

REBELS, REDS REPORT GAINS

FRANCO-SPANISH FRONTIER, Saturday, Oct. 16.—(UP)—Stubbhorn Asturian defense of the last Loyalist strongholds in Northwest Spain appeared tonight to be crumbling rapidly before a Nationalist offensive.

The insurgent forces of Gen. Francisco Franco were progressing rapidly along the entire front from Oviedo to Gijon. The Asturians were challenging every move in the advance.

Nationalist sources on the border reported big gains on the Leon front south of Oviedo. After encirclement and occupation of Mount Castello Thursday and Mount Carada yesterday the Nationalist troops crossed the heights and reached the valley of Nalon.

Rebels Near Oviedo
Positions taken there were at the beginning of the Oviedo mining basin. The towns of Galcao and Felchosa, which were in Nationalist hands, are scarcely thirty miles from Oviedo.

Along the sea the troops of Colonel Tella, which after several violent clashes yesterday occupied the village of Soto de la Duena, seven kilometers from Erriondas, had reached a point thirty kilometers from Gijon.

An announcement said that the Nationalists in taking Soto de la Duena captured twenty-six prisoners and 179 militiamen came voluntarily to their lines. Loyalist losses on the field totaled 150.

Loyalists attacked at Pena Lassa, seeking to drive a breach in the Nationalist lines, but the latter reported that the effort failed and in a counter-attack 300 prisoners were taken.

Situation Is Balanced
In the Tarna sector the Nationalists advanced toward the north.

Counterbalancing the situation in the north, the Loyalists reported several successes on the Aragon front, notably in the Puebla de Alforton region.

In the Zuera sector Nationalist batteries subjected Republican lines to heavy fire last night but in the ensuing artillery combat Loyalists reported they inflicted heavy losses on the enemy in the regions of Villa Franca, El Burgo, Le Sinena and Ermita de Magallon.

Reports from Caspe said that a Republican squadron assigned the task of bombing military objectives in the Saragosa region, notably the Escoriaza munitions factory succeeded in setting the plant afire.

Chinese in S. F. Picket Stores Of Nipponese

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Oct. 16.—(UP)—Several hundred Chinese, including scores of children, staged a militant boycott demonstration in Chinatown tonight against Japanese stores in the district.

Banners urging "enforce the nine-power treaty" were paraded throughout the length of Grant Avenue, the district's picturesque main thoroughfare, famous the world over because of its pagoda roofs, gaudy signs, and grotesquely designed lanterns of jade, red, orange and purple.

Police Restore Peace
Fifty policemen were sent to restore order. They found streets and alleys packed with picketing Chinese, many of them wearing patriotic badges of their arms.

Traffic was virtually at a standstill. Automobiles of sightseers crawled through at reduced speed. Police tactfully remonstrated with the ringleaders, calling attention to municipal laws forbidding parades without permits.

Tickets Are Satisfied
Argument and judicious shoving around finally prevailed and order was restored gradually. Chinese boycotters, however, said the demonstration was a success.

"There isn't a single customer in any of the Japanese stores," one of them said.

Chinatown's downtown end of Grant Avenue is lined almost solidly with Japanese stores. Picketing in small numbers and distribution of signs urging a boycott of Japanese goods has been in progress in the district for several weeks.

Hit-Run Suspect Quizzed
ASTORIA, Or., Saturday, Oct. 16.—Sheriff's deputies today were questioning Faville Hanks, Astoria garage man, in connection with the hit-run killing of Mrs. Josephine Hegman, 60 years old, on a downtown street last night during heavy rain.

Radio Manager to Speak
Dudley E. Williamson, production manager of KOL, will speak on "Mutual Broadcasting" at the luncheon meeting of the Seattle Junior Ad Club tomorrow at Hallberg's restaurant.

POWERS SPLIT ON WITHDRAWAL

By United Press.
PARIS, Saturday, Oct. 16.—Diplomatic experts tonight believed considerable patching of differences will be necessary before the Fascist bloc and the Anglo-French entente can reach a compromise in London on the question of withdrawing foreign volunteers from Spain.

At least two important hitches remain to be straightened out before the two groups can reach an agreement. These are:
1. A difference between France and Italy over the question of whether withdrawals should be "equal," as Italy demands, or "take into account a disproportion existing among the number of foreigners serving in each army."
2. Italy's charge that Russia torpedoed the possibility of a compromise in the nonintervention committee by refusing to consider conceding belligerent rights to both factions in Spain.

Fascist Maneuver Seen
Russia, which made that declaration August 5, now considers that submission of the volunteers question to the committee is merely a Fascist maneuver to gain time.

French diplomats, however, were hopeful that when the governments reply to the new French five-point plan, submitted by Ambassador Andrew Charles Corbin at the subcommittee's meeting in London today, there will be an opportunity for a rapprochement of viewpoints.

France, anxious to get withdrawal under way, may waive demands for a proportional evacuation, although the Valencia government is expected to lament that withdrawal of equal numbers on each side will penalize the Loyalists.

Numbers in Doubt
As far as can be learned, the neutral powers have little idea of the actual numbers fighting on each side. Andre Marty, French Communist who helped organize the international brigade, estimated at a maximum there were 20,000 foreigners in Loyalist "foreign brigades" but said that number has been "seriously reduced" by casualties.

It has been estimated that foreigners with Generalissimo Francisco Franco's insurgent armies numbered about 120,000 at the peak but observers doubt if there are now more than 60,000, of which most are Italians.

Russia Raps Delay
The Soviet representative, Ivan Maisky, sharply reminded the delegates to the committee that it would not be feasible to "indulge in endless talks as a substitute for speedy action."

"If an accident that the demand to bring this question of volunteers before the committee comes from a government openly associating itself with the cause of the rebels?" he asked.
Maisky added there were "persistent reports of impending gas attacks on Republican towns in preparation, and still more persistent reports of great concentrations of foreign air forces at Majorca for impending air attacks on Valencia and Barcelona and other towns along the Republican coast."

Duce Worries, Then Learns Son Is Safe

ROME, Saturday, Oct. 16.—Informed sources said today that an official communication received from Insurgent Spain reported Bruno Mussolini, second son of Premier Benito Mussolini, to be safe.

For forty-eight hours nothing had been heard of young Mussolini, who recently went to Spain as a war aviator, and it was intimated that the cablegram of assurance was in response to an official inquiry from Rome.

U. S. Arms Aid Spain, Says Duce's Newspaper

MILAN, Saturday, Oct. 16.—(UP)—The newspaper Il Popolo D'Italian, owned by Premier Mussolini, in an editorial headed "American Sacrifices," charged today that Loyalist Spain has been receiving American arms, first consigned to Russia and transhipped to Spain.

"In order not to spoil the Puritan impartiality of a great speech," the editorial referring to President Roosevelt's Chicago address, "which has been rushed to the chancelleries of all states like a booklet of democratic oration, let us pass over the ingenious allusions to nations 'which take part in a civil war in a country which has done them no harm.'"

"We guarantee instead the exactitude of the following data which was neglected in the Chicago sermon."

"During the month of September alone the United States exported arms and munitions for a total of 400,000,000 lire. Of this total about 200,000,000 was absorbed by the Soviet Republic which in turn reshipped arms and munitions, furnished by the United States, to Red Spain."

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