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ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Foreign Department

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Swaraj Bhawan, Allahabad.

El Secretario general,
Union General de Trabajadores,
Fuencarral, 93 Moderno,
Madrid.

May 10, 1937.

Dear Comrade,

You are probably aware of the deep interest with which India has been following your struggle for freedom and democracy. The highest political platform of the country has expressed its warmest sympathy for your cause. At the annual sessions of the Indian National Congress President Nehru made feeling references to your struggle and a resolution was also accepted declaring the identity of interest between your struggle and our struggle. Since then there have been several demonstrations and mass meetings for Spain. You will probably have received all this information through our fortnightly Newsletter.

Recently a Fund for medical and other relief to our brave comrades in Spain was started with our Department. We have succeeded in sending two cheques ^{of} £.50 each from this fund to the Spain India Committee in London. The second cheque of £.50 was sent by us in response to the urgent appeal of the Independent Labour Party of England towards sending a food ship to the brave fighters of Bilbao.

We realise that our help can only be a bare gesture and bears no relation to the magnitude of your needs. Still we are sure that this effort of ours however small will serve to strengthen the feeling of amity and solidarity among the progress loving peoples of the world. It may have its share in battering down the barriers of race and country and nation which world imperialism has so long maintained with its bayonets and mischievous propaganda.

It may also interest you to note that a considerable part of our collections has come from the workingmen. The Bombay and Andhra Congress Socialist Parties have made penny collections on several occasions. The Bombay Party made its collection on the May Day. The women of India have also shown their keen interest in the progress of peace and democracy throughout the world and a collection or two that we had received from women are as specified as those coming from lovers of democracy and progress.

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Enclosed are three newspaper cuttings which will show you how we look upon the Spanish struggle. We assure you again of our sympathy and solidarity.

Yours fraternally,

Rammanohar Lohia

Secretary,
Foreign Department.

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COMITE DEL CONGRESO PANINDIO

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Swaraj Bhawan, Allahabad

10 de Mayo de 1937

Secretario General de la U.G.T.

Madrid.

Querido camarada: Estará Vd. probablemente enterado del profundo interés despertado en la India con que acompañamos vuestra lucha por la libertad y la democracia.

Las altas esferas de la política del país han expresado su verdadera simpatía por vuestra causa. En las reuniones anuales del Congreso Nacional Indio, el Presidente Nehru, haciendo referencia a vuestra lucha, declaró la identidad de intereses existentes entre vuestra lucha y la nuestra. Ya se demostró el interés de nuestras masas en los mítines que hemos celebrado a favor de España. Vd. habrá probablemente recibido las informaciones aparecidas en nuestro quincenario "Newsletter"

Recientemente, se propuso por nuestro Departamento la creación de un Fondo Medical para nuestros bravos camaradas españoles. Hace poco, fueron remitidos dos cheques de cincuenta libras cada uno a la Fundación Española del Comité Indio de Londres. El Segundo cheque de cincuenta libras se remitió en contestación a la urgente llamada de socorro formulada por el Partido Laborista Independiente de Inglaterra para el envío de víveres a los bravos defensores de Bilbao.

Nosotros queremos llevar a cabo nuestra ayuda que permita soportar vuestras necesidades. Podeis estar seguros que dedicaremos todos nuestros esfuerzos a ello, como prueba evidente de las estrechas relaciones de amistad y solidaridad que deben unir a todos los pueblos amantes del progreso del mundo. Para nosotros, no existe antagonismo alguno de razas, de naciones ni de regiones, que solo se mantiene en el mundo a fuerza de bayonetas y de propagandas nefastas,

Es del mas alto interes vuestras notas acerca de las ayudas que deben ser prestadas por todos los trabajadores ~~ind~~. El Congreso de los Partidos Bombay y Andhra han llevado a cabo colectas en varias ocasiones, El Partido Bombay os remitió las colectas del primero de Mayo, Las mujeres de la India, interesadas en el progreso y la paz y la democracia en el mundo estan identificadas con vuestros esfuerzos como amantes del progreso y de la democracia.

Os adjuntamos algunos recortes de periodicos que hacen referencia a la lucha de España.

Os aseguramos de nuevo nuestra simpatia y nuestra solidaridad.

Vuestros fraternamente,

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Secretario del Departamento
Extranjero

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**UNCERTAINTY OF
WORLD SITUATION**

**Dr. Lohia on British
Intervention in Spain**

ALLAHABAD, April 29.

Interviewed by the "Associated Press" in regard to the British policy of non-intervention in Spanish affairs, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Secretary of the Foreign Department, A.I.C.C., said:—

"Every succeeding event in the international sphere adds to the uncertainty already existing in the world. To-day, it is the despatch of British battleship cruisers to the Spanish shore. It was yesterday the piratical adventures of Fascist ships. Meanwhile, the world expenditure on armaments has grown into the enormous amount of Rs. 50 billion, which is three times as much to-day as in the year of the outbreak of the last world war. The British Government has done nothing to remove this uncertainty or to allay its causes. If the Spanish Government and the democratic forces are on the way to winning a crushing victory over the hordes of death and darkness, it is in spite of the British Government's policies. These policies are professedly guided by the principle of non-intervention. That is a deceit. The British Government intervened in the Spanish affairs on the day it sponsored an international ban on the right of the Spanish Government to buy arms. Right under the nose of the British-controlled Non-Intervention Committee, Fascist Powers sent battalions of soldiers and aeroplane and tanks into the Spanish territory.

"Non-intervention is surely not the guiding principle of British foreign policy. Britain's foreign policy can have only one guiding principle and that is the safeguarding of her Empire and economic interests and the maintenance of the capitalist order. This is what causes uncertainty and is fruitful of war. The democratic peoples are fighting with increased vigour for democracy at home and peace abroad. This is hastening the downfall of the British Empire and with it the abolition of wars."

—A.P.I.

**FUND FOR SPANISH
RELIEF**

**A.I.C.C. Remits £50 To
London Committee**

ALLAHABAD: April 13.

The foreign department of the All-India Congress Committee has remitted £50 to Spain India Committee, London, towards Spanish relief work.—United Press.

Spirit Of Spain Remains Unconquered

Indian Leaders' Stirring Appeal For Defence Of Democracy

CALCUTTA: April 22.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Mr. N. M. Joshi, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Mr. Asaf Ali, Acharya J. B. Kripalani, Mr. K. F. Nariman, Mrs. Margaret E. Cousins, Dr. Rammanohar Lohia, Mr. Jayaprakash Narain, Mr. M. R. Masani, Acharya Narendra Dev, Prof. N. G. Ranga, Mr. Muzaffar Ahmed, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit and Moulana Hasrat Mohani are among the signatories to an appeal issued through the "United Press" for the establishment of a committee which will organize support and co-ordinate news and propaganda about Spain on a nation-wide basis.

Following is the full text of the appeal:—

"For more than seven months civil war has been raging in Spain with almost unparalleled brutality. We in India have viewed this struggle with concern; our sympathies have gone out to the Spanish people in the hour of their trial; we have sent messages of goodwill to them. But, on the whole, our interest has lacked warmth and direction. The conflict calls for our closer attention and some action on our part; for it vitally concerns the interests of the Indian people.

The forces in bloody conflict in Spain are essentially the same as are in conflict in India, and they threaten a catastrophe to the world and to India. The people of Spain are to-day defending their newly-won democratic freedom against a host of reactionaries and militarists, who are openly supported by the Fascist Governments of Italy, Germany and Portugal. British Imperialism has indirectly aided the reactionary rebels in Spain by its policy of non-intervention.

"The Spanish people, poor, almost unarmed and untrained, have been, with indomitable will and courage, facing these militarist rebels marching with mercenaries and foreign legionaries and supplied with the latest and most

horrible engines of warfare. In the course of their heroic struggle they have built up their great bulwark, the People's Front, and have organised the People's Militia.

Madrid, after three months of siege and continuous attack, broken up and ruined by bombardment and aerial attack, still stands unconquered, the City Victorious, whose gates are defended by the unshaken and fierce determination of the people.

"Millions of people throughout the world, lovers of freedom and the exploited of all races, have responded to the call of the Spanish people.

"The diplomacy of British Imperialism, subtle and machiavellian, has through its so-called policy of non-intervention, least support to the Fascist countries in their adventures in Spain. So it has sought to protect its large financial interests in Spain and its wider imperialist interests elsewhere. This policy threatens to draw the Indian people to the side of Imperialism and reaction." United Press.

REMOVED MUNICIPAL DRAIN COVERS

Following the theft of several municipal drain covers during the last four days, John D'Souza sus-

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Comité del Congreso Paningio
Awaraj Bhawan, Allahabad
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Estimados compañeros:

Ha sido en nuestro poder vuestra atenta comunicación, fecha 10 del próximo pasado mes de mayo, así como también los recortes de prensa que acompañáis, de todo lo cual la Comisión ejecutiva de esta Central sindical, en su reunión de ayer, ha quedado debidamente informada, acordando asimismo enviaros el Boletín de esta Unión General de Trabajadores y material de propaganda que confeccionamos, al objeto de facilitar más la labor que en favor nuestro venís realizando.

Sin otro particular, quedamos cordialmente vuestros y de la causa obrera.

POR LA COMISION EJECUTIVA:
El Tesorero,

Felipe Pretel,