Is Catalonia Negotiating A Separate Peace With Franco?

We very often wonder at the brazen lies of the Nazi and Fascist 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 in Spain. Thus we read in the New York Times of August 25th that the Catalan government is seri- ously concerned with the move for a separatist movement in Catholic Spain. It seems to us that the Catalan government and that it is send- ing its own troops (the International Brigades) to Barcelona instead of fearing. (Like all official dispatches it is signed by the Communist controlled agen- cies.)

But who is the Catalan govern- ment? Just two years ago we read about the carnage of the autocratic powers of the Catalan government, about its "internationalism" in the general plan of things as shaped now by the Moscow government that is short of its power of military and fi- nancial control, of any sort of in- dependence in diplomatic relations, negotiate a separate peace?

And who controls this govern- ment? Who was the one that pro- pounded the political crisis with the result of ousting those who opposed the CNT? Those the P.O.U.M. leaders who did not even notifying the official govern- ment agencies?

That the Moscow agents now run the Catalan government, that they control the puppet government of Matalig in Spain, is now known to every- one who has given himself the trouble of reading the daily dis- patches from Spain. The P.O.U.M. (Socialist front in Catalonia) is all the new in the galilean and proper goals of political prisoners, the as- similations of the fascistic poli- tical life, the attack upon collectives, the demoralization of the Aragonese; all these are political victims of the all-pervading influence of this Moscow-controlled Party. Who has the humanity to organize a separate peace in Catalonia?

The Escu dron (Liberal Republic- can) They have no armed force for any purpose, no territory of that sort. It is the P.O.U.M. who is flitting with this idea. Against whom then are the international Brigades sent in order to frustrate the same.

True, the present leader of the P.O.U.M., Comorra, was an ardent separatist and a friend of their own years ago. Goodbye, leaving the Spanish government in the north of Spain at any cost. But Comorra's convictions have be- come proverbial in Spain. His sepa- 

On the 24th of August we received from Barcelona the report that they have been forced to leave their homeland. The Basques, good Catholics and good Socialists, are being expelled from France's hands, the Falangists are fierce, fanatic fighters for the Catholic faith, perhaps the only really sincere supporters of Franco among the countless tens of thousands of Spaniards in the 52nd division banner; and a very ele- ment of the bourgeoisie pop- ulation in that section of Spain that has fallen to Franco, are predominantly Catholic. That the Pope did not officially re- cognize Franco long since is more surprising than the fact that he is recognizing him now. He is the Italian attempt at a unity to do nothing. The Basque Roman Catholic Church and the murder of men, women and children is the historical counterpart of the recognition of the Roman Catholic Church by the Government of Valencia. Can there be any better argument of the character of that govern- ment than the actual acts of repression and betrayal it has committed since its cowardly retreat from Madrid last fall.

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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 persecution of anti-Fascist revolutionists in Spain. The Russian contributions that it receives from its well-meaning but untrained and untrained forces in Spain, has met with a similar fate. The C.P. raved and ranted against it and the censors were driven into intense activity immediately after its conclusion. Nor was the Provincial Committee of the Spanish Socialist Party (representing its rank and file), which condemned the national committee of the S.P. for its attempt to maneuver an amalgamation with the Communist party and was attacked by "personalism and authority," unyielding 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 creates in Spain creates. The financial contributions that it receives from the 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 the left-wing candidates in Spain.

Money must be sent to the true anti-Fascist 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 Negrera government, controlled by the Communist Party, they must immediately, before it is too late, call for proper action. They must forestall their politicians 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 soldiers 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—say, COMPEL—the end of false "neutral- ity," of hypocritical, treacherous, "non-intervention." It must use its strongest weapons to wipe off the face of Spain the penisula the thin and mere international diplomatic intrigue that is smothering and threats to engulf the Spanish people.

This is the only program that the international working class can follow in order to save the cause of anti-Fascia 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 more than ever, for they are fighting your battle as well as their own. Now is the time to act!

A GIFT COPY OF "THE SPANISH REVOLUTION" IS AN APPEAL FOR YOU TO SUBSCRIBE.
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Stalinist-Bourgeoisie Plan Totalitarian Party in Order to Combat Unity of C.N.T.-U.G.T.

The irresistible urge of the Spanish workers towards united active revolution 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 bloc of Right-wing unities or 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 with the alleged democratic aims of the Negrín government.

"The Caballero Socialists," he informed us, "are culturing and spreading within three months. The Anarchists are being eliminated as an active factor. The Right remains the bourgeois Republicans whose role is a minor one, the Communists and the Negrín-Frietos Socialists. The Communist Party is conducting an intense, unrelenting, whirlwind campaign for the formation of a mass Republican government of the Communists and Socialists (of the right wing). If successful, this collective propaganda under Communist domination even if it joined the Second International. And,"

CATHOLIC CHURCHES REOPEN

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that has been rumoured ever since Comorera began his frequent jaunts to France, there to confer with Deen, Cancor, and other Catholic leaders. He speaks in Curiels hiding out, biding their time to return to Spain as Cas- amoroza would have it. But 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 businessmen men, and the last re- maining 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 intrigues. The reaction is the polar opposition of Western civili- zation, white-wash the crimes of the church for 20 centuries and permit her priests to return to their caches of gold, reopen their Roman establishments, fill some business, placate blessings upon the head of the exploiters of the Spanish people and bring a government the Faets have promised upon for but a day, before the bar of respectability. From whence it may bow its way once more with grace and safety. Another prevaricator of history, for which we must thank the Communist Party, has been a failure. The freedom of the Catalan Party. They represent the petty-bourgeoisie and certain elements of the Party. And it is this element that shows the greatest admiration for the Communist Party and its Fascist methods. Their thin veneer of democratic liberalism is rapidly falling off the under the impact of realities and now they stand ready to the co-ordinated," in the name of democracy, into such an entity, the "democratic" organization as the contemplated Unified Party of Marxist Unity. And that the latter, the "co-ordinated," into the general policies of the Fascist Third International even press agents of the Louis Fisher kind find it diffi- cult to deny.

Here is the course of this organization. We must begin by noting that the CNT, anarcho-syndicalist daily in Madrid.

"The Socialist Party will be offered the post of 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 which have tried to co-operate with political parties. Only those parties will be admitted which either are approved by 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 socialis-"

TERMS OF UNITY PACT

(a) To meet at least once each month.

(b) To faithfully carry out the foregoing outlined pro- visions.

(c) To create in every geographical location, liaison committees consisting of representatives of the C.N.T. and national committees. These local liaison committees are hereby directed to carry out the decisions of the Na- tional Committee and convey to the National Committee all suggestions which may be made by the committees dealing with the problems on hand.

(d) To discuss such problems as circumstances may bring about which are not covered by the joint de- cessions of the two national organizations.

9. Disputes or disagreements between the C.N.T. and the C.N.T., and the U.G.T. shall be solved by National Laisson Com- mittee.

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11. All agreements or deci- sions to be made shall, in order to be valid, be signed by the representatives of the two central organizations.

National Laisson Com- mittee of the C.N.T. and the Ex- ecutive Committee of the U.G.T.

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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 paint- ings 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 40 pesetas.

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 Span- iards. The album sells for only 75c.

Order your album now from the U.L.O., Jack White, 45 W. 17th Street, New York.
In his daily column "Behind the Cables" in the New York Post of August 31st, Ludovico 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 spices these rumors with some points showing the extent to which 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:

Where are the Cables? The Aragon front, 4,825 square kilometers of treacherous, roadless, waterless mountain country, has been held almost exclusively by the Catalans since the beginning of the war in the beginning of the year. The towns of Barbastro and Caup, which are held by the Catalans, are located at a distance of 150 kilometers from the geographical frontiers of Catalonia. The Catalans, therefore, recaptured with a total area of 23,000 square kilometers. Besides freeing their own territory, with a total area of 31,996 square kilometers, the Catalans have freed an area of 27,000 square kilometers of Aragon territory. They have put their 68,000 men in a Spanish and foreign Fascists out of a total area of 59,016 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, Baixas, Onda 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 threw their full weight against the Aragon front.

Their offensive was in force from the Aragon front. Their view of their war front 3,500 Catalan combatants fought before Guadalajara and Biblienges. Catalans hurled bayonets on peasants who fought Fascism so that they could achieve their life-long hope: a free society. Ludovico Lore knows that when the anarchist Durruti column triumphed over the Fascist mercenaries in town after town, they made sure that the treacherous estates, owned for the most part by Fascist landlords, would not be left to Franco's mercy. He 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. Never, more than in this period, did they realize that the rest of Spain was also sorely in need of arms, so many factories were spontaneously transformed into munitions plants by the workers who organized them. Even under the var majority of the "23 factories" producing munitions are socialized under the C.N.T. or under the C.N.T.-U.G.T. control. And the very government whose life was saved by the revolutionaries turned against them, sabotaged the saviors of Spain.

Where does Catalonia get the food, clothing and teachers with which she "feeds, clothes and gives school 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 peetas 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 rational 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" workers, revolutionaries and students 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 alleged triumph of Fascism. And when on May 29-3rd 7-these revolutionary workers of Barcelona spontaneously resisted the Stalinist inspired and conducted attempt to physically drive 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 Stalinism and negotiate a separate peace with Franco. He should tell that to his readers. The cause of anti-Fascist can, indeed, be better served by telling the whole truth than by half truths in our next meeting!