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Each successive air raid ~~on~~ the ~~modern~~ wars in Spain and China, seems more horrible than the last. Latest city to fall victim to the menace of the skies was Barcelona. Out of the blue came the humming of General Franco's bombers. It was a double raid. Only forty bombs were dropped, yet hundreds ~~of~~ were killed and scores of buildings were blown into unimaginable wreckage. Yet even from this appalling evil there is hope that good may come. The British Government heads an international attempt to end for all time this ~~aerial/massacre~~ <sup>massacre</sup> of women and children ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> open towns. The Spanish Government appealed for a truce in these attacks on civilians. This was the insurgents' apparent reply --- a rude shock to those who had hoped that humanity might prevail.

There have also been several recent cases of attacks on British ships in the war zone. Mr Anthony Eden has announced the intention of the anti-piracy patrol to retaliate in no uncertain measure. And in all this ferment of war and death, listen to the words of Lady Astor --- Britain's first lady M.P., who is on a visit to America. Listen --- and mark well what she says.

*It is sheer barbarism to drop bombs on civilians, even if they're only commentators. Anyhow, they missed one last week.*