

## Spain Feels Its Value To U.S. Not Recognized

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Spain feels that its value to the United States in the building up of Western defenses against Communist aggression is not properly recognized.

Spanish spokesmen are complaining that General Francisco Franco's government is not getting the economic aid it is entitled to under the Spanish-American Military Agreement.

From the purely military viewpoint, the agreement is working well. But the feeling in Spain is that economic aid, which is part of the agreement, is being doled out with a very reluctant hand.

American economic aid for the fiscal years 1954-1955 totaled 120 million dollars. Spain feels that other countries which are of less potential value to the United States are getting more.

Spanish dissatisfaction has not yet reached the point where the smooth working of the military part of the agreement is endangered.

### Agreement In Danger

But it could reach that point if the United States let the situation drift.

Spain, with pretty good reason, regards itself as the great anti-Communist bastion of Western Europe.

It occupies, with Portugal, a peninsula which forms the extreme southwestern corner of Europe. If, in the event of a war, Communist armies swept over Western Europe, there would be hope of stopping them at the Pyrenees Mountains which form the frontier between France and Spain.

Politically also, Spain is an anti-Communist bastion. There are strong Communist movements in France and Italy. In Spain there is none. France and Italy are weakened by recurrent cabinet crises. Spain has a one-party political system, with Franco as undisputed leader.

In fact, it was Spain's position as a "totalitarian" country which kept it for years outside the Western defense set-up. The United Nations even boycotted it diplomatically for a time after World War II.

But the steady encroachment of Russian Communism in Europe forced a reappraisal of policy. The Western Allies started to realize

## Wreck Seen On Mountain

VIGNA DE VALLEY, Italy (AP)—The wreckage of a Belgian DC6 airliner carrying 29 persons was spotted on a snowy mountain peak Monday, eight days after it disappeared. Pilots who flew over said they saw no signs of life. Four of those aboard were Americans.

High wind and rocky terrain made it impossible for helicopters to land and it was a rugged trek for searchers on skis climbing to the scene, 60 miles northeast of Rome.

Fog and bad weather hampered search operations most of last week. Monday visibility finally cleared and the wreckage was sighted high on the Sassetelli crest of Mt. Terminillo in the Umbrian Apennines.

The wreckage was at an altitude of more than 6,000 feet, most of it buried by snow, but enough of its wing and tail were showing to make confirmation definite.

The plane was enroute from Brussels to the Belgian Congo and was only 16 minutes out of Rome airport when it disappeared Feb. 13.

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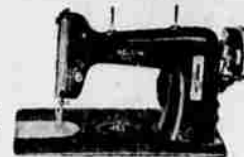
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