

Anti-Spanish Propaganda Dupes U.S., Franco Charges

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physical and spiritual damage. Liberties in Spain Cited

"We do not govern for any group, but for all Spaniards. I dare affirm that Spain today is better off in more respects than any other European country."

"Although you may be skeptical, you can observe for yourself that the Spanish people enjoy many more liberties than the majority of the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe. The only limitations of liberty in Spain are those necessary to maintain order. We cannot forget that disorder does away with liberties."

"The difficulties found in Spain today are not different from those endured by many peoples. It takes many years to recuperate from the destruction of war. We have not been added from the outside in our economic recovery, but have had to depend upon our own means."

No Rich Country

"Spain is not a rich country. It has been undeveloped during the past 30 years because of internal political struggles. Moreover, the Communists look away not only the gold belonging to the state, but also the possessions of many individuals."

"Even so, we have complied with all international obligations as no other country in similar circumstances has done."

"We have to maintain commercial ties without depriving the Spanish people of their major needs. Demands are far greater than supplies, a condition aggravated by an increase of 1,000,000 in population during the last 10 years."

"Scarifices and the difficulties of import have led to black markets, as has been the case throughout the world. If any injustice can be attributed to our regime, it must be that resulting from the betterment and the protection of the poor. For example, during the past year a special tax was levied upon the rich classes by means of coupons, 50 per cent of which went to the poor."

Answers Nazi Aid Charges

Gen. Franco turned then to

the charges that Spain aided Germany during the war.

"In Nuremberg," he said, "the very documents which served to condemn the German war leaders revealed strikingly the failure of the Axis countries to force Spain to join in the war."

"At other times, because of the presence of Italian and German volunteers in our ranks, we were accused of the crime of having received aid from those countries."

"Nevertheless, no one wishes to remember that in Madrid under what was called the legal government of the republic recognized by all the countries, the Soviet Ambassador was the head ruler; that Soviet general staff officers controlled the Ministry of War and Interior and every other branch of government; and that Russian tanks, airplanes and units constituted the nucleus of the Republican army."

"More than 100,000 Communists of the International Brigade were the shock troops while, in Nationalist Spain, foreign volunteers represented a minority in our army."

"Communist propaganda claims we sold the sovereignty of our country because of German and Italian aid. Yet when the war started, Spain declared itself neutral at a time when Spanish collaboration was judged indispensable in Berlin and Rome."

Played Cards Carefully

"In those difficult days when Germany's victorious armies did not have an opponent on the continent, we resisted the pressure and played our cards carefully."

"For the success of the American forces in North Africa, Spanish neutrality was indispensable. If Spain had broken her neutrality, or had facilitated the passage of German armies through her territory, or if we only had permitted the use of our airdromes, your situation would have been difficult. This has been publicly acknowledged by responsible men in the general staffs of the United States and Great Britain."

"These facts should answer the propaganda that we were Nazi puppets. Victory has obliterated the remembrance of the high and low points of the war."

"We can say that actually two wars existed. The first was that of France and England against Germany, which France lost. The second was that in which America joined Russia and England, and it ended victoriously."

"Between the two wars, the German troops were victorious in Europe. No one, nor anything opposed them. What was to happen was difficult to prognosticate at the time. Yet Spain resisted all of Berlin's pressures."

"Spain is accused of having

Germany Prays For Moscow Meet

Frankfurt, Germany—(AP)—

The Ministry of German Propaganda today called upon the nation's leaders to observe Sunday, March 16, as a day of prayer for the success of the conference of the Big Five Foreign Ministers in Moscow. The Moscow Conference will be devoted to drawing up the peace treaty with Germany.

aided Germany with vital materials. This is not true. During the first part of the war through 1940, Spain did not have land or sea communications with Germany. After France collapsed, England's navy continued to blockade Germany.

"Purchases in France were reduced to what could be transported across France with reshipment at Hendaye. This was a drop in the ocean. An investigation of this fact would produce great surprises."

Cites U. S. Sales to Japan

"Which nine German divisions on our border, we had to be careful. But you, the mightiest power on earth, continued selling to the Japanese in spite of the fact they were preparing a war against you. You shipped them essential war materials, minerals and gasoline until a short time before Pearl Harbor. Yet you defended and helped the cause of invaded China."

"No doubt it was a diplomatic move, with the purpose of gaining time, although 7,000 miles separated you from Japan."

"A powerful German Army was camped on our borders. Yet because Spain did the same thing that you did, it was branded as subject submission to the German, and conclusive evidence of pro-Nazi and Fascist, is this not paradoxical?"

"I do not intend to make excuses. They are not necessary. My acts are being judged by my countrymen, to whom I gave peace in the midst of a world at war. And in doing that, I served your country also."

"That Communism does not like us is reasonable. Nor do we like Communism. It endeavors to 'liberate' Spain as it did Poland and Yugoslavia."

"But America is different. Traditionally, America has tried to avoid interference with the political life of other countries. Under the guidance of your late President Roosevelt you followed that policy in your dealings with the sovereign and independent republics of South America. Likewise the charter of the United Nations affirms and backs this principle."

"Nevertheless you have made Spain your target. Spain was neutral in the two greatest contests that history records. It has complied with its international obligation, offends no one and conspires against no one. Yet you interfere in the affairs of our country. In spite of the fact we have not provoked any war outside, nor broken any international pacts."

No Responsibility to Spain

"All of that is not in accord with the traditional policies of your great country. You can not have now any one given you the responsibility before the Spanish people to give them a government to your taste."

"You do have that responsibility toward the liberated countries. Look what you have done to Poland, Yugoslavia and the Balkan countries where Communist dictatorial and terroristic governments have been established, to your sorrow. The explosions of just indignation have not been sufficient to retire the ambassadors from those nations."

"If in certain aspects the political liberty of my country does not coincide with that of the American people, it does not permit the least comparison with the liberty that exists in Russia nor in satellite states."

Much is said abroad about the innumerable political prisoners in Spain. We can assure you they do not exist."

"You have heard mention of concentration camps. Ask the Spanish Republicans in America and France to give you the locations of these camps. Then please go see them. You can go wherever you wish without any interference. Accompanied by any countryman of yours who speaks the Spanish language. You then will be convinced of the falsity of these accusations."

The number of so-called political prisoners in Spain is a drop in the bucket compared to the imprisoned and missing in practically every country of Europe. And we are not counting those who suffer in the concentration camps of Communism."

"Not for America to Judge"

"Your highest officials and your diplomatic agents confirm the existence of these inhuman procedures in the postwar world. Yet no one in your country asks that diplomatic relations be severed with those responsible. They censure, yes. Communism does not please them, nor do those barbaric police methods. But they hasten to add that it is not for America to judge its governments."

"I cannot believe the discrimination against Spain can be due to the fact that we are not a strong country."

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Divine Call

During March, Vacation Month, can you adopt a poor boy in the Near East and help him to answer his divine call to the priesthood? Six hundred dollars will bring him to the altar. Even a dollar monthly dues to THE CHRYSOSTOMS will help.

PRIESTS GO BAREFOOT

"My priests have had to wear canvas shoes full of patches and when they could not replace shoes many times repaired, they have had to go barefooted. Many times they did not have a scrap of food."

"During the war our enemies outside the Church were laughing at us. They told us we deserved the worst for coming over to Rome. They were laughing when we came but we gained the riches of faith."

"Sixteen years ago on the five of us united with the Holy Father. Then came thousands of converts—groups of ten, fifteen, even a hundred families at a time. Today we have forty thousand. Let our enemies laugh!"

"But we do need many things—chaplains for all these new converts, chaplains after their baptism. You helped us before. Won't you come to our rescue now?"

So writes Archbishop Joseph Severino of Tiruvalla, India, himself a convert. Can you build a little chapel for him, costing \$10,000 and fifty, a set of Mass vestments, thirty, a special chalice, fifty. Even the smallest gift will encourage these wonderful people and their Bishop.

DON'T FORGET THEM
Although we cannot appear every week for our cloisters, Carmelite nuns, remember that they have been made helpless by war conditions. Please remember the Carmelite Sisters at Athens, in Turkey, and in Palestine with a small gift.

STARVING ORPHANS
Ten dollars will feed starving little children in the care of the Sisters of Charity at Cairo, Egypt. They depend wholly on us.

RUSSIAN CHANCE
Read about Russia's chance for salvation in Monsignor Sheen's new pamphlet, "EAST MEETS WEST." We send it to all who help us even a little with the Shrine Chapel of OUR LADY OF FATIMA, which we shall build in the Holy Land.

Send all communications to
Catholic Near East Welfare Association
480 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York 17, N.Y.

LOST CAUSE!

We just must have more members of THE BASILIANS, our School Club. Five cents a day will add to more than the dollar monthly needed for dues. The poor Paulist Fathers have urgently begged aid for their five schools in Lebanon. Back a loan!

FATHER PINAKATT
Father, the devoted chaplain of the American Medical Mission Sisters at Mary Girl, India, has promised to send us the names of their new novices. Why not adopt one as a spiritual daughter during her two years of training? This will cost three hundred dollars. We send you a picture.

LENTEN BOUQUET
A picture of the Sorrows of Mother can be given to one of Bishop Hakim's chaplains in Galilee for twenty dollars.

MARCH 7
When the Crusade spoke to St. Thomas landed on March 7, and asked what reward he wanted, Thomas said: "No other than Thyself, O Lord." Your stingless gift for Lenten cases is your Near East mission in the same answer.

"NEAREST TO GOD"
In Purgatory, at this moment, there is a soul waiting for one more Mass to bring him to the blessed vision of God's holy face. Why not have such a Mass offered by a Near East missionary?



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