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 scope 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.

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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...
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 issuance of visas to the 4,000 refugees, the Conference pledged itself to intensify its search for another ship.

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 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

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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 doubt the same outfit who operated in the infamous May putch in Barcelona, who sold military secrets to the fascists.

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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 War. Vinny Bulgarelli, a vet, of the 25th division, was arrested on Saturday for "sneaking over the coast." The charge was for 'circulating a church one Sunday on the Refugee problem.'

FIFTH COLUMN "VICTORY"

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The coming storm promises to be a ripsnorter. So 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.
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 BARRIED**

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.

**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!

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**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.

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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 Falangist 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-

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 "phony" 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 I. (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 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 weakness of the United States and the British Empire and the lack of will to win a war against Nazi Germany.

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, Italian, and German 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 vii," 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 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 not as yet been forced to over-extend themselves; the Italians were already over-ex- tended 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 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-ex- tended because of their African colonies.

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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**S. I. M.**

Our dear friend Constancia de la Mora, who is now living in Cuernavaca, Mexico, congratulates the Vets on the "Volunteer for Liberty." Constancia 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 Fred 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 Camp Sam Peck both did it, and they seem none worse for wear... The Mighty Mite, APM coordinator in Brooklyn. Sol has a cute Itttle Mrs. Weinberg on Mar. 22, 1940. The Mite has JUSt become Business Agent for Local 107, IBFSPMW (You figure it out)...

Mike Jiminez, 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, who is on his way to Sweden, says in your book... The Mite and the National Negro Congress in Brooklyn...

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

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**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 work in a shipyard. I have no other alternative right now to find 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 unemployment. 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.

We congratulate the Vets on the commencement of the War started! Both: Incredible!

Dies: But fit to print!

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**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 red hot, 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 stool-pigeons'll stack up again 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.

(Phone rings, President answers). Here, Martin, it's for you.

D.: Jan Valtin-Richard 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.

R.: Moscow!

H.: 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.

R.: (Takes the phone, listens, glistens, holds 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 impose the law of requiring babies whose...
Awaiting a speedy answer, Comradely,
Simo Karhu c-o Jurnela,
Rarstrandg. 21 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 Wallach.

**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 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 Spaniards, with banners, placards, and emblems, over 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 sanitorium 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 the Army. 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.

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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.

For "Services" Rendered

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

M. G.