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# Hero's of the International Brigade

The war of Fascism against the world, began about ten years ago in Manchuria. But Manchuria was something so remote that the peoples of the free countries of the West were hardly interested.

They little knew that a new and fearful plague had fastened itself upon mankind. They were more interested in the Great Depression, the mounting Armies of Unemployed, the Wall Street crashes and the frauds of the Kreugers and Clarence Hatrys who collapsed in such mounds of financial ruin.

From Manchuria the plague moved to Ethiopia. It was getting nearer. From Ethiopia to Spain. And then the disease was right on top of us.

In Spain, the Italian Blackshirts and their German advisers cultivated the new bacillus. The whole Iberian Peninsula was their laboratory. But although they destroyed Spain, although they struck down her people, there were men who fought back. There were fighters who, without thought of reward to themselves, took up arms against the killers of Europe—the same plundering, looting savages who have ravaged the Continent from the North Cape to the Black Sea. They were the men of the International Brigade. To-day, 3,000 of them are rotting in the concentration camps at Gurs, Le Vernet and Foix—barbed wire pest-holes under the enlightened control of the men of Vichy.

But who cares?

What are 3,000 men among the millions that Fascism has killed? Well, we care. These men, from every country in Europe first began the fight against Fascism. They were in the vanguard. They led the struggle in which all of us are now involved. Pressure can be brought to bear upon the Vichy Government, indirectly through the British and American Governments—for the release of these men. Money can be sent to the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva, who will buy food and clothes and send them to the camps. The lost 3,000 deserve more than our sympathy, for it was they who bore the first brunt of the fight we must finish. You and I are in their debt until the day when freedom is theirs once again.

## Nazis Wore "Panties"

The underwear of German soldiers who fought in Greece was so poor that they stole women's underwear from shops and wore it.

This was revealed by Mr. E. J. Tsouderos, the Greek Prime Minister, in London recently.

He had no doubt, he said, that the prolonged British and Greek resistance in Crete upset the Axis timetable and made it necessary for them to send more forces into Greece.

This had a great effect on operations in Iraq, and contributed to the upsetting of the German plans for revolt in Iraq in favour of the Axis.

Sevently-five per cent. of the Royal Greek Navy and 50 per cent. of the Greek mercantile marine were now on active service in collarobation with the British Navy.

In a message to the British Press the Prime Minister said no part of the Greek Navy or merchant navy had fallen into German or Italian hands.

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