

Novena for the Sick is pretty weak. Hand in more names. Try to...

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assist at the whole Mass and go to Holy Communion. Belting really needs you.

Spanish Rebuttal. I.

The way to learn is to ask questions. The Bulletin has some questions to ask tonight.

In formulating them, we are patient and charitable. We give everybody the benefit of the doubt. We try our best to be fair, to make no snap decisions.

Tuesday last in the New York Times many of the nation's best-known lawyers, doctors, writers and clergymen--Protestant bishops and ministers and one rabbi--signed a large paid advertisement, "An Open Letter to the Government and the People of the United States." The document reads hercically.

"While you read this message, a major human tragedy is taking place. A question of the greatest importance to our country and to the entire world is being decided. A brave nation is fighting against terrible odds, not only for its own independence and freedom, but for the very life of democracy everywhere.

Now, there is no doubt a major human tragedy is taking place and that it is a grave matter for us and the whole world. And, by all means, we grant a brave nation is fighting for its own freedom.

First question. How do you prove that the Loyalists are this brave nation? In the American Revolution was England the brave nation? Please do not rest your case on the 1936 elections. Please explain why the people of Barcelona rejoice that they have been "captured."

You insist the Loyalists fight "for the very life of democracy everywhere."

Second question. For what kind of democracy? There are various degrees: Soviet, French, British. The freest is American. Do you say sincerely that the Negrin side fights for the American kind of democracy? Do you not brand us lying propagandists and Fascists for speaking the truth that a large element of the Loyalist faction has been fighting for Soviet democracy?

You say "the whole world knows now that the 'Franco Revolt' is in reality an in-

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNIONS VERY HIGH THIS MORNING; FRENCH NOVENA IN SAME GOOD STYLE.
PRAYERS: (deceased) mother-in-law of Coach Bill Terrey; (skilled) friend of S. J. Francis (Scrib). Ill, mother of Bob Weaver (Billon). Three thanksgivings. 12 spec.ints.

vasion. Hitler and Mussolini are bent on destroying the Spanish Republic, and with its destruction gaining vastly increased power in the campaign against the democracies."

Third question. Is it fair to infer the Franco side is principally an invasion? Is it fair, by your silence and misrepresentation in this "open" letter, to mold American opinion with prejudice? If the Germans, Italians and Moslems who fight with Franco are invaders, what are the Loyalists' international brigades made up of Russians, Frenchmen and Czechs, not to mention the Americans of the Washington-Lincoln Brigade? Why did you plaster that sacred name on our pro-Communist emigrants? It is misleading. Washington and Lincoln were rebels.

When you regret "the vastly increased power in the campaign against the democracies," we are with you. Read "Nazi Scapegoat Number 2" in Forum or the February Reader's Digest. Report to the people our Holy Father's fears about Fascism.

Fourth question. Will your group run a signed "ad" condemning Communism as an enemy of American democracy? Will you all go on public record for the continuation of investigation into un-Americanism?

You continue: "With indescribable brutality and complete disregard for world opinion, they (the Fascists) have warred against both the armies and the women and children of Spain." We have heard too much about the Barcelona bombings and not enough of the murder of priests and the desecration of runs and the burning of churches. If, out of policy and set purpose, Franco men have maintained defenseless non-combatants, we detest this as much as the official policy of the Communist element saturated in militant atheism.

Fifth question. If your letter is "open" why do you not mention the "indescribable brutality and complete disregard for public opinion" of the Loyalists? Hearst is bringing these things out now, but after American opinion has been prejudiced.