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Vengeance

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## LOCAL 338 VETS SLAM SLANDER

### ATTACK DENNEN REVIEW

The veterans in Local 338, Retail Grocery Clerks, have protested in person to Efraim Schwartzman, Editor of the Local's paper, against a review of "For Whom the Bells Toll" which appeared in the last issue of "338 News". The review by Leon Dennen was a vicious slander of the vets and of the organizer of the I.B., Andre Marty.

The delegation of vets was led by Max Schwartzberg from the Union and included Irv Goff, Nat'l. Exec. Sec'y. from the Vet's office. They boys gave the editor a good going over. They pointed out that 9 union members had gone to Spain. One, Dave Lerner, was killed there, Yale Stuart lost his left arm and Max still has Fascist shrapnel in his back. They told Schwartzman that they were going to fight against a two bit, professional red-herring waver like Dennen using their Union paper to throw dirt on the Spanish struggle, which still continues. The delegation demanded that our official statement on the book he printed in the next issue of "338 News". Schwartzman refused to do this but finally agreed to print a letter from the Union vets.

In addition to sending this letter, the vets are requesting all the other locals of the Retail International in the city to publish our statement on the Hemingway book in their papers. They anticipate a favorable response.

The leadership of 338 supports Matthew Woll's so-called Labor Committee to Aid Great Britain!

## VETS STORM CAPITAL

### PEACE CONVOY

The Washington Administration has become quite familiar with the three-cornered emblem of the Veterans. The Veterans have played a leading role in two of the biggest demonstrations of the People's protest against the passage of the infamous Lend-Lease Bill.

Twenty-eight veterans under the leadership of Irv Goff went down in convoy for the APM rally on the February 1st week-end. The wee-end of February 8th, 30 veterans were at the Town Hall Meeting of the American Youth Congress. They came from all over the country as elected representatives from different organizations. Ten were there as representatives of Veterans' Posts.

The veterans' participation in APM's Washington rally was high-lighted by a 15,000 copy special edition of the VOLUNTEER FOR LIBERTY; the vets' leadership in

a picket-line of more than a thousand around the White House; and an hour and a half interview with the State Department.

Top Washington achievement was the interview with the State Department after every other APM delegation was given the Capitol's scared cold shoulder. Jimenez, Lending, Cobert, Munday, Goff and Friedman told Mr. Atherton, Chief of the European Division, and Mr. Wendelin, Spain specialist, why the Veterans emphatically objected to the State Department's pro-Franco policy. The delegation exposed the round-about sending of credits to Franco via Argentina. National Executive Secretary Irving Goff says that this statement "made Messrs. Atherton and Wendelin wince." That strong public support is behind the delegation's demands for amnesty for all political prisoners and for aid to the Spanish refugees was evidenced by the fact that the scheduled ten minute interview stretched to an hour and a half, culminating in a diplomatic invitation to come again.

Questioned in their New York office, a spokesman for the Veterans Peace Committee stated that plans are being made which will include acceptance of this invitation.

The special edition was distributed, by a large squad of banner-carrying vets wearing the Brigade emblem, at Times Square just before the Peace Convoy left and again in downtown Washington several hours after the convoy arrived.

The leading committee of APM asked the Lincoln Brigadiers to organize the White House picket-line. According to eye-witness accounts, the effect was colossal, especially with the Lincoln Veterans' colorful banner right at the front of the line.

### YOUTH CHEER KELLER

On the following week-end, a number of vets from out-of-town as well as from N.Y.C. were again in Washington for the Town Hall Meeting of American Youth. As elected representatives

### In Memoriam

#### To the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade

Say of them  
They knew no Spanish  
At first, and nothing of the arts of war  
At first:  
how to shoot, how to attack, how to retreat  
How to kill, how to meet killing  
At first,  
Say they kept the air blue  
Grousing and griping,  
Arid words and harsh faces. Say  
They were young;  
The haggard in a trench, the dead on the olive slope  
All young. And the thin, the ill and the shattered,  
Sightless, in hospitals, all young.

Say of them they were young, there was much they did not know,  
They were human. Say it all; it is true. Now say  
When the eminent, the great, the easy, the old,  
And the men on the make  
Were busy bickering and selling,  
Betraying, conniving, transacting, splitting hairs,  
Writing bad articles, signing bad papers,  
Passing bad bills,  
Bribing, blackmailing,  
Whimpering, meaching, garroting, -- they  
Knew and acted

understood and died.  
Or if they did not die came home to peace  
That is not peace. Say of them  
They are no longer young, they never learned  
The arts, the stealth of peace, this peace, the tricks of fear;  
And what they knew, the know.  
And what they dared, they dare.

Genevieve Taggard

## SPAIN'S GHOSTS HAUNT HALIFAX

A flying squad from the National Office was in Washington, Feb. 17th, to protest to Cliveden Ambassador Lord Halifax, against the refusal of the British Empire to grant the necessary warrant which would permit the American Rescue Ship, "SS. Lovcen" to sail to Casablanca, French Morocco.

The delegation which was made up of Milt Wolff, Nat'l. Commander, Fred Keller, Dan Groden, N.Y. Post Commander, Dave White, Nat'l. Exec. Member and Chicago's Sig Simonsen and Joe Jordan, received the same stony-faced turn-down that Halifax gave to the Spanish Republic's plea for fair play before the now defunct League of Nations.

Lord Holy Fox didn't have the guts to face the delegation. Too many ghosts probably walk whenever he sees a survivor of his dirty-dealings in Spain. The vets had to speak to the Ambassador's Sec'y., James Murray.

They left with him a statement from the N.O. which pointed out the "... of the American people, "that Halifax intends to continue the same undemocratic "non-intervention policy" which brought about the military defeat of the Spanish Republic".

### POST ELECTIONS

The annual election of officers for the N.Y. Post was held on February 5th. Barring draft casualties, the following men will guide the work for this year:

Post Commander ... Daniel Groden.  
Adjutant Commander ... Thomas Paige.  
Exec. Secretary ... Irving Fajans.  
Treasurer ... Jack Bjoze.

Recording Secretary ... Milton Felsen.  
General Executive Board members are:  
David McKelvey White, John Gates, Fred

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of many youth organizations as well as directly representing the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, they played an important role in the overflow gathering. Three thousand delegates had been expected; six thousand came.

Fred Keller spoke for the vets in the special meeting on the "Rights and Welfare of the Conscripts". Keller was given an ear-splitting ovation when he arose to address the enthusiastic youngsters. They were particularly impressed by his description of the democratic functioning of the Spanish Republican Army - especially as it contrasted with the American army's lack of democracy as stated by previous speakers. Another point which was warmly received was contained in Keller's suggestion that "When we get into the army, we vets won't cease to be vets; and you who are members of trade unions and progressive organizations won't cease to be members of those organizations. The things we are fighting for now we will continue to fight for then."

## THE VOLUNTEER FOR LIBERTY

ALBERT PRAGO, EDITOR

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

LINCOLN

## Our Victory Shall Be Your Vengeance

"He was a good guy," Grunted at Jarama, gasped at Brunete, spoken through frost-bitten lips at Teruel—five words, no more, no less - this was all the honor we gave to those who fell. But honor it was and not lightly given. They, for whom it was said, measured up to the unspoken standards of the Brigade.

They weren't story-book heroes, or even heroes in the modern, self-mocking, Gary Cooper style. They were just ordinary guys. The important thing they had was an unshakeable belief in the worthiness and strength of all the ordinary people of the world. They had learned the lesson of unity well. They knew that the cause for which they were fighting was bigger than any one of them. They had something worth dying for. That is why their bearing was such that, on their death, we could say with full understanding of what it meant, "He was a good guy."

To all the good guys who died, and there were so many, we who came through say, "Salud! The fight still goes on. May we play such a part that we shall be entitled to the same high honor we give to you."

## WE WANT THAT WARRANT

When this issue of the VOLUNTEER went to press the sailing of the SS. Lovcen, Spanish refugee "mercy ship", was still being blocked by the refusal of the British Government thru Lord Halifax, to grant a warrant. With this cold-blooded act the British imperialists have again betrayed the cause of democracy and continued their role of "regretfully" aiding in the murder of the Spanish people, who fought and still fight heroically for a free Spain.

The Veterans pledge themselves to carry on unceasingly the struggle to aid the Spanish refugees, to work for the restoration of democracy in Spain, and to counter all the moves of the reactionary war-makers to block these aims. To this end the Veterans will work with all their energy and strength.

## THE IRON HEEL

We are proud of the fact that Earl Browder wears the tri-cornered pin of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. If any man in America is entitled to that honor, he is. His unselfish and tireless work for the people of Spain earned for him the respect of all of the parties which fought for the Loyalist cause. That is why he was vilified and attacked by all enemies of Spain here in America. These same people under the leadership of the Roosevelt Administration have finally succeeded in railroading Browder to prison for four years on a paper-thin technicality. They did this because Browder's is one of the strongest voices raised against the imperialist war. His opposition to this war is as logical as was his support of Republican Spain, being motivated by his lifelong interest in the welfare of the common people.

The Veterans consider his conviction as a direct attack against our organization and all organizations of the people. We will give our fullest support to every effort to obtain his release. We say for all to hear that the frame-up of this leader of the anti-war struggle will not deter but increase our efforts to GET AMERICA OUT OF THIS WAR AND KEEP IT OUT.

## DOLLAR DIPLOMACY

The Sumner Welles front boys are getting in their licks for the Wall St. crowd again - this time in China. Using loans for bait they're trying to split the tested unity of the Chinese people against Japan. The recent attack on the New Fourth Army is strongly reminiscent of the Casado business in Spain. Washington had better remember what happened to France as a result of that betrayal and look before they leap. Our only concern is what will happen to the Chinese and American people. That is why we must bring our experiences to all who will listen. NO MEDDLING WITH THE UNITY OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE.

## LET'S K. O. JIM-CROW TOO

Fourteen successful title defenses! Ole!

Wonder if Joe Louis ever got that telegram of congratulations we sent him from our chibola camp in Marsa when he knocked the Nazi "superman" Schmeling flatter than Mussolini's reputation.

Anyway, we're still rooting for you, Joe. Your willingness to take on all comers and your clean-cut sportsmanship is jabbing old Jim Crow all over the ring. More power to you.

## WE WAIT WITH BATED BREATH

One fan letter, which has swelled our heads something terrific, is all the fan mail the VOLUNTEER has received thus far. Don't hesitate to inform us that you (like) (don't like) our paper.

Mr. Irving Goff, Sec'y. Treas.  
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade  
66 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Irving:

I hope that you will forgive me for this belated acknowledgement of your letter of November 6th, in which you enclosed the little gold pin which is the official insignia of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. I am deeply grateful to you for sending me this pin, and I shall cherish it as long as I live.

I shall never forget the heroic struggle that was made by the Spanish workers and those brave comrades who came from far and wide in the International Brigade, of which the Abraham Lincoln Brigade was a part.

Today the capitalist world is rushing headlong into the abyss of its own contradictions... The war makers and the ruling classes got something out of the last war that they did not bargain for, and they are going to get a whole lot more on the same thing out of this war.

I have just received my paid-up membership card for the year of 1941, together with your official bulletin, "VOLUNTEER FOR LIBERTY," for which I wish to express my most sincere appreciation and profound and grateful thanks.

Always with my warmest fraternal greetings and the best of good wishes for those who fight for the cause of Labor, I am,

Sincerely,  
(Signed) TOM MOONEY

## POST DISPATCHES

### LOS ANGELES-HENRY EATON POST

Jan. 14th: Bulletin appearing regularly; slam-bang issue due to appear in conjunction with planned Lincoln Memorial meeting in Feb.

Jan. 28th: Rescue Ship Campaign under way. Want more directives and news bulletins from National Office.

Feb. 13th: ... "The Post here is picking up in activity very considerably. We have two sub-committees working on raising funds for the Rescue Ship - one headed by Ben Richman and one by Frank Lister - around each of these two committees they have formed auxiliaries of their wives and close friends and have been really getting results. Some of the ideas they have worked out are quite unique and remarkable... Keep watching the People's World for publicity on them."

MILWAUKEE - Jan. 28th: Last meeting reviewed work of vets. Majority involved in work with APM, AYC, and Rescue Ship. Dance to be held on Feb. 16th; funds go to Rescue Ship.

Elected officers for new term: Commander Al Raganskas; Sec'y. Treasurer Jack Lane. Main task - to organize work of vets on collective basis instead of individual efforts.

Most of vets are working. None have been drafted as yet but some expected to go at next call. Ten vets paid for 1941 books with more expected to call for theirs.

DETROIT - Jan. 11th: Individual vets doing their bit on the Ford front... All want pins... Now are getting together to make themselves felt as an organized force.

ST. PAUL - Jan. 13th: Twin City Post held organizational meeting, electing Harold Stone, Commander; Kenneth Forrester, Adjutant; Martin Maki, Secretary. Issued a statement to the press condemning Hemingway's "For Whom The Bells Toll"; requested time from Station WLB to answer favorable review of book given over that Station. Organizing public symposium to discuss book; Meridel LeSeur to lead discussion; vets to participate. Big go-to-town Lincoln's Birthday affair Feb. 12 - proceeds to Rescue Ship. Vets will lead drive to rally public support for Ship. Elected a delegate and an alternate to local APM committee. Vets are getting into Peace work as a Post as well as individually.

Jan. 20th: Flash! Twin City Vets 100% for 1941 - all have new books and pins. Sent delegates to State People's Peace Conference in St. Paul, Feb. 1st. Also to the St. Paul legislative Youth Conference, Feb. 8th and 9th.

CHICAGO - Feb. 5th: SPECIAL! SPECIAL! From the "VOLUNTEER'S" regular (we hope) Chicago correspondent: "More than twenty veterans gathered Jan. 30th at the Midland Hotel in one of the most spirited meetings held up to date. Under the able chairmanship of Paul Burns, the vest tackled the responsibilities facing them with vigorous enthusiasm. "High spot of the evening was a report on the Spanish and I. B. refugee situation and the work of the American Rescue Ship Mission by Ed Schonfeld, Midwest Secretary of the Mission. The report was packed with first-hand information and aroused great interest.

"Necessity for making the Lincoln Birthday Ball on Feb. 15th at the Midland Hotel a huge success was stressed by Sig Simonson, chairman of the dance committee.

"If the veterans are ever going to be a force in Chicago's progressive movement, as we must be, now is the time to begin by putting this dance over the top", he pointed out. Proceeds are going to the Rescue Ship. A souvenir program is being published in conjunction with the dance to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Brigade's first action in Spain.

"Permanent offices elected at the meeting include: Paul Burns - Commander; Isidore Tivin - Secretary; Lou Zlotnick - Treasurer; Milt Cohen, Joe Nolan, Ernie Romero - executive committee.

"The Post voted to affiliate itself with the APM and elected a delegate to the Washington Peace Lobby to be held on March 1st. Greetings were sent to the Town Hall Meeting of Youth in Washington, Feb. 7th. Sammy Fuller and Syd Harris were elected as the Post's delegates to the Town Hall Meeting.

"The meeting closed with the vets fully realizing that they have a great responsibility and duty to the people of the United States as well as to their brothers in French and Spanish concentration camps."

### A MONARCHY FOR SPAIN?

News comes from Rome that former King Alfonso of Spain has renounced his rights to the throne in favor of his third son, Prince Juan. The same dispatch says that Hitler is displeased because of the suspected English leanings of the British educated "heir apparent". At their recent Riviera meeting, Mussolini is understood to have echoed this displeasure to Franco.

The Falange also is against a restoration. This opposition within Falange appears to be crystallizing around a move to make Franco's brother-in-law, Serrano Suner, Premier of Spain.

There are many medications, however, that Franco favors the idea of a restoration of the monarchy. Press stories of his recent meeting with Mussolini would seem to show that Franco's foreign policy has been effected by the long series of military defeats to Mussolini. Downing Street and Washington would be quick to pick up this advantage, explaining the series of appeasement moves emanating from these capitals. Furthermore, the feelers for a restoration undoubtedly have British-American aid and approval.

One other angle on moves for a restored monarchy comes from Mexico. General Pozas, former Republican officer, is said to be negotiating with monarchist circles for the formation of an anti-Franco group, which, however, will exclude Franco's strongest foes, the Communists. Pozas' group is supposed to have stated that after they overthrow France, they will hold a plebiscite which will decide whether Spain will be a monarchy or a conservative Republic.

These various cross-currents of intrigue are

reflections of the contradictions of the imperialist powers who are united in only one thing, their fear of a real People's government in Spain.

Franco, himself, seems to think that a King Juan on the throne will solve some of the struggles now going on between the Falange on one hand and the monarchists and the Requetes on the other. He hopes also that the Spanish masses, despite the fact that they have gone thru a whole cycle of political development since they kicked the degenerate Alfonso off the throne in 1931, will look kindly on such a restoration.

We pointed out in a previous issue of the VOLUNTEER that the contradictions within Spain were leading Franco toward some move, such as a monarchy, in an effort to solve his difficulties. This latest crop of stories would seem to bear out our analysis. But we insisted and we still insist that these difficulties can not be solved by Franco or any of his friends, Axis or otherwise. The Spanish people, suffering from the blackest tyranny, will never cease their opposition, daily growing stronger in organization, to Franco or any other form of government except that freely selected by themselves.

The workers and peasants of Spain are struggling to overthrow their present oppressor and will accept no new ones. Their true leadership is tried and tested. It led the fight to the last against Franco and the capitulators and compromisers. It still leads this fight. Under this leadership and with the aid of the progressive people of the world, the Spanish masses will gain the prosperity and freedom for which they so valiantly fought and for which they are still fighting.

Tom L.



### Jamas Seremos Esclavos

The guerrilleros, the Quinto Regimiento, the Pasionarias, the dinamiteros - they never stopped, and they never will stop fighting against oppression. The indomitable will of the Spanish people is evidenced in the paper which is reproduced above. It is the Nov. 20th issue of the regularly, albeit illegally, published and distributed newspaper "Mundo Obrero". Its exact size is only 8 1/2" by 6". An idea of its contents may be gained from reading the headings of the articles, come of which are: "Amnesty! Liberation!"; "National Glory; Our Guerrilleros!"; "Peace and Not War"; "The Struggle Against the Franco Regime"; "We Want Food"; and "Visa the U.S.S.R."

### LEGALIZED TERROR

Mass murder is the ideological theme of the Franco terror. Not even in Hitler's Germany has legalized murder been conducted on so vast a scale. The Fiscal Minister of Spain expressed the aims of the "Glorious" National Movement thus:

"The 16th century saw the supreme grandeur of Spain. The sun did not set on our dominions. (Shades of Halifax.) Well, do you know how many inhabitants our great country had then? Twelve millions! What does it matter that now one half of its inhabitants may disappear if it is necessary in order to reconquer our Empire?" (My emphasis - A. P.)

"Disappear" is the circuitous mode of expressing the official and unofficial slaughter of some 500,000 Spaniards. Or shall we accept the larger figure of the London "Times" of 800,000 assassinated? By 'disappearance' perhaps is meant the bodies of those who are found on the highways leading into Madrid: the Spanish newspapers explain the large number of these corpses as "hikers who were accidentally hit by automobiles"! The strangled corpses floating down the Guadalquivir River are termed "suicides". The macabre bull-ring of Badajoz still remains the official execution grounds in that city where 2,000 men and women were machine-gunned in one day. July 18, 1940 - four years to the day that the fascists commenced their rebellion was celebrated in Valencia with the execution of 1,000 persons.

In Asturias alone the number of fighters for the people who have 'disappeared' has

reached the astounding total of 60,000! To facilitate burial of those executed, huge graves of ten cubic meters are dug and filled each day.

The accusations against the prisoners are so fantastic as to stagger the imagination. Individuals are accused by the fascists of having been responsible for as many as 6,000 deaths! A statistical analysis shows that in this way Franco's 'jurists' have implied that a few thousand loyalists murdered close to 60% of the entire population of Spain! Hyperbole is truly the art of Fascism.

Spain is an immense prison. Imagine if one out of every ten persons in America was jailed for political reasons. There would be camps bulging with some 13,000,000 men and women! Fantastic? Unbelievable? Yet in Spain today there are 2,000,000 political prisoners out of a population of about 23,000,000!

### Law of Political Responsibilities

The laws under which persons are found guilty are numerous and extraordinarily cruel. This article is concerned only with the "Law of Political Responsibilities" which treats of crimes committed before the end of the war. It is retroactive in nature and is without parallel in its savage repression and cruelty.

The "Law" comprises four articles, the last of which contains 16 categories. The following is a resume highlighting the most significant categories:

Art. I: "Political responsibility" is declared for persons who since Oct. 1st, 1934

and before July 18, 1936 "contributed to create or aggravate the subversion of order of which Spain was the victim" and of those who since the latter date were opposed actively or passively to the National Movement.

Art. II: All organizations who participated in the Popular Front as well as affiliated organizations, and the nationalist movements (e.g. in Catalonia, Euzkadi, Galicia, etc.) and all those opposed to the Nationalist Movement. (Here is a list of some 22 specific political, trade union, social and other organizations follows plus the Masonic lodges - all declared outlawed.)

Art. III: All the above organizations lose absolutely all rights and all their possessions become the property of the state.

Art. IV: This lists the individual persons who are liable under the preceding three articles. The following summary should give an idea of the all inclusiveness of the categories:

1. All members of the above organizations, particularly officers. Rank and file members of trade unions are excepted. (To have included the latter would necessitate the imprisonment of 80% of the male population alone.)
2. All those who publicly indicated in one way or another their support of the Popular Front or its adherent organizations.
3. All those elected to the Cortes in 1936 excepting the fascists; all those who ran on the Popular Front ticket even tho they lost. And all those responsible for convoking the elections.
4. All Masons, except those who quit before July 18, 1936.
5. A general law which states that "To

have realized any other acts whatsoever, calculated to effectively foment the anarchic situation in which Spain was found before the success of the National Movement."

6. Having remained abroad since July 18, 1936 without returning to Franco territory within two months. Or having departed from Loyalist territory without returning to Franco territory within two months.

7. All leaders of the Government, including mayors, town councilors, managers of societies and companies which gave economic aid to the Popular Front or its organizations or newspapers or for the expenses of the 1936 elections.

The Catholic, Georges Bidault wrote in the French daily "L'aupe":

"This is a retroactive law which punishes deeds which were not prohibited at the time they were committed, a law which establishes crimes of omission, a law which makes punishable, propaganda, which was legal at the time it was made; in brief, a law of terrorism, a law not of culprits, but only of supposed culprits, a law of iniquity."

(Our next article will deal with the other laws, and with the methods of torture used for extracting confessions or for refined murdering.)

A. P.

**Symposium On  
FOR WHOM THE BELLS TOLL**  
Speakers:  
Wolff, Gates, Goff and others  
**Saturday, March 15, 1941, 2:30 p.m.**  
Hotel Diplomat West 43rd Street



S. I. M.

The VOLUNTEER FOR LIBERTY is on the shelves of both the Library of Congress and the N. Y. Public Library... NYPL is asking for back copies Nos. 1,2,3 of Vol. II; will some vet please accommodate us and them.

Sam Peck and the Botvin Committee has already raised \$3000.00 for the Rescue Ship... The SIM notes that Dave White led all the rest in the recent elections - he was unanimously elected!

Anne and Milt Wolff claimed discrimination when we omitted Susan Wolff's name from our list of recent arrivals; our most profound apologies and a special Vet Ole to lovely Susan... And we think it high time that everyone know that Steve Nelson became a father of a girl last November... Fred and Ruthie Keller had a 6 pound 7 ounce girl early in February... It seems that all the new babies are bambinas - could it be the influence of the Spanish diet?... Sid Schurr will have been a father for several days by the time we go to press... Matt Mattison will be a daddy in about 8 months... Louis Secundy said, "I do," this month.

Trained rat McQuiston is stroked by the hand that feeds him. The two-time deserter from the Brigade was just let loose on this be-plagued country when the charge of murdering a NMU member was dismissed by a New Orleans court. Mac the Rat was tied up with King's ring of labor spies which was cleaned out by the NMU membership. He is also one of Die's pet stoolpigeons. SIM wonders if that had anything to do with his release!

Mirko Markovich denied giving any praise to Hemingway's "Bells"... Dr. de Soto, formerly of the Lincoln Battalion, is holding down a leading job in the Cuban Health Department... John Kozar recently returned from dear old democratic England where he spent a few months in gaol.

Lom Adomian is writing the music for Taggard's swell poem (see page 1); and a resounding Vet Ole to Genevieve... Al Prago in a letter to Herb Matthews asking him to be our Rome correspondent, enclosed four cellophane-wrapped cigarettes! SIM has its eye on the censor.

We're not "bundling for Britain" - but Jack Hoshoooley, with the Canadians in England, is asking for "colillas" ...Al Koslow and Manny Zap are selling blocks of tickets for the Irving Place Theatre which shows first-run foreign films.

SIM is 'amazed' by the announcement of David Steinberg, head of the national missing persons bureau, to the effect that the number of missing men, ages 21 to 35, rose 200% between October, 1940, when the draft went into effect, and Jan. 30, 1941.

Attention House Committee! Your first job will be to guide the intrepid volunteer Johnny bowl cleaner, Joe Rehili... Gabby K. thinks the Steno Queen should have a King. He's polishing up his sceptre!

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Keller, Felix Kusman, Nat Gross, Pat Roosevelt, Harold Smith, Vaughn Love, Marty Friedman, Joe Gordon, Jerry Weinberg, Ken Broidenthal, Harry Fisher, Mark Strauss, Art Munday, Joe Taylor and Edward Lending.

### Mr. Goering Meet Herr Bevin

"The robust Bevin, who by dint of dieting has cut his weight by 30 lbs. to 215, dislikes the dictatorial powers which have been awarded to him over labor for the duration of the war." (SYDNEY POST RECORD 2-6-41.)

### F.D.R.'s Willkie Is Not Quite So Silky

Willkie's "Gee, it's Awful" comment on London's ruin and destruction, drew the following slam from Vito Marcantonio at AYC Washington Town Hall, "It will go down in history with the Sermon on the Mount and the Gettysburg Address.

### Is That Why He Went to Spain?

"Not only is Ernest Hemingway is a talented writer, but he is a smart business man, too. He frankly admits that he had the sale of movie rights in mind when he whacked out "For Whom the Bell Toll" and even mentally pictured Gary Cooper in the leading role. (N.Y. Post 2-6-41.)

### We Wish His Spokesmen Would Get Together

Pietro Cardinal Boetto, Archbishop of Genoa, on the British shelling of his city, "The Lord, even in the sight of the innocent victims, will raise his merciful hand above us and will concede a complete triumph to our beloved country." (N. Y. Times, 2-12-41.)

### Naughty, Naughty - Mustn't Tweak the Lion's Tale - Yet

From an advertisement in Washington's street cars. "Do you know that United States extends from the Virgin Islands in the East to the Philippines in the West? From Alaska to the Antarctic, THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATE."

### EX-FRANCO PRISONER JAILED HERE

Richard Browne, Franco's prisoner for 7 months, was sentenced Feb. 12th to one year for the "crime" of collecting signatures for the nominating petitions of a minority party. A number of vets throughout the country, but particularly in Pennsylvania, are faced with the same type of charge. In Pa. Ben Rubin of Reading is appealing his conviction and Ben Findley of Turtle Creek is out on bail.

Queried in his office, National Commander Milt Wolff said, "The conviction of Richard Browne is proof that our vets are not resting on their laurels back home. Browne was singled out because of his militant anti-war stand. Every vet and progressive person should increase his activity against the war in order to make up for this temporary loss from our ranks."

### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

March 5th - N. Y. Post Meeting.

March 14th - Benefit preview of "Native Son", a new play by Richard Wright and Paul Green, staged by Orson Welles. Tickets, 83¢, \$1.10, \$1.65, \$2.20 and \$2.75.

March 15th - Symposium on Hemingway's book. Speakers - Wolff, Gates and Goff. Supporters of the book who have been invited, may appear to participate. Hotel Diplomat.

April 12th - Veterans' Spring Dance at Webster Hall.



### FOR WHOM THE BULL THROWS OR Three Days In A Sleeping Bag

As he crossed 7th Avenue with Martha in his Abercrombie and Fitch sleeping bag, Robert Jordanway felt strangely ill at ease. He always felt that way just before he crossed against a red light.

Straightening his tie in a cigar store window, he reflected on how his grandfather would have felt in the same situation. Good old Gramps, he sure was a hell raiser in the old handicraft days. He was able to do more with a potato sack than Jordanway could with Abercrombie & Fitch's best.

He didn't have to do it. He had done so many other things to prove his loyalty. Still it had been put to him in such a way that the Sun Valley crowd would have felt let down if he didn't go through with it. And it wasn't a particularly tough assignment, he told himself. When it was finished, he could go back and they would say, "Son of an Ernesto - and he went all the way to 53rd St. to do it, too."

He twisted to avoid two panhandlers and almost fell. "I Ernesto in the milk," he exploded; he had almost forgotten that Martha was in the sleeping bag with him. They were rather conspicuous hobbling along but nobody on 53rd St. paid much attention to them figuring they were being initiated into a fraternity.

The "El Toro" club loomed large in front of them. "Shall we try in here, rabbit?" Robert whispered into her ear.

"Si, ingles," she answered.

They descended the steps and entered a smoke-filled room decked out like a grotto. In one corner of the room was a spittoon-shaped bar over which hung a one-eyed bull's head.

They sidled up to the bar, "Brandy stinger, rabbit?" he asked.

"Si, ingles."

The room was filled with British accents. In a booth on the right an ex-Prime Minister was polishing his knife while the woman he was with annihilated the enemy with one brilliant sentence after another. Next to them a movie actor was arguing with his agent over whether or not he was as good as Mickey Rooney. Near the desk-top dancing space a party of six sat eying them suspiciously.

One rose, evidently the leader of the group. Now it's coming, Jordanway told himself, this is the show-down. Mustn't let them know what I'm thinking. That was the worst of these jobs. You never knew until it was too late whom you could trust.

"From Yonkers, aren't you?" The questioner's voice was hoarsely insolent.

"No! Sun Valley," Jordanway answered, steadily. Mustn't lose his head.

"We don't drink brandy stingers here anymore."

Now it was coming for sure. Now he must bring it to a head quickly.

"So what?" Jordanway's voice was taut. The two words carried a world of meaning and implication.

The other man was visibly taken aback. I've won, Robert told himself. I've won, but he is treacherous, he bears watching.

The little group regarding this tense little drama relaxed. A far woman, the wife of the questioner, called, "enough, Paul." And to Robert and Martha, "Won't you join us?"

"Are you hungry, rabbit?"

"Si, ingles."

They sat down, with difficulty. Now to get to the business in hand, quickly. He told them of Elsie Paxton's 'Bundles for Britain' party. How someone had suggested a scavenger hunt. How his assignment was to find a genuine red herring. To make it more difficult, he had to bundle with Martha in the A. & F. sleeping bag while he searched.

They were enthralled. The fat woman, whose friends called her, "Pillow", said, "I have heard Kretchma gypsies tell of this red herring you speak of. It has the smell of death. You must take six copies of the Journal American, wrap well inside one issue of the N. Y. Post, season with Benjamin Stolberg and Jan Valtin and you will approximate it."

"Interesting, isn't it, rabbit?" Jordanway confided.

"Si, ingles," she replied.

Paul was sitting by himself, muttering. Suddenly he jumped up.

What is he up to now, Jordanway asked himself.

With a quick motion, Paul yanked the zipper down on the sleeping bag. A terrific stench arose and permeated the room. The British accents were stilled, the actor ceased bending his agent's ear, and the one-eyed bull took a deep breath and gasped, "Tu madre!"

A wave of nausea assailed Jordanway. "I've succeeded," he exulted, and simultaneously a second wave hit him. His hand moved to his stomach.

Something moved, but it was not the earth. I. F.