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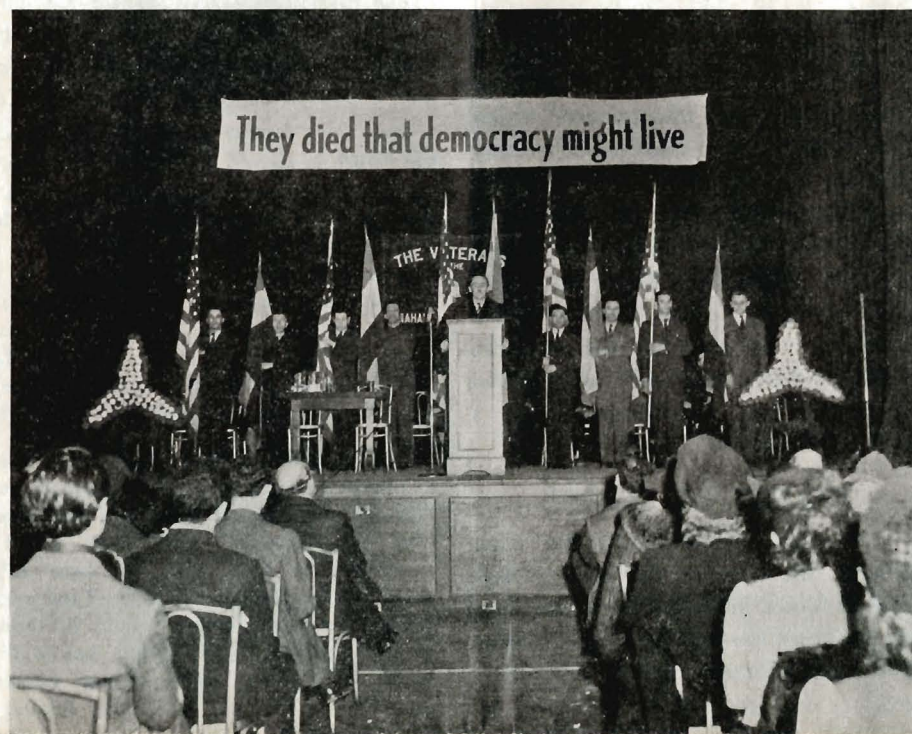
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DELEGATES SPEED SPANISH RELIEF

Pan-American cooperation to aid the Spanish refugees and the International volunteers in concentration camps and prisons, received powerful stimulus at an Emergency National Conference called by the United American Spanish Aid Committee. Meeting under the slogan, "A Rescue Ship Must Sail," more than 140 delegates gathered in Washington, D. C., over the week-end of March 15-16, at the Hotel Hamilton. The delegates represented 26 cities, 17 States, numerous trade unions, fraternal, youth, and community organizations. The Veterans were officially represented at the Conference by Ed Lending.

On the first morning of the Conference, a score of delegations visited the Latin and South American Embassies and requested their governments to grant the right of asylum to both the Spanish refugees and the International volunteers. A further request was made that these governments lodge representations with Franco for general amnesty for Republican supporters. Some delegations visited the French, British, and Spanish Embassies, the State Department and the Red Cross, on matters affecting the rescue and the well-being of the refugees and the Internationals.

The highly enthusiastic Conference went



A highly dramatic moment at the Lincoln Veterans' Memorial Meeting held in N. Y. C. on February 25th, 1941. Rev. Ver Lynn Sprague making an invocation in honor of our dead.

WOLF SPEAKS AT APM RALLY

National Commander, Milton Wolff, ranking officer of the Lincoln Battalion from Caspe to our last action on the Ebro, will be one of the featured speakers at the rally of 30,000 people at the Randall's Island Stadium which will open up the American People's Meeting on April 5th. He will share this honor with Joe Curran of the NMU, Frederick Fields, APM leader, Paul Robeson, Reid Robinson of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers and other spokesmen of the foremost progressive organizations of America.

When questioned by a "Volunteer" reporter, Wolff stated, "We were asked to speak because we didn't stop fighting reaction when we came home from Spain. Let's show our worthiness of this honor by spreading the message of the APM."

Besides this speech by Wolff, the Veterans' delegate from the N. Y. Post, Arthur Munday, is planning to present to the Conscription Panel of the APM, a proposed program for the conscripts. This program will have three major parts, the first dealing with the welfare of the conscripts, the preservation of their democratic rights, the protection of their families from the suffering caused by the loss of income, etc.; the second, centering around the idea that we want

PASAREMOS

April 14, 1931. Truly one of the outstanding dates in all contemporary history. The abolition of the monarchy and the establishment of the Spanish Republic by the people was the first in a chain of events that not only aroused the interest

The highly enthusiastic Conference went on record favoring an intensification of work to better the conditions of the refugees in Santo Domingo, Mexico, and Chile, and to campaign for the release of the 4,000 Internationals still in Franco's prison at Belchite. Most of these men are Germans, Czechs, and Italians. A concerted effort to gain asylum for the 4,000 Internationals in French concentration camps will be made. (Since this article was received, we learn of the great work effected by the U.S.S.R. in rescuing from the French concentration camps all the Internationals who had come from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Polish Ukraine, Bessarabia, and Bukovina — the territories recently added to the Soviet Union. — Ed.)

In relation to the 150,000 Spanish refugees remaining in French camps, the Conference pledged itself to intensify its search for another ship declaring:

"A Rescue Ship remains the central project of our campaign to save the lives of the Spanish refugees. A Rescue Ship is the soundest proposal for saving these heroic people and the plan will not be abandoned because of real or manufactured obstacles."

Encouraged by the promises of Senator Chavez of New Mexico and Representative Peterson of Florida to intercede with the State Department to facilitate the immediate

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by the people was the first in a chain of events that not only aroused the interest of all progressive humanity, inspiring them to the struggle against reaction, but also profoundly affected world affairs for these past ten years.

The chain is still incomplete. When Franco and his gang are overthrown and a genuine people's regime is established, and that shall soon be, the last link will have been forged and a new era in history will have begun.

This tenth anniversary recalls for us at least two important lessons. The most dangerous enemies of the progressive movement are those within its own ranks: the Trotskyite spies, and the Caballeros, the Casados, the Prietos — the Social Democrats. We are pledged to wage unceasing struggle against these arch-betrayers. They, the Hillmans, the Citrines, et al, are the fifth columnists hiding in the Trojan horse built by finance capital, the war mongers.

The best way to defeat this advance guard of the warmongers is to build the APM into the broadest possible people's movement until it becomes strong enough to take our country out of the Imperialist War.

The Spanish and French peoples now know how to deal with these enemies. Let us drive this lesson home to the American people lest they have to travel the same road of bitter experience.

And a second lesson that the Spanish struggle gave us is being repeated daily. The Soviet Union has been and is the only nation championing the democratic peoples and their fight for a people's peace. The Spanish people is not the only one today who was or is being befriended by the Soviets. We must rally the people to the peace policy of the U.S.S.R.

Let us redouble our efforts "to win freedom for the Spanish refugees and our former comrades-in-arms in the International Brigades."

Long live the heroic Spanish people who are still fighting so bravely despite the greatest terror! Long live the Spanish Republic!

ond, centering around the idea that we want the boys back home safe and sound after their year's service; and lastly, a plan for the co-ordination of the work of all Conscript Committees, trade unions, etc. to ensure the carrying out of this program.

The American People's meeting will be a rallying point for vets from all over the country. The *Post Dispatches* show that Los Angeles, Chicago, and other Posts will have delegates. Many vets will be at the meeting as representatives of other organizations. *So many are expected, and from so many different places, that the National Office will use this unique opportunity to hold a National Veterans Meeting on Sunday night, April 6th.*

In New York, the participation of the vets in the work of APM has already been praised by the APM leaders. At a recent meeting of the N. Y. Executive of the APM, the Veterans were singled out for special mention. Arthur Munday, the responsible for Veterans peace work in Manhattan was especially commended for his fine work in forming and activating local councils. Such men as Sam Slipyan, Pat Roosevelt, Mike Feller and others are doing a fine job in their local councils.

In Brooklyn, a number of vets have been taking leading positions under the guidance of Mike Jiminez, ex-guerrillero. On Satur-

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THE VOLUNTEER FOR LIBERTY

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"... and that government of the people,
by the people, and for the people, shall
not perish from the earth."

—LINCOLN.

STORM SIGNALS

Earl Browder has begun to serve a four year sentence; the crime — outstanding opposition to America's entry into the imperialist carnage. Twenty-eight Pennsylvania citizens, including three Lincoln vets, received sentences up to two years; crime — circulating nominating petitions for the only national party opposed to the imperialist war. Arrests have taken place all over the country, and dozens more are threatening.

The veterans of the progressive movement who remember well the events in France and Germany and other lands where fascism now reigns, will have no trouble in discerning these signals as presaging severe storms ahead. The Lincoln Veterans never failed to do their utmost in living up to "government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish..." — despite tough weather. The coming storm promises to be a ripsnorter. So — clear the decks for action! The enemy is no different than the one in Spain. Every vet active in peace work! Every vet, active! Let's help build the "Free Browder Movement" a thousand times

FIFTH COLUMN "VICTORY"

The March 1st issue of *"The Call,"* Norman Thomas' organ, indicates the editor's great satisfaction over the "escape" of Joaquin Maurin from Franco's firing squads. Maurin was a leader of the Trotskyist P.O.U.M. No better instance of the stench of Social Democracy can be chosen than its current elation over such a "victory" — the "escape" of one of the most vicious betrayers of the Republic, of the enemy who participated in the infamous May putsch in Barcelona, who sold military secrets to the fascists.

"Friends of Maurin are trying to arrange for his entry into Mexico," writes *"The Call."* Who are these friends? Without doubt the same outfit who utilized Valtin-Krebs and look forward to using Maurin in a similarly contemptuous role. Social Dem. Prieto sits on the gold belonging to the Spanish people while they are suffering the most inhuman tortures, and our native Social Democrats busy themselves rescuing a fifth columnist.

COAST TO COAST

Although very much in the background, the vets in the small towns, such as Vince in Rochester, where there are no Posts, are steadily plugging away. The work of these men is proportionately as important as in the large localities.

We should like to receive more information from all such vets; regular monthly communication should be established between them and the National office.

VET RUNS BLOCKADE

At least one American vet has already gotten a taste of the 2nd Imperialist World



POST DISPATCHES

ROCHESTER—2-27-41: "There are only two vets in Rochester, Mike and myself. Paul has a farm outside of Rochester. However, I spoke at a couple of affairs and at a church one Sunday on the Refugee problem. We contacted the I.W.O.—and they agreed to turn over the proceeds of a play that they are sponsoring on March 14th. We are working on the compilation of a new mailing list... and pepping up a Spanish Aid Committee... so we hope to raise a lot more money in addition to that which we have already raised... Will be in N.Y. as an IWO delegate to the American People's Meeting."—Vince Lossowski.

CLEVELAND—3-19-41. "Just a few lines to inform you that we have re-organized our Post and the National Office will hear soon from our Secretary." Jack Cooper will be a delegate to APM from his local AFL union. Dick Sherod and Sandy Land were drafted, the latter leaving behind his bride of four months. (The papers had a big splash about this.) Mark, Krauss, formerly of New York, was married in February, and Cleveland's Straus was just married; Lee Bortz will be by the time you read this. Bill Wimmer, the Post's reporter, is the first vet in Cleveland to become a daddy — an 8½ lb. girl!

NEW HAVEN—3-9-41. Bill Bois reports, "My local union named me as delegate to the Spanish Relief Conference in Washington and endorsed the Conference. All Exec Board members bought Relief Stamps; some

BLOW TO JIM-CROW

Jim-Crow took a shellacking when Local 64 of the Fur Workers Union forced Lampson, Fraser & Huth, a large fur-auction house, to hire two Negroes. One of them, Tom Paige, is a member of the N. Y. Post.

Tom was the butt of one of the bosses shortly after he was hired until the rest of the shop told the boss off. His "excuse" that white workers would not work with Negroes is gone with the wind.

meetings of the Post, with a good turn-out consistently present, are going ahead on plans to capitalize on the new-found interest and enthusiasm of many vets.

"Among the projects discussed and under way is the sending of a carload of delegates to the American People's Meeting in April 5-6. A house party on a large scale and a symposium on Hemingway's book are being planned to finance the delegates.

"The Post is already working on another dance, to be held May 3rd. The Lincoln Ball, organized in a haphazard and sketchy way, netted some \$291. This time, with real organization and preparation, the Post feels it can go over the top in a big way.

"As for Peace activity, our most important job right now, the vets are beginning to take some steps forward. We have affiliated to the Chicago Council of APM with a regular delegate; and the vets individually are beginning to work in their neighborhood branches as vets."

"Syd Harris and Sig Simonsen ably represented the vets on the Midwest peace delegation which went to Washington Feb. 15, while Sammy Fuller took up the cudgels for us at the Town Hall Meeting of Youth in the capital city."

LOS ANGELES—3-23-41. "Lincoln Memorial Meeting on 21st—swell in spite of terrific downpour. Steve Nelson, Allan Johnson and Winifred Bates spoke. Bob Ford

bigger than the successful "Free Tom Mooney" campaign! Send your protests to President Roosevelt on the Browder case and to the Governor of Pennsylvania on the other cases.

VOLUNTEER BARRED

The International Brigade Association in England complains in a number of recent communications to us that they have not heard from us in months nor have they received any "*Volunteers for Liberty*." The censorship in the great "democracy" of the British Empire surely is working overtime. Write to the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, demanding that he explain why mail from us does not reach our comrades in England.

CLOSE RANKS

News of the death of Nick Reiter, of the Chicago Post, has just reached us. Nick was one of those who found that there was a front line here in the U. S. A., and served as actively as he did in Spain. Let's close ranks and do Nick's share as well.

War. Leo Berman, NMU seaman, was stranded last month in Port Elizabeth, Africa, where he was beached because of illness. In order to catch his ship, the *Lonestar*, in Durban, 400 miles up the coast of Africa, the company agent made him ship out on the SS Griqua, a British ship carrying war supplies.

The Griqua carried 3 guns and took all other futile precautions to emphasize the fact that she would be sunk in ten minutes if an enemy vessel ever sighted her. Berman was forced to ride this ship because it was cheaper than the train; and the American consul at Port Elizabeth refused to intervene.

Those vets who ran the fascist blockade that night in January 1939 on a couple of coal freighters from Valencia to Barcelona, know how Berman felt going through the war zone at night.

DISCONTENT RISING

The *Falange* organ "*Arriba*" of Dec. 27 called for "bitter attacks against the rising tide of discontent," warning the dissident, pro-British groups (Monarchists, Requetes, and Catholics) against taking advantage of this for political purposes. On January 1, *Arriba* cautioned the other reactionary groups to go easy on criticism, pointing out that "if the present regime fails, a deluge awaits Spain!"

Oh, happy deluge!

pasted them in their Union books. Ed was named as official observer from the Industrial Council of New Haven. My report will be given to the next General Membership meeting and good results are expected." On the side, Bill also tells us that his wife will soon produce proof that muchos garbanzos y poca carne didn't hurt him any. (Ed—Hope it's a boy!)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—3-23-41. "Received a bunch of "*Volunteers for Liberty*" and have just finished mailing them out. *It's a swell issue and I hope to see more of them.* (Editor—Ah-h-h-h!) It's the first thing I've seen from the National Office in a long time which has made me feel that there really was a national organization. I would suggest, as a matter of fact, that a drive be started to get news from all over the country.

"I have money for three pins but I want to wait to get money for two more — which will make us 100 per cent.

"We're co-operating with the Rescue Ship, of course, but are not doing anything on our own." (?)

CHICAGO—3-11-41 (from Chicago's "*Volunteer*" correspondent) "Inspired by the success of the Lincoln Birthday Ball on Feb. 15, Chicago veterans are beginning to swing into what should turn out to be high-powered action. Executive and membership

chaired the meeting. Rescue Ship Campaign — vets covering all large mass meetings with a model ship — money is put into any one of the 3 funnels — donations are good; also plenty of wires to Lord Holyfox. Also ran two bazaars with the aid of the Vet's auxiliary.

"APM Delegate" to New York assured. At the APM rally for Mike Quill attended by 5000, Vet's delegate on the stage received tremendous ovation despite Chair's request for no individual applause because of time. UAW's Wyndham Mortimer got it too, but we're not jealous. Also represented on L. A. County APM. Working in various branches and having swell results. Especially in combining Peace work with Rescue Ship campaign. It's a natural. One local Branch showed "Spanish Earth." People want to hear what vets have to say."

GENERAL.—Most of the guys are working. Excellent spirits; all getting into activity. *Think the "Volunteer" is great.* Suggest people would be willing to pay for it.

PERSONAL. — Megquier is vacationing for his health. Frank Lister is acting Secretary. Bob Ford is a good Chairman even tho his knees shake. George Kay is writing plays and acting as leading man in a number of real life love dramas. Harold Hoff gave up the stage and not vice-versa. Harry Gluck is in Hollywood.

LEGALIZED TERROR

A number of special tribunals have been set up for the express purpose of dealing with those accused under the Law of Political Responsibilities (see our March issue—Ed.) and other laws. The trials are travesties which are heightened by the presence of unprincipled defense counsellors, approximately five of whom are assigned to every 25,000 prisoners. These ghouls are enriching themselves with all the moneys and goods that the poverty-stricken families can master for their loved ones; these sums are accepted despite the fact that the lawyers have entered into collusion with the court officials beforehand and know full well that the defendants will be condemned to death or imprisonment and that therefore the trial is only a face-saving mockery of Franco's.

One of the principal 'services' of these 'lawyers' is, in exchange for fabulous sums, to effect a transfer of sentences so that he who may be condemned to death is given the twelve year sentence inflicted on some other unfortunate Republican who in turn suffers the former's death penalty. The Spanish workers will not forget the lawyer Vigil Escalera and other Phalangist leaders who have created special agencies to accomplish these exchanges.

A rigorous check is kept on the activities of every individual. Everyone who lived in the Republican zone, all those who wish employment, all those who want a bread ration card, or a passport to travel to any part of the country, — even if it be to a neighboring town, must fill out a questionnaire. (The passport is good only for one trip and the questionnaire must be filled out again for every trip undertaken.) The questionnaire solicits information concerning the individual's family, his friends, his previous employment, political and other affiliations and activities. Landlords must regularly furnish information to the authorities on the activities of their clients.

Any minor employee of the Republican government must fill out a similar question-



DICK MESSNER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 4th — Gen. V. Yahkontoff will speak at the first of a regular series of Friday night forums to be held at the Vets H.Q. 8:30 — Adm. 25 cents.
- April 5th — Randalls Island Rally of APM — See page one for instructions.
- April 6th — 1. Panel discussions of APM.
2. National Veterans Meeting.
- April 11th — Bruce Minton — Friday forum.
- April 12th — Basketball Game and Dance. Renaissance vs. All Stars. Dick Messner and His Orchestra. Admission 75 cents.
- April 14th-21st — Week of activities organized by Spanish Societies commemorating 10th Anniversary of founding of Spanish Republic. Keep in touch with the H.Q.

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JOHNSON ANALYZES WAR

The Second World War has passed through three phases: (1) the phase immediately following the occupation of Poland by Nazi troops—the period of "phoney" war or stalemate; (2) the phase of attempted opening of new fronts by the Allies in Finland, Norway and in the Near East; (3) the phase of "blitzkrieg" and the occupation by military and diplomatic means of most of continental Europe. The belligerents are now rapidly passing into the fourth and most decisive phase up to the present — the phase of "all out" attack against each other in an attempt to win a decision.

In regard to this certain facts must be borne in mind. On the British side these are: (1) The British-French combination entered the war against Germany after years of re-arming the Nazis for use against the Soviets and were consequently not as well prepared for war as the Nazis; (2) the United States has been drawn into de facto partnership with Britain much sooner than in World War 1. (3) The main British strategy is the "anaconda" strategy of choking Germany (and the occupied countries) by sea blockade and by opening up as many new fronts as possible. (4) The emergence of the S. U. as a first rate power has blasted the plans of the Anglo-American bloc to trick her into pulling their chestnuts out of the fire.

On the Axis side the facts are as follows: (1) That all the Axis powers were re-armed by their present opponents for the purpose of conducting an anti-Soviet war as outlined in Hitler's Mein Kampf. They were all better prepared at the beginning of the war than their opponents. (2) As a result they have been able to retain the initiative on the decisive fronts. Their weak points have been the political and moral

of aerial attack on Britain creates the required military possibility of invasion of Britain, a repetition of the French catastrophe may occur. The pro-Nazi elements within Britain may seize such an opportunity to suppress a rising tide of public opinion in Britain against this imperialist war on Nazi bayonets and open up the country to invasion by the same device of contradictory orders as the French fascists used. (5) The United States is on the verge of direct military participation for its immediate imperialist aims. That United States troops will be called for (a) if the attempt to open up new fronts against Germany is continued, (b) to "protect" British colonies, if there should be any chance of a sell-out, (c) if the anti-war movement in Britain becomes too strong they may be used for police purposes. (This proposal was made to Pershing during the First World War by the French), (d) if the combined Axis plans call for active Japanese moves in the Far East.

The only conclusions that can be drawn from the present situation are that the war will not stop whether Britain is successfully invaded or the Nazis defeated in such a venture. Instead of the prospect of peace there is only the prospect of expanding war in Africa, in the Near East and the Mediterranean, in Asia and also the prospect of it involving the United States. Efforts of the Axis to tie up large elements of British naval, air and army forces in the Mediterranean area will be continued in order to better the chances of the decisive attack against Britain. Simultaneous efforts by the Japanese to disrupt the unity of China and draw China into the Axis front plus moves against the important British, Dutch, French and American bases in the Far East may be made in order to draw off as much of the strength of these powers as possible in order to prevent their use to aid Britain itself. Japan will not do this without a guarantee of assistance in its efforts for a "New Order" in the East later.

Faced with these possibilities of spreading war the fact that (a) the Soviets are at

Any minor employee of the Republican government must fill out a similar questionnaire and must denounce those of his companion workers who are suspected of leftist tendencies. Failure to denounce someone whom the authorities have already arrested means immediate imprisonment.

All correspondence, both internal as well as foreign, is subjected to rigorous censorship. Because of the large number of refugees in Mexico a special censorship department exists for all correspondence between Mexico and Spain.

"The Old Inquisition is dead. Long Live the New!" must be the daily prayer of the madmen who now rule Spain. Man learns through his accumulated experiences; the Spanish fascists have recourse not only to the tortures of the old inquisition but also to those developed by Hitler and Mussolini. The following are a few of the more horrible of the newest torture methods:

1) A modernized version of the "garrote vil," a mechanical contrivance for slowly and cruelly choking the victim, pressure being applied by means of clamps.

2) "Esposas electricas." Shackles which are applied to the soles of the feet and to women's breasts; an electric current runs through the shackles with sufficient voltage to burn off the flesh.

3) A truly savage refinement of crucifixion; after stretching the victim on a table and

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nailing his hands and feet to it, the guards take turns hitting his genitals with a stick until he "confesses."

4) Hanging the victim by his feet and administering a beating with a stick until he "talks."

5) Driving wooden splinters between one's fingernails.

6) Tying wire or fine cord around the victim's testicles; then tightening the cord until the organs are literally torn out.

7) Special tortures for the women, which include shaving of all hair, pulling out of all the unfortunate's teeth; liberal doses of castor oil and even of crude oil, gouging out both eyes, and rape. The latter is so universal that there have been literally thousands of cases including those of children of age fourteen and fifteen. Pregnancies of girls under the age of sixteen prove too embarrassing to the guards and officials; the embarrassment is solved by secret execution of these innocent victims of Franco.

(Our next and final article in this series will deal with the heroic struggle of the Spanish people within the concentration camps and throughout the country, despite all the terror. A. P.)

points have been the political and moral depreciation of the Italian forces, permitting a limited initiative to the British in North Africa and Greece; the continuous drain on the Japanese army in China, resulting today in a military stalemate with parallel political intrigue inside China in an attempt to disrupt Chinese unity. (3) On the decisive European front the Germans have been able to operate upon internal lines of communication. While having to spread their forces thin to police occupied territories they have not as yet been forced to over-extend themselves; the Italians were already over-extended because of their African colonies.

From these facts certain general military conclusions follow: (1) The London-Washington Axis will attempt to open up new fronts at any cost in order to increase the pressure upon the Nazis. (2) The Germans will try to limit the area of hostilities as much as possible so as not to spread themselves too thin and extend their lines of communication. The London-Washington Axis will do everything in its power to involve the Nazis in war with the Soviets in the hope that these two major enemies will mutually destroy each other; the Nazis will at almost any cost keep clear of involvement with the Soviets unless circumstances later create the possibility of a world attack upon U.S.S.R. (4) If the German counter-blockade and the increasing tempo

Faced with these possibilities of spreading war the fact that (a) the Soviets are at peace and growing stronger while the belligerents are at each other's throats, (b) the rising tide of resentment within the occupied countries, (c) the growing strength of the national movements within the colonies, and (d) the anti-imperialist movements within the fighting countries assure that the war can only be settled by the peoples themselves. This in itself is an important military consideration for every nation involved in the war and for the nations that are now on the verge of active participation in the war.

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Our dear friend Constanica de la Mora, who is now living in Cuernavaca, Mexico, congratulates the Vets on the "*Volunteer for Liberty*." Constanica is working on a new book — 2 books, in fact — and that's something to look forward to, after "In Place of Splendor" . . .

On April 3 the Swim-The-Ebro Club will hold its annual reunion. According to Freddie P. Keller, Jr., President of the S-T-E Club, the occasion will be celebrated with all the ceremonies . . .

Johnny Tisa has been doing a good job down in Camden, N. J. as organizer of Local 80 of the United Cannery Workers, CIO. The union has just won contracts and higher wages for the workers in Campbell Soup. The soup will taste better now, Johnny . . .

Mike Jimenez, who just got married last month, is now replacing Sol Birnbaum as APM coordinator in Brooklyn. Sol has a new job—co-ordinator between the APM and the National Negro Congress in Brooklyn . . .

Mike isn't the only vet to jump off the deep end recently. George Brodsky and Sam Peck both did it, and they seem none the worse for wear . . . The Mighty Mite, our own little Jerry Weinberg, got himself a cute little Mrs. Weinberg on Mar. 22, but he's been too busy to go home and get acquainted. The Mite has just become Business Agent for Local 107, IBPSPMW (You figure it out) . . .

Jack Yellin is proudly taking pictures of a beautiful 9 lb. baby girl. Also Sol Davis has sent us a card announcing his contribution to civilization — a girl . . . The boys in Chicago have a better production record on the domestic front. The happy

FINN VET STRANDED

(Translation from Finnish)

Stockholm
12-28-1940

Dear Friends:

After getting out of Spain at the close of the war, I tried to get back to America as a seaman. I came from there as a volunteer to fight in the International Brigade in Spain. My journey back didn't succeed. The ship I took didn't go there but to South and Central American Countries. Later I transferred to a Danish merchant vessel. It would have come direct to New York, but it hit a mine on the North Sea and I was brought to a Danish hospital. On getting out of the hospital, the Danish officials, due to the pressure of the Finnish Consul, forced me on a Finnish ship. I had to do it since my passport and all other papers were lost with the ship. A few weeks later I escaped from it in Norway and again took a new vessel, which was on its way to Canada. After two days on the sea, a German torpedo boat sent it to the bottom. I was forced back to Norway. A week later, the Germans attacked there and no avenues of escape were left. After all this I joined the Norwegian army. After being at the front a few weeks I was captured by the Germans in the village of Skarnes and was sent to a concentration camp near Oslo. I was there seven and a half months. Succeeded in escaping and fleeing to Sweden.

In order to get along I am forced to turn to you and ask for financial aid. I have no other alternative right now to find aid for myself. Later I may, if I receive a work permit that I can look for some kind of work. But that takes time, at least three months, and it isn't certain a work permit can be secured because there is a lot of unemployed. I can't even think of going to Finland because certain imprisonment awaits me there for many different reasons.

I need aid quickly because my health is in very bad shape. The long stay in the concentration camp caused a stomach ailment, which gives me considerable trouble now.

THE GREAT AXIS RED-HUNT

AXIS I: *FBI-Dies Axis.*

J. Edgar Hoover: Good morning, Mr. Dies.

Martin Dies: Well, Mr. Hoover, I assume you have something red hot . . . or should I say just Red, to communicate to me this morning?

H.: Yes! Briefly, Martin, I believe we can cooperate on the greatest expose of the century. I need your press agents and following, you need my 1,000 agents, 25,000 sub-agents and 100,000 stool-pigeons.

D.: Shucks, Ned, my stoolpigeons'll stack up agin yores anytime.

H.: But this lead I'm working on, Martin, will take us to the very bottom, but the bottom, of this mess. Wipe your mouth, Martin, you're drooling.

D.: It certainly sounds tempting. Where do we begin?

H.: At the bottom . . . I knew you'd be with me. We are about to visit the secret sewer where we're hiding Jan Valtin-Richard Krebs — on business.

AXIS II: *FBI-Valtin Axis.*

H.: (Snapping his fingers) Do your act, Krebs.

K.: I want my money first.

H.: Don't discuss such things in the presence of strangers. Mr. Dies is all right, of course but . . . Anyhow, you know we can deport you for having been a Communist. It says in your book . . .

K.: I told Isaac Don Levine not to say that. I told him to say that I only pretended to be a Communist in order to destroy Communism.

H.: Your book says that about your work in the Gestapo, remember? But, don't worry, you'll get your money.

K.: All right, I'll tell, I'll tell. It's about — it's about the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Both: Yes, yes . . . what about the Lincoln Brigade?

K.: (Three heads come together) They have had practically a birth a day since the War started!

Both: Incredible!

Dies: But fit to print!

AXIS III: *Dies-Roosevelt Axis.*

D.: Frank, we have made a discovery of such importance that we felt it required your direct intervention.

R.: Is it about the Veterans, Martin?

D.: Yes it is, confound it. Has Ned been here ahead of me?

R.: This morning, Martin. He has new evidence.

D.: New evidence?

R.: Yes, a remarkable aspect of the case: all the new Lincoln babies are *girls*!

D.: That's downright sinister. But what does it mean?

R.: We don't know yet, but the FBI laboratories are working on it. They'll cook up something. I mean work out something. (Phone rings, President answers). Here, Martin, it's for you.

D.: (Takes the phone, listens, glistens, hangs up.) Mr. President, my chief investigator, J. B. Misuse has solved the case!

R.: I can't wait to hear.

D.: You won't have to. J. B. says the all-girls aspect of the matter puzzled him. The only possible use for girls, even Hitler and Mussolini have decided, is as reliable breeders. J. B. then reflected, the birth-rate among the Veterans is very high. Now where is the population increasing most rapidly on this earth?

R.: In the Soviet Union.

D.: Exactly! The new Lincoln babies are not coming from Heaven but from . . .

R.: Moscow!

D.: That's J. B.'s solution. The Veterans are in a fantastic plot — to breed Reds.

R.: Incredible . . . but it will make excellent headlines. I'll call an emergency press conference.

D.: But Mr. President, we mustn't stop there. We must stop this un-American birth-rate among the Lincoln boys, and I have just the solution. They undoubtedly came in without passports. Our courts will surely interpret the law as requiring babies whose

daddies are Dave Mates, Frank Rogers, Izzy Tivin, Wayland Hewitt, and Nat Dixon. Art Harris and Tony Rod are on the waiting list . . .

Speaking of Chicago, Carl Willuweit has just acquired a brand new 1941 model streamlined wife . . . Ed Balchowsky, of the Caruso Balchowskies, recently won an amateur radio contest and is now going to crash the air-waves in a big way . . . We are all glad to hear that Milt Cohen is recovering from a serious illness which sent him to a sanatorium for a good part of last year . . .

The Maryland petition case has been dropped; Dick Browne got off with a suspended sentence and \$250 fine . . . Last week Lou Gordon hit the number and is now learning how to do a left-oblique for democracy . . . The army medics rejected Irv Fajnsa, N. Y. Post executive-secretary, because of his bum leg. A big Vet Ole rang out when Toots returned. The Veterans are mighty glad to have him back on the job . . .

Russell Stephens was under fire last month in the Civil Service Investigation. Paul J. Kern, President of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, was given the needles by the reactionary City Council Committee because Stevens got his job back after returning from Spain . . .

Awaiting a speedy answer, Comradely,
Simo Karhu c-o Jurmela,
Rarstrandg. 2.1 tr. 9, Stockholm, Sweden.

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Speed Spanish Relief

release of the 19 American citizens of Spanish descent imprisoned by Franco, the Conference endorsed a campaign to raise funds to pay for their transportation home as soon as their release is effected.

Planning a period of heightened activity, the Conference called upon organizations throughout the country to commemorate the week of April 14th, the anniversary of the founding of the Spanish Republic, by holding mass meetings demanding general amnesty for all Republican supporters imprisoned in Spain and also protesting the attempts at forced repatriation of the Spanish refugees in France.

Speaking to the Conference in the name of the Veterans, Ed Lending declared:

"The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade wholeheartedly endorse the program adopted by this Conference. On behalf of our membership, I pledge that we will work for the relief projects unanimously agreed upon here, and further, that we will never cease our efforts to win freedom for the Spanish refugees and our former comrades-in-arms in the International Brigades."

Jess Wallace.

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Wolf Speaks at APM Rally

day, March 29th, the Brooklyn vets will be the leading contingent in the first big Peace Parade in Brooklyn. They will be given this honor because of their activity and the role that they are playing in the actual organization of the parade.

New York will see all the local vets in action again at the April 5th Randall Island Rally. The N. Y. Post is applying for a police permit for an open-air meeting in Union Square. From this meeting, the Veterans, with banners, placards, and emblems, will ride up to 125th St. to the Tri-Boro Bridge. They will parade over the Tri-Boro to the Stadium and will occupy a large bloc of seats which will be held for them.

MAC-PAP VET JAILED

A recent letter from a vet in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, informs us that Alec Miller, former commander of Co. 1 at Seguro de Banos, is now learning some more about British democracy in a Canadian Concentration Camp.

The Mounted Police claim Miller is a fifth columnist because the Republican Government of Spain offered citizenship to all Internationals, and this makes him a foreign agent, according to the logic of the Canadian Gestapo!

interpret the law as requiring babies whose fathers were out of the country during 1936-1938 to have passports before entering the U.S.A.

R.: It's a steal on the Browder prosecution, Martin, but a stroke of genius all the same. Let me be the first to congratulate you. And I've got a job in mind for you, you.

M. G.

For "Services" Rendered

The Spanish people now have to cough up \$275,000,000 to Mussolini in payment for services rendered in saving Spain for fascism.

The items in the account include: 10,135 machine guns, trench mortars and automatic rifles; 240,747 rifles and pistols; 1930 other guns; 7,524,537 shells; 325,000,000 cartridges, 7668 vehicles, including armored cars, and gasoline; 2000 miles of wire for field telephones; 500,000 uniforms; 763 planes; 1414 plane motors; 16,720 tons of bombs; 9,500,000 cartridges for aviation machine guns; 2 submarines; four destroyers; and four motor torpedo boats.

How about the Italian boys who got killed in Spain, Benito? You didn't charge Franco anything for that. Did you forget or aren't they worth anything to you?