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150 YEARS FIGHTING FOR MORE HUMANITY IN WAR

6 October 1936, the first time in...

... Spain

Angels in disguise | Just three months after the start of the Spanish Civil War, Marcel Junod and Daniel Clouzot were the first delegates to visit prisons in Spain. One of the places they visited was a convent called Los Angeles Custodios (The Guardian Angels!), which the Basque authorities had converted into a place of detention for nationalist women. A couple of weeks before visiting the convent, Junod had reached

Junod sees red | On his first visit to the convent, Junod found that the women were housed “in satisfactory conditions” because there were no more than “two detainees per cell”. These were encouraging findings from a delegate who, in his report to the Commission for Spain, wrote of his concern about “(red) republican women rushing to the prison”; women who had “ridiculed and threatened to kill” the nationalist detainees following the first nationalist bombing raid on Bilbao.

