

P.S. Best regards to May, Joe,  
Maicie and everyone over there,  
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Dear Ken,

I fully intended to call around to the new premises on the following Wednesday, when I last saw you visiting Joe in the hospital. However the job situation was very bad at the time and I threw in the towel and came back here. In my line it was better over here at that time, but I think it has improved in London since. However I will summer here now, the mountains and sea are quite close to Dublin. I am making an effort to overcome my bloody awful inertia, and do some writing. In Dublin, where the women are so chaste and Mother Church has everything damped down to nothing I have no distractions. In a way, the boredom acts against the inertia!

I am enclosing 10/- for an occasional paper and postage. I don't know if there is still a D.A., but I am also interested in whatever the Iberian compañeros are turning out. I think the Mexican Soli and Tierra y Libertad had ~~xxxxx~~ died before my last visit to the DF. The old office on Calle Venustiano Carranza had been demolished. On the other hand, I found a new paper called "Combat Syndicaliste" with one page French and 3 in Spanish when I was last in Soho. Is this a consequence of the Gaullist attitude to Spanish exiles? Over ~~xxxxx~~ here there has been some correspondence in the press (when Grimau was shot) on Spanish affairs. You will be interested that the more outspoken anti-clerical statements of the CNT have been credited to the Stalinists! In fact the CNT itself has been smeared as a "Communist" organisation. To many a devout Paddy, these are the wicked men who burn convents, and there is a rising fear that it may happen again. But fear naught, there will be no Irish fascist volunteers unless they have a gilt edged guarantee that the "wicked Reds" will be safely tied, hand and foot, unarmed, and with clergy in attendance! We will now say a decade of the Rosary in Irish! !Salud!

Seán Gannon

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