



BOB DOYLE

12th FEBRUARY 1916 - 22nd JANUARY 2009

ORDER OF SERVICE

JUD CHARLTON

Bob's Grandson, reading an extract from "Brigadista"

SEAN EDWARDS

Son of International Brigader Frank Edwards

HARRY OWENS

Long time friend of Bob and who accompanied him on many of his trips to Ireland and Spain. Researcher and Editor of Bob's book "Brigadista"

KAREN HAMILTON

Producer of Bob's BBC Video Diary "Rebel Without A Pause"

ANGEL MESADO

Deputy Head of the Delegation of the Catalan Government to the United Kingdom

JULIAN DOYLE

Some personal memories from Bob's son

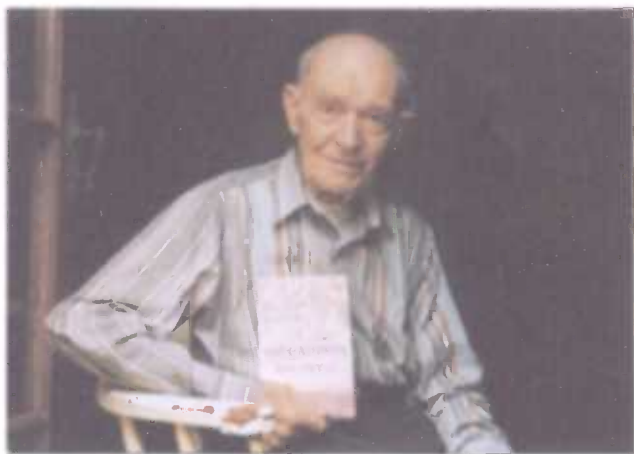
BRENDON GALLAGHER

Will sing "Vive La Quince Brigada"

ROBERT DOYLE

Bob's Son will read the speech his father delivered on the battlefield February 2007 on the 70th Anniversary of the battle of Jarama, where of the 500 strong British Battalion, only 140 survived. The Irish International Brigaders fought as part of the British Battalion

"THE INTERNATIONALE"



BOB WRITES HIS BOOK "BRIGADISTA" AGE 90



FILMING HIS BBC VIDEO DIARY "REBEL WITHOUT A PAUSE"



**BOB ON HIS WAY BACK TO SPAIN TO DELIVER ANTI FRANCO
LEAFLETS IN 1947**

Hello Everyone,

I have prepared something to say to you all, but I'm not as strong as I used to be, so I will read what I can, but please bear with me if I hand over to my comrade Harry Owens, should I need to.

I'd like to tell you why I'm here.

Some of you may wonder why a 92 year old veteran of a war that happened a long time ago in a far off country is here speaking to you today.

Some of you who know a little about the Spanish Civil War may see it as a glamorous episode in working class history, when young poets, like Bryon in Greece, fought and died in a foreign land for a noble cause.

Perhaps you have come to see me, a decrepit romantic relic.

But I am not here to indulge in emotional memories, though I have many memories of comrades and events that affect me deeply.

I am not here to make you sad with tragic recollections of a heroically fought war, or to make you happy with my survival into old age.

I am here to make you boil with anger, the powers that supported Franco in Spain are still active and today their reach is global.

The same US corporations that supplied the fascists with oil in Spain are today pilfering the oil of the Iraqi people.

The British Government that lied to the people while secretly giving financial credits and hypocritically allowing arms to be smuggled to the Spanish fascists is the same government that lied about weapons of mass destruction and led the British people into a war they did not want.

Those who lie and cheat in order to hold on to power, who exploit child and slave labour in the third world to make yet more profits, who torture, murder and massacre in defence of 'their interests' - they are still in control.

When I am told that Spain was the last noble cause I know that I am speaking to someone who doesn't want to see the obvious truth. In 1936 there were many apologists for racism and oppression that did not want to see fascism for what it was.

Today the fight against those who put profit before people is just as intense and the stakes are higher than ever.

We must make common cause with those in the third world who are now in the front line, as Spain once was.

No more Kenyan peasants must be forced off their land and moved into urban slum so that supermarkets can sell cheap roses and out of season strawberries.

No more Congolese child soldiers must kill and be killed so that Nokia can sell ever cheaper mobile phones.

Those who stand up to corporate global capitalism, like Chavez in Venezuela and Castro in Cuba, must be defended.

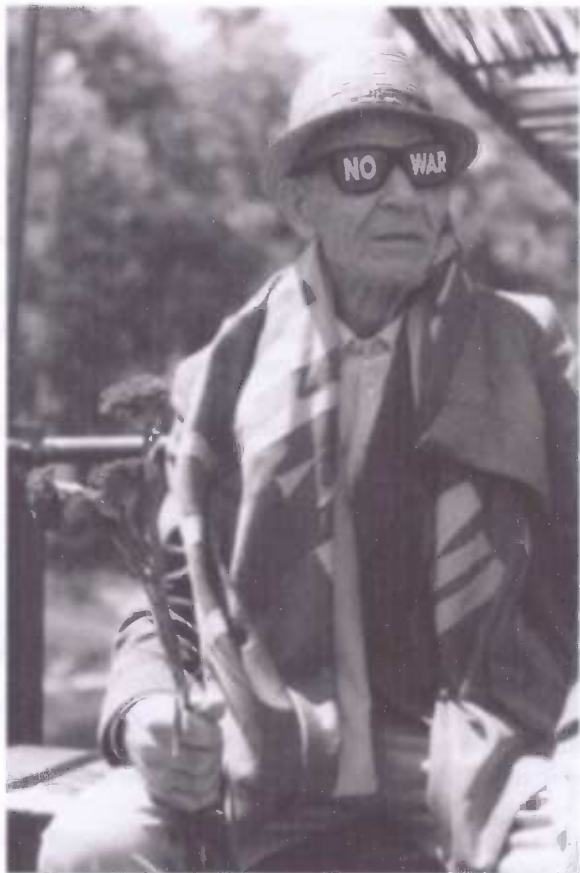
Those whose greed would destroy our environment, with catastrophic consequences for humanity, must be defeated.

It is indeed a noble struggle and it will not be over until the liberation of the entire human race.

La lucha continua!

Bob Doyle

12th September 2006 Dublin



THE INTERNATIONALE

Arise ye starvelings from your slumbers
Arise ye prisoners of want
For reason in revolt now thunders
For at last ends the age of cant
Away with all your superstitions
Servile masses arise, arise
We'll change forthwith the old conditions
And spurn the dust to win the prize

So comrades, come rally
And the last fight let us face
The Internationale unites the human race
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"NO PASARAN!"



LEONARD W. COW

A FINAL WORD FROM THE MAN HIMSELF

I never feel old, I might feel less energetic physically now but I don't feel old in mind and that must keep you young.

Maybe I'm an idealist.

I don't see anything wrong in that. To me, being an idealist means you're concerned about everything that is going on in the world.

I know it sounds like a lot of bravado but before it gets to my time to depart, I want to make use of my time in doing something useful.

My favourite quotation (from Nikolai Ostrovski 1904-1936) is still:

Man's dearest possession is life and since it is given to him to live but once, he should so live as to have no torturing regrets so that when dying he can say, all my strength was given for the finest cause in the world, the liberation of mankind.

Hasta Siempre
Bob

RADIO PROGRAMME

"LAST WORD" Radio 4, Friday 6th Feb 4.00pm repeated Sunday 8th Feb 8.30pm

Can be heard on website till 13th Feb

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/news/lastword.shtml>

CONDOLENCES & MESSAGES WEBSITE

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