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Franco Revolts Against The Reds Terror.

Spain provides a perfect illustration of the new tactics of Moscow. "We must build up Communism," declared Lenin, "with non-Communist hands." Communists must pose as the friends of peace and democracy while preparing for civil war and dictatorship.

In Spain, it is true, the number of self-proclaimed Communists in the Cortes was small. But, according to Vanguardia of Barcelona "the trick by which they (the Communist party) did not appear in the Government.... is too naive to deceive anyone"--except perhaps Liberals in the United States.

You want proof. Here is a striking example of how the game is played. Caballero, recent premier of Spain, has never described himself as a Communist. No. But, he sent this telegram to Soviet Russia: "The proletariat of Spain will follow the example of your great country."

And again, in October 1934, Caballero (who, remember, has never officially joined the Communists) gave this interview to Mr. H.E. Knoblauch, correspondent in Spain and author of one of the most illuminating books on this war: "Lenin declared Spain would be the second Soviet Republic in Europe and Lenin's prophecy will come true. I shall be the second Lenin." Caballero subsequently endorsed the interview in which this statement appeared.

The new technique of Moscow is, plainly, to wait until a Popular Front, of which Communists are in control, obtains power and then by means of a Red terror to murder or to terrorize into submission the moderates. Would these Reds actually murder? Lerroux, doyen of Spanish Radicals, tells us that all the Radical Deputies in the province of Valencia were murdered, and that in some villages every member of the Radical Party was exterminated. "The blood toll of the Radical Party is far greater than that taken of the Church."

PRAYERS: (deceased) Rev. James L. Delaney, friend of Ed Huff (Pitt Club); uncle of Bill Kaveny (off campus); mother of Froil. . . . Turner; Pat Teylan, friend of Hal Langton (burned to death), Ill, Leonard Cassassa (Hov.); friend of Phil North (Dillon).

"The victory of the proletariat," Lenin had declared, "can only be achieved by rivers of blood." "Our Program," wrote Pravda, September 9, 1928, "is an all-embracing and blood-soaked reality."

On June 16 Gil Robles presented to the Cortes the balance sheet of "blood-soaked reality": 1287 people had been injured, 269 killed, 160 churches had been totally destroyed, 251 partly destroyed, 10 newspaper offices and 69 premises of political and other associations destroyed. These statements were not denied.

The murder of Calvo Sotelo by the police precipitated the Civil War. Franco rose only just in time to forestall a coup d'etat planned to inaugurate a Red Dictatorship. The evidence for this is presented in Arnold Lunn's book, "Spanish Rehearsal."

Is revolution against such injustices the unequalled sin that some Liberal Protestants would have us imagine? Fair-minded Americans should hardly think so. Read this from the American Declaration of Independence: "Prudence indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."

These solemn words would seem to give to the Spanish Nationalists reason for revolution equal to that of the Founders of our own country. The present war waged by Franco in Spain has come only as the last resort and with plenty of justification.