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SRA. Da. GWENDOLINE ADAMS DE PUERTAS  
Hammersmith  
LONDON W.6

Mi querida amiga:

No tengo palabras bastantes para agradecer a Vd. la labor que realiza y de la que es trasunto la nota del 10 de los ctes. que acompaña a su amable carta del 18. A la satisfacción que acompaña siempre al bien obrar se une en este caso la de quienes, a distancia, seguimos su meritoria labor.

Que Dios recompense a Vd. en felicidad cuanto yo le agradezco de veras.

Atentamente le saluda

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MRS. GWENDOLINE ADAMS DE PUERTAS  
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LONDON W. 6.

Distinguida señora y amiga:

Agradezco de veras su telegrama con relacion al acuerdo adoptado en New York. Si esos amigos ingleses no se hubieran opuesto al tramite del expediente, hoy disfrutaríamos de una posicion mejor. Pero, todo se andara.

Con un cordial saludo

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246B, King Street,  
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29th. June 1946.

Dear Mr Irujo,

I wish to report to you that we can be very satisfied at the way the women are continuing in their welfare studies, some are now working in the Hammersmith Day Nurseries and Clinics for two days each week.

I left the employment of the Town Hall on 1st June, I found it was hardly fair to neglect my duties there, but there is so much planning and arrangement to do for each lecture and the finding of equipment etc to keep the lectures up, that I am sure you will understand.

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We are holding examinations of the Life Saving Society next week and the examination of our Society (on the different subjects already taken) the following week. Then as many will be on holiday it has been suggested that we find enough Spanish doctors to give a series of talks.

Can you arrange for me to visit France through the different Parties, for contact meetings with the Spanish women in the principal towns, say, Paris, Bordeaux, Lyon, Toulouse, Perpignan, etc. I should like to leave here about 18th. July.

with every good wish from the Society.

yours sincerely,

Gwendolyn Adams .

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Paris, 3 de julio de 1946

SR. D. GWENDOLINE ADAMS DE PUERTAS  
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Muy Sra. mia:

Le agradezco mucho los términos de su amable carta de 29 de junio pasado. Veo efectivamente que ha sido un acierto el contar con su estimable colaboración para la organización de estos cursos de asistencia social que tan interesantes pueden ser para la formación de las mujeres republicanas que a ellos acuden.

Con relación al último párrafo de su carta permítame que le haga una observación. Todos los organismos del Gobierno de la República y de los gobiernos autónomos están solicitando constantemente visados de entrada en Francia para el personal oficial que ha de encargarse de los distintos servicios. Todas estas demandas se han acumulado en los centros oficiales franceses en un número que sobrepasa los varios cientos, y, por ello los retrasos que se originan en la tramitación de visados para republicanos españoles es verdaderamente considerable. Si Vd. tuviera el propósito de venir a Francia sería mucho más discreto y eficaz que la autorización del visado de entrada se solicitara por otro medio y desde luego respaldada por una firma inglesa obtendría una respuesta posiblemente satisfactoria en tiempo más corto. Un permiso solicitado por nuestro me-

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dio sería tanto como el añadir un número más a la lista interminable de nombres que esperan una resolución.

Agradeciéndole mucho todos los trabajos que viene realizando en favor de nuestras mujeres, me es muy grato saludarle muy atentamente

Elementary Short Course of Lectures in Medical Subjects.

- Date.
- May 15. FIRST AID. The lecturer was Dr. M.I. Adams, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Hammersmith Borough Council, on anatomy.
  - " 16. CHILD WELFARE, by Miss O. Raper, Senior Health Visitor to Hammersmith Borough Council.
  - " 21. VISIT TO MEDICINAL BATHS. Dr. F.M. Day, Acting Medical Officer of Health, Hammersmith, gave the first of a series of talks on Health and Mr. Hutchinson in charge of the Baths gave demonstrations on patients suffering from impetigo and lice, of how they were cleansed of same.
  - " 22. HEALTH by Dr. M.E. Anderson
  - " 23. FIRST AID, Dr. M.I. Adams (2nd Lecture)
  - " 29. HOME NURSING, Miss O. Raper.
  - " 30. SOCIAL SERVICES. Dr. F.M. Day.
  - " 31. TOUR round TOWN HALL. The Society was received by His Worship the Mayor of Hammersmith in his Parlour together with Dr. Day when the latter escorted the members through the Town Hall explaining the function of the various Public Services.
  - June 4. FILM SHOW. Five Health Films chosen by Dr. Day were shown at the Town Hall, on subjects relating to the lectures, when Miss Priestman of the Central Council for Health Education, gave a short talk on them.
  - " 5. HOME NURSING. Miss O. Raper.
  - " 6. FIRST AID BANDAGES. Mrs. G. Adams de Puertas.

On the 12th June a Special Course will begin on ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION, to obtain the PADGE of the Royal Life Saving Society, when the Instructor will be sent by the Society itself. New candidates wishing to qualify for this Badge must begin not later than Wednesday 19th June. Classes are held every Wednesday and Thursday at Shepherds Bush Tabernacle, Shepherds Bush Road, (Shepherds Bush Green) at 7 p.m. New members welcomed, even if not competing. All are asked to be punctual.

During July special talks are being arranged and will be given by Spanish doctors and trained Spanish women in welfare work. If you are not already a member of the Spanish Social Welfare Society, kindly fill in the FORM below, when the NEWS BULLETIN will be sent to you as published.

NOTE:- The Artificial Respiration classes are instruction in the method to restore life into a person who has been rescued from water, electric shock, etc.

The Secretary,  
 Spanish Social Welfare Society,  
 246B, King Street, London, W.6.

NAME (Mrs. or Miss) . . . . .

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SPANISH SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY  
(in London)

No. 1.

NEWS BULLETIN

June, 1946.

A very successful inaugural meeting of the above society was held in the Town Hall, Hammersmith, when His Worship the Mayor, (Alderman F. Brader, J.P.) presided to an interested audience.

The Mayor said it gave him great pleasure to be in the Chair at such an enthusiastic gathering and knew that if and when such training was completed, how beneficial it would be to many people in Spain where now so much was being denied them under the Franco regime, and he would give every assistance he could to further such a splendid, and useful project.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Adams de Puertas spoke of the aims of the Society and its usefulness in the homes and the future of Spain. That the programme of the Short Course Lectures was augmented by visits to various Health Centres, and all women were invited to join the Society, whether in London or not, as other activities would be arranged later in which they could all help.

Mr. Lizaso said it gave him great pleasure to represent the Spanish Republican Government on such an occasion and remembering what Hammersmith had done for the Basque children at Nazareth House, and it was his honour to bear to His Worship the Mayor a letter from the Prime Minister, The Right Honourable José Giral, thanking the Mayor for his kindly cooperation and wishing the Society every success.

Dr. Day, (Acting Medical Officer of Health for Hammersmith) gave a short summary of explanation of the lectures and statistics of various diseases common to all countries and the progress of medicine in war, and that everything would be done to help the Society that the candidates get a thorough and interesting training.

Alderman E.E. Woods, J.P., told of the different ways that groups of women which included the Women's Voluntary Service, had helped this country during the war and had been the salvation of many thousands of people when they fed and clothed them after being rendered homeless by enemy action. In Hammersmith they had had Mrs. Adams to run hostels for such people and her work by the different mayors, which included himself, was well known and appreciated, and he knew that it was her experience of the war in Spain that later helped them.

Congratulations to the Society were sent by:-

The Right Honourable José Giral, Prime Minister.

The Right Honourable Manuel de Irujo, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Navigation.

Mr. V.A. Buylla, Spanish Foreign Office

Miss Mary Sutherland, Chief Woman Officer of the British Labour Party.

Mr. C. Pi-Sunyer

Dr. Trueta

Dr. Duran

Dr. Bassadone

Mr. Rø Batllori, Chairman of "Llar Catalana".

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Mayor by Dr. Zabalo, for his kind support of the Society, and seconded by Miss Raimunda Elias.

Others present included Miss Joan Bourne, London Organiser of the British Labour Party, Councillor Miss E. Woods, Hammersmith Borough Council, Mr. Rodrigo Gil, Chairman of "Hogar Español" and Mr. Gondra, Basque Delegation in London.