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USA

* Wanted to win the Catholic vote by supporting Franco
* Refused to admit refugees (they were allowed into Russia)
* Placed an arms embargo, which harmed the Popular Front as they could not get weapons outside the Soviet Union.
* Did not prevent US oil companies selling Franco credit on oil and Ford trucks

Britain

* Favoured Franco, over Communists
* Allowed Franco to use Naval equipment in Gibraltar
* Wanted to focus on rebuilding relations with Italy.
* Presumed Nationalists would win so wanted good relations after they did.
* Created the monumentally ineffective Non-intervention committee
* Were prepared to put up with the farce, even felt its policy was usccessful despite even the League of Nations noting the failure of its policies.
* Eventually ceased partols and placed observers in Spanish ports.
* 4000 went to fight for the Republicans even though it was a crime

France

* Was originally going to send supplies to the Republicans but was persuaded not to by Britain.
* Feared Civil War erupting in France if they supported the Republicans.
* Worried about diverting military equipment from preparing for a war with Germany.
* Almost immediately proposed the non-intevention committee
* Lack of action demoralised France
* Covertly sent some equipment to the Republicans and ignored the international brigades that passed through France.

Italy

* Wanted to secure access to the Atlantic
* Destroy the Popular Front in France
* Secure Facism in Italy and show that non-facists have no hope.
* Premier Mediterranean power
* Increase prestige
* 72,000 ‘volunteers’ (6000 deaths), 763 planes, 150 tanks, 1800 artillery – provided Canaris (1 cruiser, 4 destoryers, 2 submarines) which committed blatant piracy. Submarines torpedoed ships until protests
* Destroyed at Guadalajara
* Gave a bill for £80 million

Germany

* Could indirectly intimidate the democratic powers
* Franco incorrectly viewed the Republican’s as Communist.
* Gain access to Spanish iron ore.
* 30 Junkers transported Franco’s army from Morrocco
* Condor Legion 150 planes, 5,600 men – Durango 258 civilians. Guernicia was carpet bombing against a largely defenceless town. Caused international outrage.
* Supplies sent as Christmas decorations or through Portugal.
* Took part in the Non-Intervention Committee. Was supposed to patrol but ceased to do so after its ships came under attack from Republican aircraft.
* 56,000 Spanish soldiers were trained by German advisors
* 16,000 German Citizens volunteered to fight with 300 killed.
* $215,000,000 in direct aid was paid to the Nationalists.
* Could practise their tank tactics. Their intervention was crucial as Franco was not a particularly good general.

Stalin

* Intervened to prevent France being surrounded by Fascist powers
* 1000 advisors
* Keen for it to continue to distract Hitler from attacking the Soviet Union.
* Placed spies and commissioners in the international ranks – executions killed 5% of total international force (2 -3000)
* The failure caused him to drive towards the Nazi’s
* Sold equipment to Spain (703 tanks, 234 planes, 703 artillery) but used up US$500 million of their gold reserves