We are issuing this special supplement to the Volunteer for Liberty in order to bring to you the main speeches and editorial comment of the giant Anti-Franco Rally held in Madison Square Garden on Jan. 2nd under the auspices of the Nation Associates.

The Fight Against Franco

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN in New York echoed again and again on Tuesday night with America's warm appreciation for the heroic men and women of unconquerable Spain. It was a fine rally in that respect: it was a tribute to a brother people, a clear recognition of Franco's complicity with the Axis, and it showed a deep comprehension that a democratic Europe demands the victory of a democratic Spain.

In addition to the "Left," which understood the importance of Spain from way back, the meeting was distinguished by the presence of important middle class figures, by a fighting Congressman like John Coffee of Washington, by Bishop Bromley Oxnam, and by several American Catholic laymen. Apart from expressing the stand of the CIO's last convention on Spain, James Carey's presence, alongside Dr. Francis McMahon and Quentin Reynolds all demonstrated the growing unity of many faiths on behalf of the Spanish people. And the overwhelming applause for the Lincoln Brigade was not only a moving tribute to its sacrifice eight years ago, but showed how much the American people as a whole have learned to distinguish the tested fighters against fascism.

Coffee's Speech

Perhaps the single most important speech was made by Rep. Coffee. He is not only an old friend of the Spanish people, but has one of the clearest views on the future of Spain and American policy. He very properly linked the German domination of Spain to the postwar danger confronting our own country, the menace of a fascist revival. He emphasized clearly how much the Spanish Falange hampers our national interest in a united hemisphere. And he made it plain that the rupture of relations with Franco would represent support—not simply to groups of
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The Spanish problem is no longer the null that it was the great stumbling block of Allied diplomacy. Those who a few months ago were playing up to various little chauvinists of Spanish factions today cast off their old ties. For this reason it is urgent that the situation of Spain be clarified as soon as possible. The solution must be clear to the world. 

For these reasons, it is of the utmost importance that the United States must not allow the situation to become the object of a new round of hate and action. If the United States should become involved in a new round of hate and action, it would not only be a danger to the peace of the world, but it would also be a danger to the peace of Spain. 

Let Them Keep Their Faces

But, at our discretion, we shall not give up the Spanish problem if we are given the opportunity. Disregard is a phenomenon common to every democracy. And it is a phenomenon that is aggravated when there is a country and an individual that all of us must face.

Let our friends rest assured that when the present crisis shall come to an end, we shall not allow it to linger on. We must be ready to face it head on, and to bring to a close the present crisis, if necessary, even if it means to bring about a new war. 

Let our friends not be surprised when we express our opinions. We have always been in favor of peace, and we will always be in favor of peace. But if peace is not possible, we are ready to fight for it. 

Confession Come Anyway

But the confession came anyway. Our position was made clear at once by personal overtures to the Allied governments and also by a speech by the President. Moreover, we have already said that the Spanish problem is not yet solved. But we have already said that we are ready to make a final effort to solve the Spanish problem. 

Spain's Destiny Depends on Defeat of Axis

I have kept silent as to external events. The struggle against the Axis, the outcome of which the destiny of Spain depends, as it has in the past, will be decided by the actions of the Axis. 

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Rally Demands Break With Franco

15,000 Adopt Resolution in the Garden

Close to 15,000 persons gathered in Madison Square Garden last night to present a clear-cut demand to the Administration: break at once with Franco's fascist Spain. The first mass demonstration in this country against Franco's Axis-aiding Government was sponsored by the Nation Associates and 15 other organizations. These, it was announced last night, have formed a committee, The Friends of the Spanish Republic, to carry forward the demands voiced at the rally.

The Demands

The demands were embodied in a five-point resolution unanimously adopted by the cheering crowd:

1. Immediate severance of U. S.-Franco relations.
2. Complete stoppage of shipments of any kind to Spain.
3. A guarantee of complete freedom to the people of Spain to establish their own democratic regime; refusal to countenance the imposition of a royalist or similar puppet regime.
4. Financial and moral support to Republican Spanish forces inside and outside Spain; admission of Republican Spain to the United Nations.
5. Freedom of communication and movement for Republican Spanish leaders all over the world.

Juan Negrin, last Premier of Republican Spain, in a message cabled from London broke his silence of more than five years to present the case of his people to the rally. Negrin originally was scheduled to broadcast his address direct to the Garden, but he was refused facilities by the British Foreign Office.

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Plea for Aid to Spanish Underground

Rep. John F. Coffee, Washington State Democrat, called for support for his Congressional resolution for aid to the Spanish people in a stirring address at the anti-Franco demonstration.

"Well, this resolution is now before the Congress, you can determine your own foreign policy. Don't just take my word for it..."
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