

# PM Expose Halts Pro-Franco Author's Trip to South America

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BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 10.—News from London that the trip of Arnold Lunn, British author and lecturer, to South America has been cancelled—got front page space in most South American newspapers this week.

Most of the stories emphasized the statement of Lord Snell in the British House of Lords that the cancellation was due to PM's quoting of Lunn in a New York interview "that a victory for the United Nations will mean a victory for Communism."

Many papers which previously were unaware of Lunn's proposed trip described him as "Britain's leading apologist for Franco," adding that he would have been definitely unwelcome in Latin America.

The Buenos Aires *Standard*, Argentina's oldest newspaper, observed sarcastically:

"It might have been worth while to engage the eminent Lunn to embark on a secret mission to Mussolini, but it would be deplorable tactics to send him to South America, where, let it be clearly stated, defenders of the Guernica massacre are by no means in the majority."

His pro-Franco past is well known and his book *Spanish Rehearsal* has been read widely in South America.

It was noted that the papers which condemned the idea of sending Lunn here, praising PM's exposure of his sympathies, were the strongest pro-Democracy organs while the pro-Axis and pro-Franco dailies ignored the story or dismissed it with a paragraph.

## Why PM Exposed Arnold Lunn

Lunn was exposed in PM as an apologist for Franco on Sept. 15, two weeks after he arrived by clipper from Britain, saying he was on his way to South America "on a secret mission."

The British Information Service in New York said last night it had no information on Lunn's movements since he arrived here and did not know whether he ever got to South America.

All the service knew was that Lunn is listed with it as a member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, described as "an unofficial and non-political body founded in 1920 to encourage and facilitate the scientific study of international questions."

To show that Lunn could only damage the Allied cause anywhere he might go in South America, PM reviewed his record in his written and spoken words.

In one of his books he denounced Toussaint l'Overture, liberator of Haiti, as "That scoundrell!" and had this to say in Pittsburgh in 1938:

"There is a case against the Jews in Germany. I think I agree with Father Coughlin that there is a case against some Jews."

In his book he argued that the Spanish Civil War was a rehearsal for a Communist revolution rather than a rehearsal for Fascist world conquest. He argued that in Latin countries, democracy too often is government "of the people by the politicians and for the politicians."

A well-born Briton, graduate of Harrow and Balliol, he actually argued that democracy is a success in England because the English play cricket and apply the ethics of the field of sports to politics. The Spanish mind, he concluded, could not encompass democracy.



Arnold Lunn, British lecturer and Franco apologist, whose proposed tour in South America has been cancelled.