands of any contact with her, for wherever Stalin's policies are, there resides incipient destruction.

Aragon Council Dissolved

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Once brought to an end, those measures enabled the Stalinist counter-revolution to put its hand on the Aragon Council. Now we learn that the latter has been dissolved and that its President, comrade Ascaso has been placed under arrest. There is serious apprehension in the revolutionary circles that comrade Ascaso may share the fate of Andreas Nin and numerous other revolutionists who "vanish" in the dungeons of the Che-Ka.

The government of Aragon has been reorganized. The Council has been dissolved and power has been vested in a governor sent from Valencia—a Madrid lawyer of semi-Fascist sympathies. The workers' organizations and even political parties of Aragon have already been eliminated from any participation in the government of this revolutionary province.

Their place was taken by a host of commissars, bureaucrats sent from Valencia, most of them former members of conservative parties but now faithful members of the Communist Party.

Another notch in the temporary triumph of the Stalinist counter-revolution! Another warning to all genuinely revolutionary elements as to the danger of any "united fronts" with a fascized Party working under the misleading name of a Communist Party! And another "memento" to the Spanish workers and peasants of Spain whose mounting hatred for the Moscow agents and the counter-revolutionary forces headed by them is so fierce as to need a restraining hand in order to keep it in readiness for the inevitable day of reckoning which, according to many observers is rapidly approaching in Spain.

Stalinists-Bourgeoisie Plan Totalitarian Party in Order to Combat Unity of C.N.T.-U.G.T.

The irresistible urge of the Spanish workers toward united revolutionary action culminating in the recently concluded pact between the two economic organizations of the working class—the C.N.T. (anarcho-syndicalist confederation of labor) and the U.G.T. (Socialist trade unions) is now being opposed by a move engineered by the Moscow agents to unify all the political parties under the domination of the Communist Party.

The Fascist implications of this move are so obvious that even Louis Fisher, whose special mission is to "sell" the Stalinist policies in Spain to the liberal public opinion of America, found it hard to reconcile it with the alleged democratic aims of the Negrin government.

"The Caballero Socialists," he informs us, "may be outlawed within three months. The Anarchists are being eliminated as an active factor. There would remain the bourgeois Republicans whose role is a minor one, the Communists and the Negrin-Prieto Socialists. The Communist Party is conducting an intense, unrelenting, whirlwind campaign for the fusion of the Communists and Socialists (of the right wing). If successful, this would mean an enlarged organization under Communist domination even if it joined the Second International. And,"

our author ends somewhat ruefully, "this totalitarian monopoly of power by a single party would threaten the democracy which exists today in Spain."

The democracy existing today in Spain is of a dubious nature. It is being rapidly whittled away by the growing power of the Stalinist agents. But the little there remains is the height of libertarian achievements compared to what awaits the country in case the Moscow agents succeed in their nefarious plan of imposing the rule of a single Party of Marxist Unity which will become as much a tool of the Fascist plans of the Moscow government as the infamous P.S.U.C. of Catalonia, a party formed by way of merging the Socialist and Communist elements of that province. Comorera, the leader of the P.S.U.C., was a socialist before the formation of that party and now there is no one who had sold himself so completely to the Soviet government as this erstwhile Catalonian national-socialist. Negrin, Prieto and their ilk are made of the same stuff. They have no support among the proletarian membership of the Socialist Party. They represent the petty-bourgeois and careerist element in that Party and it is this element that shows the greatest admiration for the Communist Party and its Fas-

cist methods. Their thin veneer of democratic liberalism is rapidly falling off under the impact of revolutionary realities and now they stand ready to be "co-ordinated," in the name of democracy, into such an eminent "democratic" organization as the contemplated Unified Party of Marxist Unity. And that the latter will be "co-ordinated" into the general policies of the Fascist Third International even press agents of the Louis Fisher kind find it difficult to deny.

Here is the course of this co-ordination as visualized by the CNT, anarcho-syndicalist daily in Madrid.

"The Socialist Party will be offered the General Secretaryship of this Unified Party but under condition that the Communist Party will choose the person for that post.

"Arguments of all sorts will be used to keep out the workers' organizations from sharing power with political parties. Only those parties will be admitted to power who obtained the electoral victory of February 16th (1936).

"And while power is exercised under such conditions attempts will be made to reduce the influence of the Republican parties. And on the other hand, the leading positions in the Party of Marxist Unity will be gradually captured by the Communist elements. That achieved, the question will be raised of crushing all dissenting opinion. (See Louis Fisher's prediction of the wiping out of the Caballero socialists.)

"The following step will be to place before the Party of Marxist Unity the question of international affiliations. The most prominent members of the Second International will be dubbed 'social-fascist' and the 'revolutionary' course of the Third International will be exalted above everything else."

And what will happen after this Party, which, endowed with the sole monopoly of a totalitarian agency, will have become affiliated with the Third International, is so clear that the paper does not find it even necessary to discuss.

Revolutionary Spain will join the happy family of all totalitarian dictatorships and the difference between Franco and the Valencia government will be effaced so completely as to make feasible the plan of the English imperialists reported by Ludwig Lore in his column "Behind the Cables." The plan as is known, consists in ending the civil war in Spain by some sort of a peace between Franco and the Valencia government.

And the dictatorship of the Moscow dominated totalitarian

TERMS OF UNITY PACT

While the Stalinists hypocritically prate about "unity" (with the bourgeoisie) they do their best to knife real labor unity. The epoch-making unity pact between the two great trade union bodies in Spain is indeed a bone in Stalin's throat. We give herewith a translation of the document made public at Valencia on the 29th of July in connection with the alliance formed and the terms agreed upon between the C.N.T. and the U.G.T.:

1. Mutual non-aggression promises. The C.N.T. and the U.G.T. renounce in their propaganda, press and platform work, the making of any sort of criticisms, attacks, etc., of any violent nature against any of the postulates of either union. The doctrinal differences that separate each organization are always to be examined objectively, taking into consideration our cordial syndical doctrines, as defended by both unions.

2. Neither the C.N.T. nor the U.G.T. will recognize nor give belligerent rights to any labor organization that operates beyond the discipline of of the C.N.T. or the U.G.T.

3. Freedom of organization. The C.N.T. and the U.G.T. bind themselves to absolutely respect the freedom of the workers to join either union. In the work centers, in the fields, shops, factories and mills, the union book of either the C.N.T. or the U.G.T. shall be accepted as evidence that the bearer is a union man.

4. Both organizations bind themselves not to admit into their midst any individual who has been expelled because of some immoral act or for the breaking of some decision of a sister union.

5. It is also agreed that no unions that have been suspended from either the C.N.T. or the U.G.T. should be admitted into either other union without first conferring with the union of which the applicant was formerly a member.

6. It shall be considered as a violation of this pact, subject to immediate punishment, for any coercions to be attempted with the idea of compelling workers or local unions to join either of the organizations with which they are not identified.

7. The C.N.T. and the U.G.T. bind themselves to take the necessary punitive measures against their individual members or locals who systematically refuse to carry out the agreements made by both organizations.

8. In order to make these indispensable principles of mutual respect possible as a basis for the establishment and development of further objectives, the C.N.T. and the U.G.T. agree to appoint a National Liaison Committee made up of three representatives of each organization. The purpose of this committee shall be:

Party of Marxist Unity—if such a dictatorship will ever succeed in winning out in revolutionary Spain—will be badly in need of such a peace.

(a) To meet at least once each week.

(b) To faithfully carry out the foregoing outlined provisions.

(c) To create in every geographical location, liaison committees between the local and national committees. These local liaison committees shall function merely to carry out the decisions of the National Committee and convey to the National Committee all suggestions which may be made by the local committees dealing with the problems on hand.

(d) To discuss such problems as circumstances may bring about which are not covered by the program of action nor in the joint decisions of the two national organizations.

9. Disputes or disagreements arising in any locality shall be solved by National Liaison Committee.

10. The National Liaison Committee shall propose to the executive committees of the C.N.T. and the U.G.T. the penalties (sanctions) to be imposed upon the locals failing to carry out the decisions of the National Liaison Committee.

11. All agreements or decisions to be made shall, in order to be valid, be signed by the National organisms of the two central organizations.

12. The National Liaison Committee shall propose to the Executive Committee of the C.N.T. and the Executive Committee of the U.G.T. all resolutions, which, in their opinion, should be adopted in the solution of all problems that arise. Responsibility for the carrying out of those decisions shall rest with the National Committee of the C.N.T. and the Executive Committee of the U.G.T., complying with the decisions adopted by the National Liaison Committee.

—National Committee of the C.N.T.
—Executive Committee of the U.G.T.

PICTURE ALBUMS

We still have a number of copies of each of the two albums we have received from Spain. One is a collection of 31 beautifully reprinted water-color paintings of scenes of the first days of the Spanish Revolution. The artist, Sim, painted these pictures from actual life. This unusual collection published by the C.N.T. in Spain sells for only two dollars (\$2.00).

The other album depicts the history of the Spanish War and Revolution in photographs. These photos, taken on the spot, are indeed a beautiful tribute to the heroic struggle of the Spanish proletariat. The album sells for only 75c.

Order your album now from the U.L.O., Jack White, 45 W. 17th Street, New York.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES REOPEN

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that has been rumoured ever since Comorera began his frequent jaunts to France, there to confer with Dencas, Casanovas and the rest of the Fascist spies hiding out, biding their time to return to Spain as Casanovas has already done. If this can be successfully engineered, the Valencia Government will capitulate, the communists will be safe in that their party is now filled to overflowing with good Catholic, bourgeois business men, and the last remaining act in the drama of Spain will be the massacre of the population in a final drive by Franco.

The return of the tyrant church is a political move that shows the fine hand of artistic intrigue. It will quash the popular opposition of Western civilization, white-wash the crimes of the church for 20 centuries and permit her priests to return to their caches of gold, reopen their sporting establishments, resume business, place blessings upon the head of the exploiters of the Spanish people and bring a government the Fates have

smiled upon for but a day, before the bar of respectability, from whence it may bow its way from the stage with grace and safety. Another prevarication of history, for which we must humbly thank the Communist Party, without whom the counter-revolution in Spain would never have lived to be weaned.

So now, the citadel of ignorance is to have another lease of life—the heroic work of the scientists and the revolutionists, for the moment is undone. But can a work like that of Ascaso and Duruti be undone? Will another monster of Saragossa rise up, swath himself in a black drape and, in the name of the gentle Jesus, partake of the profits of prostitution—ah, but that were just an incident in the daily rounds of a business built upon prostitution: but its role is known and it can no longer hide in the dark places. It must brazen its presence leaning upon the arm of its protector, this time, the Communist Party disguised as Valencia: Two shameless culprits against a people being bled white by soldiers of the Cross and Crescent for a few Spanish pesetas.

Facts and Figures

CATALAN CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN SPANISH WAR TOLD BY "N. Y. POST" COLUMNIST

But Lore Forgets That Revolution Made Accomplishments Possible

In his daily column "Behind the Cables" in the *New York Post* of August 31st, Ludwig Lore discusses the rumors that Catalonia is negotiating a separate peace with Franco. (Note: see article on page one of this issue of *Spanish Revolution*, dealing with same question). Mr. Lore spikes these rumors by pointing out the extent of the aid Catalonia gave and is giving to anti-Fascist Spain. How Catalonia was enabled to give such assistance, Mr. Lore, characteristically, fails to explain. But his recital of facts is sufficiently interesting to warrant our reprinting them. He says:

What are the facts? The Aragon front, 4,025 square kilometers of treeless, roadless, waterless mountain country, has been held almost exclusively by the Catalans since the beginning of the civil war. The towns of Barbastro and Casp, which are held by the Catalans, are located at a comparatively long distance from the geographic frontiers of Catalonia. This territory forms a rectangle with a total area of 23,000 square kilometers. Besides freeing their own territory, with a total area of 32,196 square kilometers, the Catalans have freed an area of 27,000 square kilometers of Aragon territory. They have, in other words, driven the Spanish and foreign Fascists out of a total area of 59,196 square kilometers, at the price of their blood and enormous material resources.

But Catalonia did far more. She smashed Fascism in Barcelona, Tarragona, Girona, Lleida, Barbastro, Casp and Valencia. She sent a military expedition to Majorca, which—against the better judgment of the Catalans—was withdrawn by the Madrid Government after several victories. The Catalans laid siege to Huesca, Teruel and Jaca in Aragon. They held 75,000 Catalan soldiers on the Aragon front.

On the central war front 35,000 Catalan combatants fought before Guadalajara and Brihuega. Catalonia buried 15,000 of her sons on the central front. There are Catalan soldiers also at Jaen and Pozoblanco and at Motril on the Granada front.

Catalonia feeds, clothes and gives schooling to 450,000 war refugees

from other regions of Spain. During the last ten days more than 300,000 refugees came alone from the north and more are still coming. Catalonia will soon have to take care of 1,000,000 refugees. More than 50 per cent of the hospital population of Catalonia are non-Catalans.

Barcelona provides the loyalists with the largest part of their war necessities. Catalonia had not a single factory during the dark days of the monarchy. Practically out of nothing she developed, in less than a year, a war industry that is one of the outstanding achievements of the civil war. Today 283 factories are busy day and night turning out all sorts of war material, from hand grenades to machine guns, from explosives to airplanes.

Catalonia is doing a job which, when the history of this bloody crime of international Fascism is written, will fill many pages with the story of her heroism and self-sacrifice.

Who are these Catalans that "smashed Fascism in Barcelona"? Who formed the militia columns that cleaned Catalonia of Fascism and then "freed an area of 27,000 square kilometers in Aragon"? Where did the 75,000 troops that have held the Aragon front successfully since the beginning of the war come from?

Mr. Lore knows the answers as well as we do. However, we are not averse to refreshing his memory. Every eyewitness without exception, tells the story of the street battles in Barcelona on July 17, 18th and 19th, 1936, in which the supremely heroic workers of the anarchist and anarcho-syndicalist F.A.I. and C.N.T. successfully stormed the rebel military barracks, almost barehanded. Everyone knows that the militia columns who swept thru Catalonia and Aragon consisted overwhelmingly of these libertarian workers and peasants who fought Fascism so that they could achieve their life-long hope: a free society ruled by the peasants and workers. Ludwig Lore knows that

when the anarchist Durruti column triumphed over the Fascist mercenaries in town after town, they made sure that the tremendous estates, owned for the most part by Fascist landlords, would not be left idle—they helped the peasants form collective farms. They had the good sense not to leave the factories and shops in the hands of their untrustworthy bourgeois owners and therefore helped the workers socialize the factories. Nay, even more—they realized that the rest of Spain was also sorely in need of arms, so many factories were spontaneously transformed into munitions plants by the workers organizations. Even today the vast majority of the "283 factories" producing munitions are socialized under the C.N.T. or joint C.N.T.-U.G.T. control. And the very government whose life was saved by the revolutionists turned around and sabotaged the saviors of Spain.

Where does Catalonia get the food, clothing and teachers with which it "feeds, clothes and gives schooling to 450,000 (by now almost 1,000,000—ed.) war refugees from other regions of Spain"? Precisely, from the collective farms (which have voluntarily donated millions of pesetas worth of food to refugees and to the militia), from the completely socialized textile industry of Catalonia (whose factories, its former owners, mostly Fascists, had abandoned) and in the new rationalist schools formed by the Teachers Unions of the C.N.T. and U.G.T.

Let us not forget that the "15,000 of her sons" that Catalonia "buried—on the central front" were libertarians, revolutionary sons of the working class.

But it was these very same anarchist and anarcho-syndicalist workers upon whom Mr. Lore on another occasion dared to blame the possible triumph of Fascism. And, when on May 3rd-7th these revolutionary workers of Barcelona spontaneously resisted the Stalinist inspired and conducted attempt to physically suppress them and the achievements whose results Mr. Lore so admires, then he again accused the workers of playing into the hands of the Fascists!

Mr. Lore is being informed of Stalinist plans to negotiate a separate peace with Franco. He should tell that to his readers. The cause of anti-Fascism can, indeed, be better served by telling the whole truth than by half truths.

Campaign to Aid Spanish

Victims Must Be Intensified

More than ever must we gather our energies and forces together to assist the Spanish revolutionists. Not only must we help to relieve the sufferings received at the hands of the Fascist bandits but we must also provide for those imprisoned by the Stalin agents in Spain. Victims and families of the victims of the Fascists and the counter-revolutionary "anti-Fascists" call upon us to help them. All the money that we receive is sent to the genuine revolutionary anti-Fascist organizations of Spain. It is not given to the accompaniment of loud shouts and demands for vainglorious recognition. But it reaches the needy victims intact. The summer months and the accompanying decline in activity is over. We urge that all comrades immediately start their work of propaganda and collecting money. Send funds to I. Radinowsky, c-o U.L.O., 45 W. 17th Street, N. Y. C.

Is Catalonia Negotiating a Separate Peace with Franco?

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ratism, just like his present allegiance to Moscow was only a phase in the career of a successful politician. And as to his recent negotiations with Dencas, an outspoken separatist and open agent of Mussolini, they had the blessings of Moscow and were undertaken only with the view of putting God's fear into the anarchists by threatening to give Mussolini full scope in his contemplated landing on the Catalonian coast.

The Anarchists took the hint and now there is no more room for any further "negotiations" of that sort.

There is no puzzle, however, in the latest dispatch from Spain if read with other similar information telling of uprisings and fighting going on in Barcelona. The rising tide of popular indignation is forcing

the hand of the counter-revolution. The Stalinists and their counter-revolutionary allies realize that their superior strategic position is only very temporary in its nature. They want to make the best of it by provoking conflicts. They talk more and more openly about the liquidation of the Anarchist movement.

And it is toward this criminal adventure that they are working now by an attempt to reshuffle the troops. "Loyal" troops are sent into Aragon and Catalonia under the pretext that someone is negotiating a separate peace. And once that process of reshuffling is fought to an end, we may see the beginning of a tragedy long ago contemplated by the Moscow rulers and leading everything in sheer criminality and darkest betrayal of the Spanish proletariat.

RESERVE THESE DATES

October 9th and 10th:—Conference of organizations and individuals supporting the United Libertarian Organizations. On the evening of the 9th there will be a social and get-together.

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The small committee which has undertaken weekly street meetings on Spain continues to work under difficulties that seem unfair, particularly in view of the importance of counteracting the falsehoods and concerted efforts to crush our comrades, making of Spain another Russia under the yoke of a totalitarian state where all semblance of freedom is crushed.

Instead of having but one meeting each week, we really should be holding one every night in different parts of the city.

At present, and until we get more forces together, we hold street meetings every Tuesday night beginning at about 7 o'clock at the corner of Fourteenth Street and Irving Place, New York. For weeks individuals have pleaded that they did not know where the meetings were being held, nor when. Now they know. Let's have a big turnout at the next meeting!

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