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Queens County Committee
Young Communist League
New York, N. Y.

Dear Comrades:

It is my painful duty to inform you of our mutual loss in ~~THE~~ persons of Comrades Hy Greenfield and Emanuel Mandel. Comrades Greenfield and Mandel died the death of anti-fascist heroes. They lost their lives in a successful attack launched by our Brigade, north of Teruel, in which we succeeded in taking a number of very important and highly fortified Fascist positions, that dominated our lines.

Sergeant Greenfield of the Lincoln-Washington Machine Gun Company and Sergeant Mandel of the II Company of the MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion were men of exemplary courage and discipline worthy of the best traditions of our Brigade. They brought to Spain the experiences and knowledge gained in years of active work in your organization, qualities of leadership combined with courage, loyalty and devotion to the cause of the working youth and the cause of the International working class as a whole.

Their political understanding of the issues faced by the Spanish Republic and the Republican Army, their exemplary conduct both in training and in the heat of battle are a shining model for all working class youth to follow.

The fight is still on and we have no doubt about our final victory. But victory over fascism cannot be achieved without sacrifices. To make Spain the tomb of Fascism demands all our energy, all our devotion, special responsibility on the vanguard of the working class. Comrades Greenfield and Mandel were part of this vanguard - they gave their lives for our common cause, for the principles that are our most cherished possession - they died so that others may live a happier and fuller life.

We mourn the loss of our brave comrades in arms. We pledge our fighting will and determination that sacrifices shall not be in vain and we will not rest until by force of our arms we have wrested victory from the fascists.

(signed) Dave Doran
Brigade Commissar