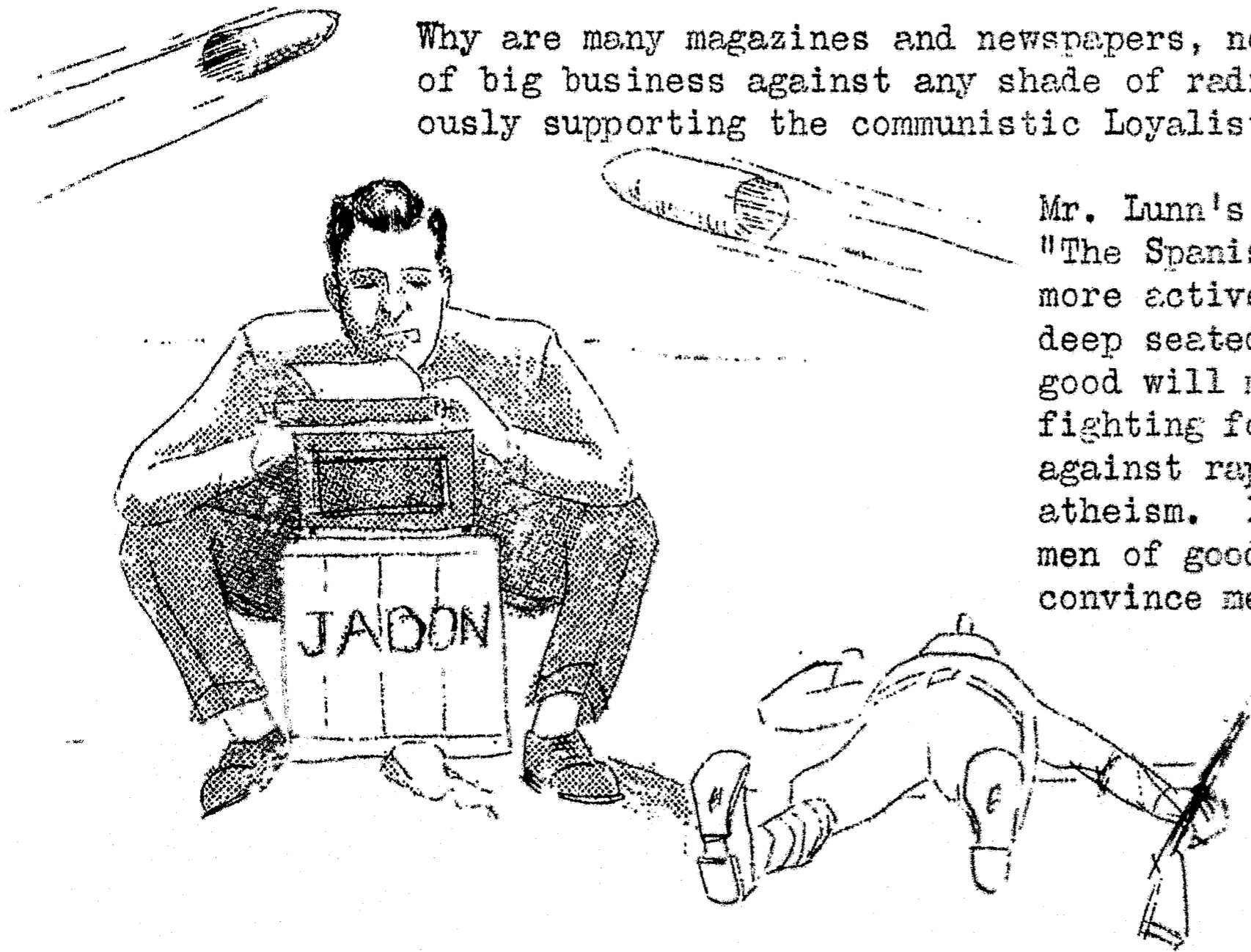


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With Arnold Lunn In Spain.

The London Tablet has recently published an article entitled, "The Unpopular Front," by Mr. Lunn who, The Tablet explains, has "just returned from an extensive visit to Nationalist Spain." In the course of his article Mr. Lunn answers, in part at least, this important question:

Why are many magazines and newspapers, normally on the side of big business against any shade of radicalism, now vigorously supporting the communistic Loyalists of Spain?



Mr. Lunn's partial answer is this: "The Spanish Nationalists would be more active in propaganda, but for the deep seated conviction that all men of good will must realize that Franco is fighting for religion and decency against rapine, anarchy and militant atheism. It is unnecessary to convince men of good will, and impossible to convince men of ill will."

The men of ill will impossible to convince in America are:

(a) The no-Godists (capitalistic or communistic) who want a no-God Spain rather than a Catholic

Spain. Spanish communism seems remote to many Godless capitalists in America, and they would risk communism in Spain in preference to a Roman Catholic triumph.

(b) Those American Christians motivated by unrelenting hatred of the Pope and what he stands for. As the editor of The Catholic Transcript of Hartford puts it: "These zealous Christian men and women hate the Pope just as they hate the rebels of Spain. In order to be rid of him they are probably ready to ally themselves with his satanic majesty."

But not all Protestants applaud the downfall of the Catholic Church in Spain. At Gibraltar Mr. Lunn met an Anglican Bishop who related this story:

"A priest was being led out to his death. He was bound. As he faced the executioners he said: 'I want to bless you. Please free my hands.'

"A Red cut the ropes and then hacked off his hands.

"'Bless us now,' he sneered.

"And the priest did bless him, moving about his bleeding stumps until he died."

Sincere Protestants should try to understand with the non-Catholic Professor Allison Pears that "...it is religion in every form known to them that the Reds are persecuting" and that "If the Reds should win, the mask will surely and immediately be removed, and the evolution of the anti-God movement will be complete." To understand that today will help; tomorrow such understanding may help religion very little.

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Brother Meinrad (Book Store); grandmother of John Cavalier (Carroll). Ill, Father Thomas Brennan, C.S.C.; Mr. Thomas O'Neill, friend of Vin Doyle (St. Eds); Charles Riden (Cav.); mother of Louis Aleman; wife of Dan Mahony, '34; mother and aunt of Tom Powers (Mor.); father of A.J. Rizzi. Two spec. intentions.