Overview

- The Spanish Civil War was a "dress rehearsal" for World War Two.

- It was a clash between the forces of reform (the socialism of the USSR, the democracy of France and Britain) and reaction (the fascist dictatorships of Italy and Germany).

- The democracies of France and Britain sympathised with the Republicans. However, they were desperate to prevent the crisis escalating into a Second World War. So they formed a "non-intervention committee" (NIC) to ensure that no foreign powers got involved. Hitler (for Germany) and Mussolini (for Italy) joined up, but then helped Franco's Nationalists anyway.

- This left the Republicans at a severe disadvantage from the outset, although they were aided by volunteers from Germany, France, Britain and elsewhere who joined the International Brigades despite the ban of their governments.

This table may helps to summarise the situation:

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Cartoon Practice

Practice your answers to Question 1b using the following two cartoons about international involvement in the Spanish Civil War.

Question 1b) What is the message of the following source?
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