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EDITORIAL

We have received in London a publication called "Catalunya". This publication is edited in Mexico by a group of refugees who call themselves Catalans and who are comunists. We bring this publication to the notice of our readers as its contents are an interesting example of the ammunition given to the comunist propaganda by the policy of the Western Powers towards Catalonia and Spain.

"Catalunya" calls this News Sheet "agents of the Anglo-saxon Imperialism (do we come under the Foreign Office or MI5?) which is doing its best to keep the Franco regime in power" and, as far as the second part is concerned, we are sometimes tempted to agree with them. In fact we have no other choice.

At times we wonder on whose side Mr. Bevin and Mr. Acheson really are in this cold war. They mantain they are against comunism and yet their attitude to the Franco regime is of considerable help to the gentlemen at the Kremlin. But perhaps they do not realise the fact. Let us make the point clear for them.

If there was a democratic goverment in Spain, the peninsula would be lost to them entirely as the Catalans, Basques, and other peoples would definitely like all the comunists to go to the USSR and stay there. But, if there is the Franco regime swaggering over the chained bodies of the democrats the Kremlin is happy. Who can the democrats of the peninsula turn to? America? They are lending money to Franco! Britain? They dislike Franco but they will not do anything against him. So a lot of them turn to Russia and they are creating and underground fifth column which would not be there with a democratic goverment.

We ask Mr. Bevin and Mr. Acheson whether they want a solid, strong anti-comunist front in Spain. If so please remember that the Russian Politbureau say a prayer for Franco's health everynight before closing their meetings.

THE 11th OF SEPTEMBER. On that date in 1714, Barcelona fell to a tyrant Filip the Vth and Catalonia lost its liberties. Our readers will know the story of those tragic years that gave Catalonia some of its greatest martyrs. Over two centuries later Catalonia recovered some of its liberties and another tyrant came to take our liberties from us.

Philip V thought he had broken the Catalans and Franco beleived the same. But let no man beleive it. Catalonia will exist and there will be Catalans until the day that our country is covered by the waves and then that sea will be called Catalonia.

VIEW POINTS. The Editors of "CATALAN NEWS" will be publishing in future various articles by Catalans exiled by the persecution which Franco has been treating Catalonia. Their points of view will not necessarily be those of this publicatons but we beleive that our readers will be interested.