



# FREE CATALONIA

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*CATALONIA* is situated on the northeastern side of the Iberian Peninsula, as shown in the above map. Catalan territories include all the shaded areas, which together form Greater Catalonia, with a population of over 6,000,000 people.

*CATALONIA* existed as a free Nation until 1714, when she was incorporated by force into the Spanish unitarian State.

*CATALONIA* has a language of its own—Catalan—belonging to the Romance group or neo-Latin languages and as independent from Spanish as French is from Portuguese or Italian.

*CATALONIA* aims to be again a Free Nation and to freely govern herself. After regaining her national independence, she will be in a position to consider a Confederacy of Iberian Free States, on the basis of a voluntary association of free peoples of the Iberian Peninsula, which would include Catalans, Basques, Galicians, Spaniards, and Portuguese, if they so desire. Catalonia identifies herself with the cause of the United Nations.

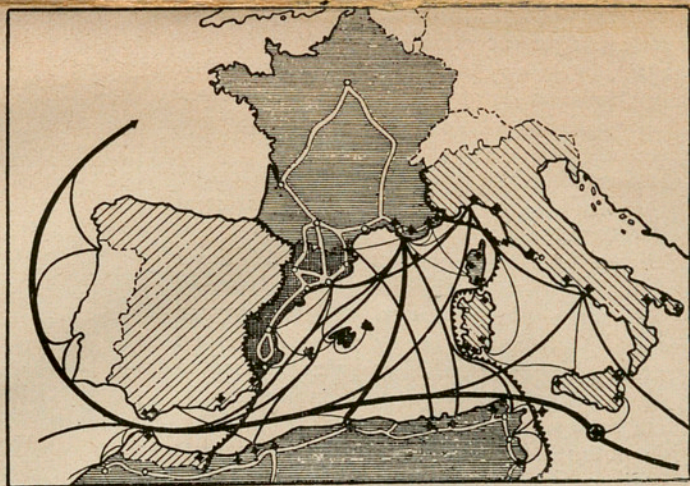


## WAR IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN

After three and a half years of only bad news for their country, Catalans feel exultant with the American occupation of French North Africa, which for them means a war of liberation in the Western Mediterranean and, practically, war at the Catalan border.

This important event which, as an immediate result, has already brought liberty to several hundred Catalan refugees in African concentration camps, revives hope in the hearts of all Catalans either exiled abroad or suffering under the Franco regime in Catalonia.

Only two issues ago (see *FREE CATALONIA* for September) we published the map below showing the geographical and strategic position of Catalonia in conjunction with North Africa. A simple glance at it proves how close the liberating Army of the United Nations is, in fact, to Catalonia proper. But geographical distances



The strategic position of the Catalan lands—Catalonia, Valencia, Majorca—(heavily shaded areas) in conjunction with North Africa.

aside, there is joy today in the hearts of the Catalans as though the actual liberation of Catalonia had actually started.

Even from afar, we can imagine how our countrymen in Barcelona have, in the past three weeks, reacted to the abrupt upsetting of the table of international affairs. Franco, alarmed, cries: "War at our borders!"; if no more than to justify his useless military mobilization. "Liberation at our door!"; conclude the Catalans.

We will not discuss here the candour and innocence of the general American public in interpreting the nature of Franco's military measures in the face of this contingency. But, of one thing Catalans are convinced: Franco's threats and mobilization are certainly not against Hitler, but most likely ordered by him. (Has not the Berlin

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