

19

LETTER FROM THE POLISH AMBASSADOR TO THE SECRETARY GENERALDATED 9 APRIL 1946.Polish Embassy,
2640 16th Street, N.W.,
Washington 9, D.C.

The Honorable Trygve Lie,
Secretary General of the
United Nations,
New York.

My dear Mr. Secretary General,

On February 9th, 1946 the General Assembly of the United Nations without a dissenting vote condemned the Fascist regime in Spain as having been founded "with the support of the Axis powers" and banned it from membership in the United Nations on the grounds that "it does not possess by reason of its origins, its nature, its record and its close association with aggressor states the qualifications necessary to justify admission." The Assembly also recommended that the United Nations take this resolution into account "in conducting their future relations with Spain."

Since then a series of developments has made it clear that the activities of the Franco government have already caused international friction and endangered international peace and security. As a consequence the French government was compelled on February 26th, 1946, to close the frontiers between France and Spain. These frontiers continue to be closed. One day later the Franco government ordered the concentration of troops at the border of France.

Moreover, the Franco régime has given haven to the largest aggregation of Nazi assets and personnel, it has given refuge to a

large number of war criminals and Nazi leaders who continue their activities from Spanish territory, it allows and promotes scientific research by German scientists engaged in devising new means of warfare.

In view of the foregoing, the situation in Spain must be considered not as an internal affair of that country but as a concern of all the United Nations. Article 2 of the Charter in paragraph 6 provides that the United Nations Organization shall insure that states not members of the United Nations act in accordance with the principles of the organization so far as may be necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security. The situation in Spain makes the application of this provision imperative.

The Polish delegation, therefore, under Articles 34 and 35 of the Charter, requests the Security Council to place on its agenda the situation arising from the existence and activities of the Franco regime in Spain for consideration and for adoption of such measures as are provided for in the Charter.

Very sincerely yours,

OSCAR LANGE

Delegate of Poland.
