

CASABLANCACOMMUNIST RIOTS GROW

In the city of Casablanca, the most important sea-port in Morocco, there is fear - fear of mob violence and sudden death. All seems quiet now but armed troops are reminders of the bloodshed that has been. Inspired by the Communist party, fanatics rioted in the streets, burning vehicles, and muddering fifty innocent civilians and police. Each day scores of rioters are rounded up, but their arrest only serves to fan the flame of hatred the Moroccans hold for the French, who recently banned Communism in their land. Many resist arrest, determined to return to their bloody mission.

Police move in to the slum area of Casablanca to search for the rebels. Communism has taken a firm hold here for, to these simple folk, the Reds' promises seem an easy solution to their problems. But blame for the recent disturbances is not levelled against these people alone - there is strong belief that European settlers have formed their own secret society in opposition to French proposals for reform. Nevertheless it is upon the Communist thugs that the charges of murder must be levelled. Weapons seized from Communist suspects add further weight to the belief that the crimes were theirs.

The present riots may be but a prelude to yet greater disturbances. And thousands of troops are being rushed to the main trouble centres to meet this emergency that is threatened the whole of French North Africa.