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# We Do Not Despair; But We Need Aid Is Plea of United Youth of Spain!

*Say Solidarity Has Been Incarnation of Socialism Since Its Dawn; Hail Aid of Soviet People and Ask All Youth to Follow Example*

For thirty-five days the fascist assassins of Spain have been butting their heads against a stone wall—made up of the united people of Spain. They are realizing the slogan of the Peoples Front and the Front of Spanish Youth!

## MAKE MADRID THE TOMB OF FASCISM!

From Madrid has come an appeal to the youth of America. It is addressed to the Young Communist League and Young Peoples Socialist League of this country by the United Socialist Youth League of Spain. With a membership now reaching 300,000, the United Socialist Youth League was formed by the unification of the Socialist, Communist and anti-fascist youth. Its message leaves us but one alternative. We reprint the entire text:

The United Socialist Youth of Spain, fighting against fascism in the front-line trenches, speak today to the anti-fascist youth of the entire world. We want our voice to reach all young people throughout the world, all who are fighting against reaction. We also want the Spanish people to be able to count on the enthusiasm and unselfish solidarity of the freedom-loving youth in these decisive hours of Spain's history.

Here are the two imperative demands of the hour! The fight in Spain is the struggle of the people for its emancipation. It therefore constitutes an episode in the struggle for emancipation of the peoples of the entire world. By this token the fight of the Spanish people constitutes an act of international solidarity just as much as it urgently needs that solidarity itself.

International reaction immediately recognized the significance of the Spanish people's movement. It has reacted in two ways: first, carrying on in the press, through newspaper agencies, through its correspondents a vile campaign of slander against the Spanish people; second, arming the Spanish fascists with airplanes, rifles, machine guns, gasoline and all other materials of war. You have seen this slander campaign in your own country. Here, foreign fascist aid has been tragically felt by the Spanish youth of town and country, murdered by the bullets of international reaction.

But this is not all. Imperialism has employed a new tactic in the Spanish events, a tactic almost unknown until now. Now, colonial armies are not only exploited but they are also recruited into mercenary armies which are employed against the workers of the mother country. Spanish fascism began the transportation of Moors to the Peninsula to put down the workers' insurrection of October, 1934. Now this trick has been improved upon.

They have enlisted all available Moors in Morocco, and have thrown them on all Spanish fronts against the very people who fought imperialist campaigns in Morocco.

All these things have transformed the Spanish civil war into an international war. The fear has often been expressed that the Spanish war will be turned into a world war. For the Spanish people world war is a fact. Imperialism has already begun a war against the Spanish people. Spain today is the locale of a war in which international fascism first expresses its dream of enslaving the world. Portugal, Italy, Germany and other countries have sent aviators, officials, airplanes, tanks, guns and other war materials. The Spanish people is in fact facing a world war on its own soil. To speak at present of non-intervention is an imperialist maneuver to hoodwink international opinion as in the case of Ethiopia, and to smash the people.

This is the terrible truth. Our words are not the words of desperation. We have an unshakable faith in our triumph. But we tell you: To succeed we need your unconditional solidarity. Socialism has invoked this solidarity since its dawn and has made it the incarnation of its ideals. It is in its name that we, the United Socialist Youth of Spain, the spokesman of millions of youth, we who number tens of thousands of fighters, are asking you for aid to save our freedom—which is yours and our future, yours and our common right to happiness.

The people of the Soviet Union, who passed through experiences similar to ours, are daily giving us splendid proof, both in international diplomacy and in solidarity action, that its heart, its will and its work are unconditionally on our side.

Follow the example of the people of the Soviet Union! Everybody to the defense of the Spanish youth! Differences must not be an obstacle to effective aid.

Comrades! This is what the Spanish youth, arms in hand, expect from you: Active propaganda to make the truth about Spain known throughout the world. Exposure of the role of international fascism and its villainy. No supplies, no munitions for Spanish fascism. Moral and practical aid to the fighting Spanish youth.

Madrid, Oct. 14, 1936. Signed: Juventudes Socialistas Unificadas de Espana

The students of City College have already given splendid support to those who are fighting for democracy and peace in Spain. But it is infinitesimal compared to the sacrifices which Spanish youth have made for the cause of world peace and world democracy.

The Young Communist League, which was first to rise in defense of Spain, pledges even more active work and cooperation with every agency in the school collecting money, food and clothing for the Spanish people.

Just as the Young Communists of Spain played a decisive role in unifying the Socialist and anti-fascist youth of their country, so, too, in the United States we seek to accomplish the great goal of unity.

On every question of concern to the students of C.C.N.Y., clarity of purpose and decision in action have characterized the work of the Young Communist League.

Thousands of you have followed our lead on countless issues on the campus. Many of you have joined the Y.C.L. Many more are ready to join.

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You are cordially invited to attend the next meeting of the C.C.N.Y. branch of the Young Communist League, Friday, 4 P.M., at 15 Hamilton Place. A historical dramatic sketch will be presented.

Hear Report of Spanish Youth Delegation Thurs. Night, Dec. 17, at the Hippodrome