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The People

The POLITICAL TRIAL of 16 members of E.T.A. ended 11 days ago with the demand for 6 DEATH sentences and 754 years imprisonment.

This Trial has been of CIVILIANS by MILITARY COURTS under a law described by Justice as illegal by Spanish Law. According to Spanish Military Law, Court Martial sentences must be given within 8 days. We are still waiting, eleven days later.

Instead, a STATE OF EMERGENCY has been declared in the Basque province of Gipuzkoa and SEMI EMERGENCY in the whole of the State.

THREE DEAD in Barcelona, ONE DEAD in Eibar, ONE DEAD in Hernani and 18 others wounded by Police gunfire and several hundred imprisoned has been the answer of the Government to the demand for JUSTICE by the peoples of the Spanish State.

The Liberalisation of the Regime much talked about by the Governments Propaganda IS NOT TAKING PLACE

In 1960 the Special Political Tribunals are set up. In 1963 the Decree and in 1968 the Law of Banditry and Terrorism for Military Trial of Political "Crimes" reinforces the repressive legislation. In November 1969 TWO SHOT in Erandio, in July 1970 THREE SHOT in Granada, now FIVE MORE SHOT. The States of Emergency are becoming more frequent and longer.

This is the "Liberal" reaction of the Regime to the increasing demands for Democracy expressed in all the State by all the Peoples.

The Peoples of the Spanish State are Struggling for

DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS

HELP THEM

The "Ad Hoc" Organizing Committee of
Basques, Catalans, Galicians and Spaniards.

AMNESTY

We are witnessing the most brutal oppression of civic freedoms by Gen. Franco's Opus Dei Regime since the Spanish Civil War.

Fines, Imprisonment, Tortures, Death Sentences and Killings by the police are part of everyday life for the Democrats of Catalonia, Euzkadi, Galicia and Spain.

There are thousands held in Spanish Prisons, some of them for over 30 years, for political activities of the most basic kind legal in all Democratic and Civilized Countries.

14 Basque Nationalists are to be tried by a Military Court and death sentences will be demanded on 8 of them. We ask you to do all in your power to prevent this new Legalised Crime taking place.

We request your signature on the Protest Form and ask you to join us at the

March for Amnesty

Which will take place at 3 p.m. on the 18th October from Horse Guards Avenue, S.W.1 to the Spanish Embassy.

The "Ad Hoc" Organising Committee of Basques, Catalans Galicians and Spaniards.

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Amongst the problems of the world the cause of Democracy and Trade Union Freedom in the Spanish State tends to lie in the background perhaps due to the lack of armed conflict perhaps due to political reasons.

The plight of Political Prisoners, many of them Trade Unionists whose only crime is trying to represent the workers in their fight for better conditions, their plight is as atrocious as anywhere and the lack of basic Democratic and Trade Union freedoms is as absolute as anywhere, the bureaucratic repression being as harsh as at any time since the Civil War.

We would like to start a campaign for Amnesty for the Political Prisoners in the Spanish State and we wonder if you would care to sponsor it or help it in any way you can.

Notwithstanding the bureaucratic repression, there are many impressions that politically the regime is at a dead end and that some important changes will take place in the near future.

In this context any public activity on the part of Trade Unions in this country, the most important Trade Union Movement in the world, would definitely help the cause of Democracy in general and Trade Union freedom in particular.

We have taken it on ourselves to address this letter also to all the other Unions affiliated to the TUC.

Yours fraternally,

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Not withstanding the bureaucratic repression, there are many impressions that politically the regime is at a dead end and that some important changes will take place in the near future.

In this context any public activity on the part of the British Labour Party, the most important in the world, would definitely help the cause of Democracy in general and Socialism in particular, bearing in mind also that Spain is a prospective candidate for the Common Market.

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