AN URGENT APPEAL

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A LESSON TO LEARN

We are told by our rulers in England that the war in Spain is a struggle between Fascism and Communism; that our role as English democrats can only be to look on at it in self-satisfied oblivion. But, look at it as it is. If we permit some desperate natural catastrophe which has fallen on the Spanish people because of their temperament, "the cruel streak in their nature," anything we are told "civil war is always the brutal end of things". The tale is wearing thin. An open invasion of Spain by European powers would not be tolerated by the world. The“Butcher’s Daughter” story is the history of the bombing of the peaceful historic town of Guernica by the German Axis. The capture of Barcelona by the puppet Nationalists of the regular Italian Army, the free use of Moorish troops by Franco at the nearest approach to genuine Spanishism the world has ever seen, can find little sympathy. We must find something to do for him, little room for belief that the continuance of the Spanish war is due primarily to the Spanish thermometer. Open the book to the history of the Spanish Civil War for contains us for it is the history of the Spanish people. especially, a lesson which we will fail to learn at our peril. The view that it is a struggle between Fascism and Communism in which the British people are not interested can only be maintained by those who forget to recognize the actual facts of what has happened in Spain.

Civil war broke out on 19th July, 1936, as no one can deny, but no ‘important’ British paper such as ‘The Times’ will admit. If they can, it helps to be legally elected constitution of National Government of Spain was moving, steadily and with astonishing swiftness, towards some long-anticipated coronation of the property rights of the Spanish landlords; army officers, richer clergy, and owners of wealth in general. When the generals of the Spanish army led their men into the streets of six of the largest cities in Spain, they began to attempt to over throw the legally elected and international Government then in power and establish a Fascist dictatorship to drive Spain back to the Middle Ages with the help of tanks, bombs, and the radio. And who was the reason? The reason was that the existing social and economic order was challenged by a Government elected by popular vote. The choice before the owning class in Spain was the choice between tranquility of the people will, and armed revolt. They chose revolt.

This is the basis of the Spanish struggle. That struggle is being waged upon the issue of whether a people have the right to modify by popular vote the existing economic system. It is not being waged to decide whether the people of a country are free to decide upon the economic and social system of their own country coexist with the idea of the state, but how our economy should be governed. Or are we, like the Spanish people, only allowed to hold the acolytes of the Church in power and are our lives, our homes, our property, our rights as citizens, to be governed by a Government which is not of our choosing, that is the question in the war which we are observing now in Spain.

Communists have for years assured of course that once the property of “The Church” was put in danger, those capitalists would have the least interest in regard to law and order, democratic principles, or Bills of Rights. That assertion has been universally denounced as a vile slander. We, the people, have been told in reply, that Britain is now a “real democracy,” that the universal franchise for all people over 21 makes it possible to amend all the evils of capitalism as soon as a parliamentary majority has been won.

But what is the position today? To-day, when multi-party democracy, which embodies the principles of legal extension and constitutionalism on behalf of the Spanish Government, when liberalism that the elementary law is to be applied to that Government, they are blandly told that it is no concern of the Spanish Government that the Socialist property rights are at stake in Spain, such things as legality and democracy have become side issues. No doubt the Communists reply, “why not? We are so firmly entrenched as to be safe.” But I never again talk to us about the power of the ballot-box, nor blame us for not voting because we are “bitter”-I never dare to say that you people that you yourselves yourselves are to be governed by a lawless democracy so long as they do not interfere with your property, and not only your property but your lives and your liberty are as precious to you as those of any other man.

This state of affairs is uncertain, but can we gain it validity? Has it no significance for New Zealand today?

The Government of New Zealand to-day is a Labour Government, legally elected, pledged to carry out an overdue programme of reform in health, education, and social services. The Spanish Government attacked by Franco was very little different. Attempts have even been made to organize semi-feudal bodies in New Zealand the “Defence League”, “Freedom League” and so forth, Spain had its “Falange Española” and “Catholic Action party.” The Spanish Government to-day is in the hands of 20 members of the Conservative party, styles itself “The Nationalist Party,” is addicted to garden parties, and, entertained at the homes of the owning class. The press talks of the language of reformation and grows increasingly taut. I have been in that last is an action of the Liberal Party which bears the hallowed letters for “Our Nationalists Dictating,” referring of course to the Labour Government.

In Spain, workers and farmers refused to cultivate their land under the Liberal Government and discharged their agricultural workers. Manufacturers in New Zealand are likewise declaring their workers and beginning to refuse to run their business. The point is this. Our Government’s programme must sooner or later challenge the property rights of a minority, as did the Spanish Liberal Government.

Then, oh watchman, what of the night?

Does there not come a time when it is impossible without the appalling ordeal of civil war? On the contrary, the lesson surely is that civil war can be avoided but it can only be avoided if we act and in the forces as a whole, and their leaders in particular, have shed every illusion that the owning class will yield; and in the acts of a legally elected progressive Government. For once that illusion has been shed, then it is perfectly possible for such a Government to impose for the forces of reaction (3) plunge their country into civil war “in order to save it from Bolshevism.”

That is, it is to me, that if we in New Zealand should learn—may more, m. @learn—from Spain.

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TOURNEMENT DELEGATES’ MESSAGE

The American university and general body of the National and West Coast Sports series, held similar events with the N.Z.U. Tournament held together. And on this last year, which will hold at Auckland University and the University, the performances of the recent Empire Games have been positively amazing. Considered as it may, however, Easter this year is the time when the game is to be laughed at or ignored for the purpose of the K.C.C. It is the sport of basketball, this year we are going to retain our hold on the troubled for these sports, besides attracting an influx of national talent, and a start is being made toward the establishment of a national team for the purpose of organizing basketball. This year we are going to retain our hold on the troubled for these sports, besides attracting an influx of national talent, and a start is being made toward the establishment of a national team.
SPORTS

BRIGHT BOXING PROSPECTS

The official report of the Welfare Department and the College Gymnasium and Physical Education offices indicate that the upcoming boxing tournament promises to be one of the most successful of its kind ever held on campus. The tournament, which is scheduled for next week, will feature a number of highly skilled athletes from various parts of the country. The event will be held in the College Gymnasium, and admission will be free to all spectators.

The tournament will feature a variety of weight classes, and each bout will be judged by a panel of experienced referees. The prize money for the winner of each weight class will range from $500 to $1000, depending on the level of competition. The tournament is open to all students and faculty members, and anyone interested in participating is encouraged to sign up.

The opening ceremony will take place on Monday evening, and the main event will be held on Tuesday night. The final matches will be held on Wednesday afternoon. The tournament is expected to attract a large crowd, and everyone is encouraged to come out and support the athletes.

TENNIS

A Visit from Massey

The tennis team played host to the visiting team from Massey University this past weekend. The match was held on the College courts, and the weather was perfect for a game of tennis. The visitors proved to be a tough opponent, but our team managed to come out on top. The match was a great opportunity for our players to showcase their skills and compete against a strong team.

The next set of matches will be held against Victoria University. The game is set for next weekend, and we are looking forward to seeing our team continue to improve.

P. COIRA ON DIVING

Mr. P. Coira is a world-class diver and is scheduled to compete in the upcoming Olympic Games. He has been training hard for the past few months and is looking forward to putting his skills to the test on the international stage.

Mr. Coira is a four-time Olympic gold medalist and is widely regarded as one of the best divers in the world. He has been competing at the highest level for over a decade and has won numerous medals at major competitions.

Mr. Coira is also an active advocate for the sport of diving and is currently working with young athletes to help them reach their full potential. He has been a mentor to many up-and-coming divers and is known for his expertise and passion for the sport.

CRICKET

All four sessions of the final test match were played recently, with the last session being the most exciting. The match was held at the Colombo Cricket Club, and the weather was perfect for a day of cricket.

The match was a close-fought affair, with both teams putting up a strong resistance. The visitors, however, managed to take the lead on the final day and declared their innings at 303, setting a target of 304 for the host team.

Despite the challenging situation, the host team fought back strongly and managed to score 288 in their first innings. The visitors then replied with a strong 286 in their second innings, setting up an exciting finish.

The final day of the match was a nail-biter, with both teams piling on the runs. The visitors eventually scored 293 in their last innings, cementing their victory in the match.