

SPANISH ENVOY HOPES FOR END OF EMBARGO

De Los Rios Says the Loyalists Need Munitions From U. S.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Dr. Fernando de los Rios, the Spanish Ambassador, said at a press conference today that, if the United States lifted the arms embargo against Spain, the Loyalists would be greatly helped.

His government, the Ambassador said, had the manpower, but lacked munitions that could be obtained in the United States.

The Ambassador began his conference by seeking to assure Catholics in this country of the attitude of his government on religious matters. There was freedom of religious worship in Loyalist Spain, he declared. This was established in 1931, he added, and had not existed there since the fifteenth century. There was also separation of church and State, he said.

In Rebel Spain, he contended, Catholicism was Fascist, in marked contrast to Catholicism in the United States, where it was liberty-loving and adhered to democratic principles.

He said he had not received replies to his invitation to the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, Alfred E. Smith and other American Catholics to visit Loyalist Spain and investigate religious conditions.

The Ambassador charged that Germany and Italy were aiding the Rebels to obtain air and other military bases directed at British and French communications.

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