



Speaker 1: Joining the Fascist Threesome was Francisco Franco of Spain. In 1931, the Spanish monarchy was overthrown and a new coalition government representing many different spectrums of the population was established in 1936. Francisco Franco formed his own group, the Flanged or Flanks, as opposition to this new government. Tension between the new government and Franco's group erupted in an all-out civil war in Spain.

The new government was supported by the Soviet Union as an ally, and Franco was supported by Hitler and Mussolini. As part of this war, Germany led an air strike which decimated a northern Basque town called Guernica. The town just happened to be in the way of retreating forces of the Basque republican army. For three and a half hours, 33 planes, each loaded with 3,000 pounds of bombs, worked on destroying the city and totaling its town center.

The 15 square blocks were leveled to the ground. Pablo Picasso, who was living in Paris at the time, commemorated this massacre by creating a very important antiwar work entitled Guernica which was the culmination of his surrealistic style.

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