

Do not let Communists
outdo you in zeal.
And don't forget prayer.

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Keep The Spanish Embargo.

This is a moment for action; not, however, for action without thought. Washington is the scene of a battle this week. The Spanish Embargo is the issue. First, for your information, the Sunday Visitor, national Catholic paper edited by His Excellency the Bishop of this diocese, states the central fact:

The present neutrality laws of the United States prohibit the shipment of arms and munitions to both sides in the Spanish war. An Act of August 31, 1935 provided that when the President proclaimed the existence of a state of war between two nations, it would be unlawful to ship munitions to either of those nations. An Act of May 1, 1937 merely extended these provisions to include civil war as well as international war. This is the portion of the neutrality act which left-wing groups refer to as the Embargo Act. It is what they want to amend or repeal.

Secondly: As explained in the regular Bulletin this evening, the "United Front" of pro-Communists, which embraces Reds and Pinks and "Christian Liberals," among them, mysteriously, even clergymen, is deluging Congress and the President with demands for the lifting of the Embargo. You should know something about the "United Front" propaganda, something about their immediate and ultimate aims in this issue.

- I. "United Front" Propaganda. The following information is taken directly, and without comment, from a four-page, mimeographed instruction to the "Front."
 1. Washington is ready for a great demonstration of the demand of Americans that the Embargo against Spain be lifted. Place: Almas Temple, Jan. 9th. Program: 9-11 AM, Calls on senators and congressmen. 11:30 Meeting of entire conference on steps of Capitol. 1:30-5:30 Addresses and Resolutions. Publicity: Be sure to send a release to your local papers, describing conference and giving names of local people attending. Washington Office: Washington Friends of Spanish Democracy.
 2. Special Delegations to Washington. Our special representative will be in Washington to meet and assist delegations. There should be a continuous procession of delegations from every part of the country.
 3. Petition to the President. Stacks come in daily. But we are far, far from the goal. Are you pushing the petition in every way possible? Don't be satisfied with a few thousand signatures. Comb your city. See notes below on Gallup Poll. Then go out and get the signature of every sympathizer.
 4. Most Important! Messages to Lima Delegates. They arrive New York Jan. 9th. Send telegrams stressing: (a) Spread of fascist propaganda in Western Hemisphere clearly shown at Lima Conference. (b) Fascist victory in Spain would be an immediate danger to peace and democracy. (c) Most effective means of avoiding this danger is to lift the embargo against Spain.
 5. Continue the campaign. Washington conference a high spot--but not the end of the campaign. Initiate a postcard campaign to your congressmen and senators. Press for resolutions from every source. Get radio broadcasts. The campaign must grow and GROW--until the Embargo is Lifted!
 6. Embargo Literature. "Why Embargo Should Be Lifted--Now." This has not had sufficient circulation. Put them into thousands of homes. (\$7.50 per M.) A new eight page pamphlet: "Adolph Hitler and Francisco Franco--Two Minds With But A Single Thought." This pamphlet will help give Franco a full share of the indignation directed against Hitler. Five cents a copy.
 7. The Gallup Poll on Spain: Pro-Loyalist, Feb. '37, 65%; Feb. '38, 75%; Today, 76%. But more than that! One in three Catholics said they did not favor either side. Catholics who have a definite choice voted 42% for the Loyalists and 58% for Franco! Nearly half of the Catholic people support Republic Spain. This is tremendously encouraging. Now--to direct this tremendous pro-Loyalist sentiment against the Embargo! Fraternally yours, Herman F. Reissig, Ex. Sec. Medical Bureau & No. Am. Comm. to Aid Spanish Democracy.

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II. "United Front" Aims.

1. Immediate. The Sunday Visitor quotes a "United Front" publication: "What lifting the Embargo will do-- It will destroy the whole scheme of . . . Non-Intervention . . . It will put new heart into the Democratic people of Great Britain, France and other European countries, halting the defeat of Democracy before an advancing ruthless Fascism . . . It will immensely strengthen the courage and morale of the Spanish people and their government . . . It will make it possible for the Spanish government to buy arms . . . as well as . . . what they need to insure victory . . ."
2. Ultimate. Re-read the last paragraph in the left column of tonight's regular Bulletin. Supplement that reading with a study of "Bolshevism: Theory and Practice" by Professor Gurian; of "Religion and the Modern State" by Dawson; of "The Science of World Revolution" by Professor Lunn; of the report of the Dies Committee.

Thirdly: Before considering the message of the "Keep The Embargo Committee" sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Men, reflect seriously on the super-deception of the propaganda quoted above. NOT ONCE DID YOU SEE THE WORD COMMUNIST. It is all the zealous, harmless, patriotic work of the UNITED FRONT. Any effect on the Gallup Poll?

Fourthly: From the beginning, the newspapers in this country were for the Loyalists. They still are. Any effect on the Gallup Poll? You would not get the following message of the National Council of Catholic Men out of the public press. But here are excerpts and almost every Religious Order can produce the facts on which the statements are based:

- I. "Unhappy Spain has been for the past three years the scene of the most cruel persecution the world has witnessed for centuries. The Madrid-Valencia-Barcelona Government, whether by deliberate design or by mere sufferance, has tolerated an almost complete proscription of public religious worship throughout the area that it controls and has permitted a wave of brutish vandalism, torture, and murder, to proceed unhindered. However one may choose to regard the issue politically, therefore, no man of good will can face the Government's record save with a deepseated feeling of revulsion and reprobation. Nor can one's attitude toward the opposing faction in Spain rightly affect that judgment. . .

" . . . (The United States Government) has rightly held the peace and security of its own citizens paramount and has refused to take sides in the fiercely partisan issues that divide Europe and that are themselves the root cause of this persecution. To this end it has adopted a formal and statutory policy of neutrality.

"That our Government should jeopardize its position of neutrality would in itself be bad enough; but that it should do so in favor of a Government that stands responsible for the vilest kind of oppression and persecution, is unthinkable. It would not only be desperately dangerous to the peace and security of the United States, but would be, in the eyes of a world already racked with inhuman and bestial injustices, a condonation of such savagery.

"Urge your Senators and Representatives to KEEP THE SPANISH EMBARGO--write to them, wire them, telephone them. . . sign the petition that is being circulated! Urge your friends to do likewise."

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1. I hereby request President Roosevelt and Congress to adhere to neutrality and not to lift the Spanish Embargo.

2. I urge them to investigate thoroughly subversive activities including the "United Front."

(signed) _____ Notre Dame, Indiana, U.S.A.