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THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR

1936 - 1939

Presented by: Nick DiNapoli

Three Wednesdays, June 2, 9, & 16

10:00am - 1:00pm

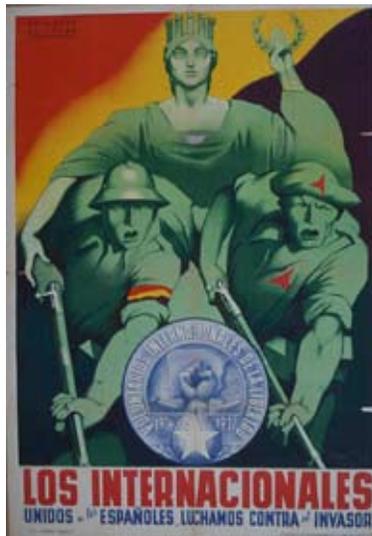
Valle Verde Auditorium

900 Calle De Los Amigos

Many historians believe that the victory of Fascism in Spain in 1939 not only set the stage for World War II but was actually the beginning of the greater war which began in earnest just five months later. The Spanish Civil War was the first really violent clash between the two opposing forces that had evolved in Europe since the end of World War I: Josef Stalin's Communism and Fascism as produced by Hitler and Mussolini.

Our three sessions will tell a comprehensive story of the war beginning with the formation of the opposing sides. The land owners, capitalists, the military, and the church on the Fascist side were led by General Franco, as opposed to the workers and peasants who were organized by the Socialists, Communists, and Anarchists in the Spanish Republic. We will meet the leaders of the opposing sides. The Reds got massive military

aid from Stalin as the Fascists did from Hitler and Mussolini. The Fascists were almost able to win the war in the first three months but the planes and tanks that Stalin sent in and the Communist-organized International Brigades were able to stop the Fascists at the gates of Madrid at the last minute. We will



discuss how Madrid became the focal point for idealists, writers, poets, and filmmakers of the left. Franco's army had better tactics and training with equally good weapons and they were either victorious in most of the battles with the Reds or, at the least, lost fewer troops and less equipment if retreat was unavoidable.

It took almost two years for Franco's forces to split the Republic in half; however, the surrender of Madrid and the total collapse of the Reds came quickly with over half a million men, women, and children fleeing into France where they were put into concentration camps.

General Franco built an incredible memorial just north of Madrid after the war and Dr. George Frakes will give us a brief presentation on "The Valley of the Fallen" at the end of the third session.

ENROLLMENT FORM: Spanish Civil War

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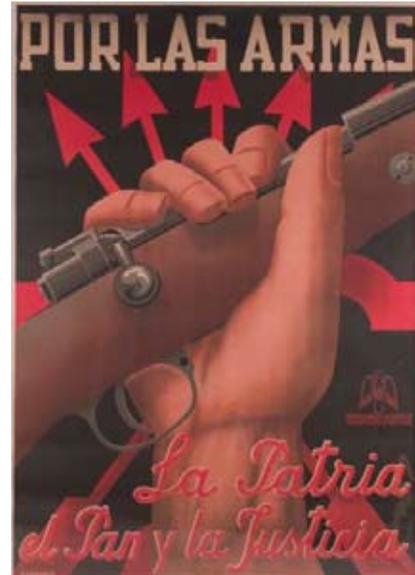
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Deadline for registration: May 23, 2010
 If you are interested in ride-sharing, please circle here

SPANISH CIVIL WAR READING LIST

The Passionate War by Peter Wyden and the classic, *The Spanish Civil War*, by Hugh Thomas

Both are available in paperback and I recently saw the Thomas book at Borders in Goleta. I ordered the Wyden book through Chaucer's Book Store.



VISTAS Spring 2010 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary (ongoing)	Third Thurs every month	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Maritime History of Baja	Tues, May 11, 18, 25	1:30-4:30pm	Valle Verde Auditorium
Meeting of Minds	Wed, May 12	9:30am-12:30pm	Valle Verde Social Room
Spanish Civil War	Wed, June 2, 9, 16	10:00am-1pm	Valle Verde Auditorium



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