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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Exhibition of drawings smuggled out of Burgos Jail, by the Spanish painter Agustin Ibarrola, shown last December in London and later on in Manchester, Sheffield and Reading, attracted considerable attention and sympathy for the plight of Spanish political prisoners. Apart from the exhibitions themselves, tens of thousands of people were moved by these powerful drawings when shown on television or reproduced in the press.

Following numerous requests the APPEAL FOR AMNESTY IN SPAIN, which organised these exhibitions as part of its campaign demanding an amnesty for all Spanish political prisoners, has now produced a twenty-eight page booklet, in two colours, reproducing some of these drawings. The text, in both Spanish and English, is by two political prisoners, Marcos Ana who spent twenty-two years in prison and Vidal de Nicolas who is at present serving a six years sentence in Burgos for supporting the Asturian miners on strike.

At a time when the Spanish Government is carrying out a considerable propaganda campaign to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the seizure of power by General Franco, it is particularly apt for such a booklet to voice the depth of human suffering which these so-called "25 years of peace" have in fact represented to those who have, in one way or another, opposed the present regime and demanded democratic rights and civil liberties. It is a further plea to the British public not to be misled by recent announcements of "amnesties", which however welcome are merely reduction of sentences, and not the long awaited full amnesty.

The booklet "FROM BURGOS JAIL" is available from the APPEAL FOR AMNESTY IN SPAIN, 32, Ledbury Road, London W.11 at the cost of 5/- per copy, or at the reduced rate of 4/- each for orders of twelve copies or more.

The enclosed leaflet, which can also be used as a small display poster, is available on request and we would be very grateful for your help in making the booklet known and sold as widely as possible, to enable us, with your support, to pursue this campaign to its ultimate successful end.

Yours faithfully,

EILEEN TURNER, Hon. Sec.