

“(3) Notes with very great satisfaction the action taken by the London Non-intervention Committee with a view to the withdrawal of all non-Spanish combatants taking part in the struggle in Spain ;

“(4) Expresses the firm hope that such action will be taken in consequence of this initiative as may ensure with the utmost speed the withdrawal from the struggle of all the non-Spanish combatants participating therein ; this measure is at present, in the Council’s opinion, the most effective remedy for a situation the great gravity of which, from the standpoint of the general peace, it feels bound to emphasize and the most certain means of ensuring the full application of the policy of non-intervention ;

“(5) Urges members of the League, represented on that committee, to spare no effort in this direction ;

“(6) Expresses the hope that the early success of these efforts will lead without delay to the cessation of the struggle and give the Spanish people the possibility of deciding its own destiny ;

“ II.

“(1) Profoundly moved by the horrors resulting from the use of certain methods of warfare, condemns the employment, in the Spanish struggle, of methods contrary to international law and the bombing of open towns ;

“(2) Desires to emphasize its high appreciation of the efforts of unofficial institutions and certain Governments to save civilians, especially women and children, from these terrible dangers.”

At the public meeting held in the Council Room the above resolution was adopted. M. del Vayo in thanking the Council for what it had done made two comments : In relation to the progress of the policy of non-intervention since December 1936, he said :—

“ I feel bound to point out that that progress has not prevented Italian and German intervention from becoming a veritable criminal aggression—the introduction into Spain of contingents and material in a proportion far exceeding many of the highest estimates.”

His second observation was of a slightly different character :—

“ On several occasions during yesterday’s discussion use was made, in connection with the position in Spain, of the term ‘ two parties.’ The Government of the Republic which I have the honour to represent instructs me to inform the Council that in no circumstances can it agree to the official use of this expression to describe, on the one hand, the legitimate Government of Spain, and, on the other, those directly and immediately responsible for the military rebellion, aided by foreign support, which has plunged Spain into her present situation.”

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. JORDAN,

High Commissioner.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister,
Wellington, New Zealand.

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