

### 1: Miners Against Fascism : Hywel Francis :

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Additional Information In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: They are members of the working class, and I understand the interest of the authorities in desiring to keep from them the sort of work they are asked to do in strikes in China and elsewhere and the sort of treatment they receive after the war is over. International Labour Defence pamphlet, *Fragmenting Struggles* The mids in the South Wales coalfield witnessed the high water-mark of industrial direct action, with a range of community and class based struggles. They were often extra-parliamentary and Communist in inspiration and sometimes illegal in practice. Orthodox British political attitudes however did not by any means engulf the coalfield. Extra-parliamentary actions persisted, albeit in isolated pockets, often confused, desperate and bitter and always fragmented. To understand the change and the continuity of these times, the detail of resistance has to be scrutinised. The Anthracite Strike of , by using a range of direct actions, succeeded in protecting the local custom of the seniority rule. The combative experience in this relatively new, rural, Welsh-speaking western coalfield was considerable. Davies, known locally as Wil Castell Nedd, was prominently involved in these riots and the Ammanford bus disturbances of His experience in was a landmark in his life: On Neath-Ammanford road at Pontaman, there was an embankment on each side of the road. Got boulders ready, so that even when Police buses came, they were dropped I then discovered that there was a long political tradition in my family. My grandfather was a trade unionist back in the s. The coalowners, in alliance with the Conservative government, tried to solve the problems of an ailing under-capitalised coal industry, most of whose overseas markets had been lost forever , by cutting wages and lengthening hours. The ultimate betrayal of the miners by the TUC leaders and their eventual defeat in December inflicted upon them appalling human and organisational losses. The collective coalfield experience was a salutary one for many. The deliberate bankrupting of the Bedwellty Board of Guardians by the Guardians and its subsequent take-over by the state, was a classic example of the lack of social and economic justice within the existing Parliamentary system. You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

### 2: Miners Against Fascism, a song by Tracey Curtis on Spotify

*Miners Against Fascism has 9 ratings and 1 review. Jon said: Great book - but more about Wales than Spain. Hywel Francis has a deep love for the working.*

These are external links and will open in a new window Close share panel On the 80th anniversary of the start of the Spanish Civil War, Dr Hywel Francis looks back at the Welsh volunteers who went to fight for the Spanish Republic. Dr Francis is the author of *Miners Against Fascism: Wales and the Spanish Civil War* He was Labour MP for Aberavon until The fight against fascism in Spain, between and , drew young men and women from all over Europe to form a rag-tag army. Mr Dobson was one of 33 Welshmen to be killed serving with the International Brigades which fought to save the doomed democratically elected Spanish Republic government. This Welsh solidarity was often referred to at the time as taking the form of an anti-fascist barricade stretching from Tonypany to Madrid. But why did they go and why was the response in Wales distinct, indeed unique? Some today might think, in the context of political and cultural devolution, that the Welsh solidarity stemmed from recognising the national rights of Catalonia and the Basque Country which were, it has to be acknowledged, a factor in the Civil War. Image copyright Richard Burton Archives, Swansea University Image caption Harry Dobson was killed at the battle of Ebro River in July , just over a year after he arrived in Spain On the contrary, the prevailing concern in both Spain and Wales was the rising tide of fascism across Europe. Spain had provided the first successful resistance to this hitherto unrelenting surge, while in south Wales the mid was characterised by the greatest resistance in Britain to the policies of mass unemployment and appeasement of the national and Conservative governments. The military rising on 16 and 17 July against the democratically elected Popular Front Republican government led immediately to the Spanish Civil War. Image copyright South Wales Coalfield Collection Image caption Welsh Volunteers of the XV International Brigade before the Ebro offensive, The or-so Welsh men who volunteered to fight in Spain represented the largest regional industrial grouping within the British Battalion of the International Brigades; only one Welshman fought for the fascist forces led by General Franco. They were Communist or Labour in sympathy, largely from the central valleys of the Rhondda, Cynon and Taff although there were also volunteers from the north Wales coalfield, the coastal towns of the south and rural areas. Some became famous in later life as trade union leaders, notably Will Paynter and Tom Jones, known subsequently as Twm Sbaen throughout the labour movement. Image caption Tom Jones, aka Twm Sbaen, photographed in Barcelona with members of the anti-tank crews They were immortalised too by the black political activist and singer Paul Robeson who spoke at their Memorial Meeting in Mountain Ash in when he memorably said: For the most part, these men were hardened "class warriors", having had at least a decade of bitter industrial and political experience after the General Strike of , with stay-in strikes, hunger marches, leading mass demonstrations against means test regulations and halting fascist incursions into the valleys. The Basque children were the largest ever single influx of refugees into Britain. The government reluctantly allowed them to enter the country; by contrast, the British people and notably the Welsh people, welcomed them enthusiastically. A lesson, indeed, for our own times. Image caption Tom Jones in Burgos penitentiary, eighth from left second row photographed shortly before his release - his death sentence commuted to 30 years and a day The general response in Wales, unlike in England, was, however, not characterised by any great intellectual awakening. An exception was Lewis Jones, the communist leader of the Rhondda unemployed, whose novels *Cwmardy* and *We Live* convey in vivid terms the political consciousness of the time. The leader of the Welsh Nationalist Party Saunders Lewis was at best ambivalent towards the rise of fascism; it is said that he proposed a toast in a private dinner: In more recent times the celebrated film-maker and poet John Ormond produced a five-part account of the Welsh miners in Spain in his award winning *The Colliers Crusade* Some in the south Wales valleys still connect to these radical and courageous times. The distinguished Welsh actor Richard Harrington is very proud of his grandfather, the Merthyr volunteer Tim Harrington. This fine sense of international political and humanitarian solidarity has now given way to nostalgia and even a mean-spirited parochial victim culture and should be subject of open and honest public debate in these

sobering post-referendum times. And so perhaps such a debate should be called: Dr Hywel Francis is the author of *Miners against Fascism*: He was until Labour MP for Aberavon.

### 3: *Miners Against Fascism: Wales and the Spanish Civil War* by Hywel Francis

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### 4: *Wales and the Spanish Civil War - then and now* - BBC News

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### 5: Project MUSE - *Miners Against Fascism*

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### 6: *Miners Against Fascism* | Lawrence & Wishart

*46 Miners Against Fascism The involvement during the lock-out of such organisations as the Miners' International Relief and the International Class War Prisoners' Aid Society, as well as the Soviet financial assistance, all.*

### 7: Hywel Francis - Wikipedia

*Miners Against Fascism Lyrics: The world is our country / And unity is strength / That's what they told us / Since their first banner / Supporter solidarity / For women and for men / Not just for.*

### 8: Project MUSE - *Miners Against Fascism*

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### 9: *Formats and Editions of Miners against fascism : Wales and the Spanish Civil War* [[www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)]

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