
The Trilaterals in Spain

The case of the Duke of Alba

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In the *Spectacles du Monde* exposé on "La Trilaterale" (see *Documentation*, below) Trilateral Commission European Region head Georges Berthoin boasts that the Commission, worldwide, represents "a bit more" than 60% of total global economic power. The Trilateral Commission in Spain is a good example of the stranglehold the Commission has over the political, financial, and cultural affairs of nations. In late October 1984, the Spanish daily press reported that the Duke of Alba, the former Jesus Aguirre, had joined the Trilateral Commission. This political marriage—the Albas with the Trilaterals—gives a good insight into the true nature of the Trilateral beast, both globally and in its Spanish species.

The former Jesus Aguirre became the Duke of Alba during the 1970s, by marrying the Duchess of Alba, whose full title contains the concluding section, "y Fitzjames Stuart." This refers to the Scottish-based Stuart clan, whose takeover of the throne of England in 1603 has led to untold numbers of disasters for the human race ever since. The Albas are part of a particular breed of Spanish-Scottish oligarchical families who, in combination, have played, and continue to play, a very nasty role in dirty international financial and cultural dealings. In essence, it is this Spanish-Scottish coalition that opposed those currents in Elizabethan England, most notably represented by William Shakespeare.

Of originally Byzantine origin, the Albas were transplanted centuries ago to the Iberian Peninsula, then farther north. It is "Alba" (together with "Taxis," the ancestor of the evil Prince Johannes Thurn und Taxis of Regensburg), who is identified by Friedrich Schiller, in his great play, *Don Carlos*, as one of the chief saboteurs of the European republican movement in the 16th century. Schiller's *Don Carlos*, it should be emphasized, has never been performed in Spain, thanks to these descendants of the Spanish inquisitionaries.

Today, Jesus Aguirre/Duke of Alba ably perpetuates the tradition. He is well known in Spain, and abroad, as chief transmitter and translator of the works of the so-called Frankfurt School, a combined project of pro-Communist and pro-Nazi ideologues, founded in the 1920s. The Frankfurt School was established for the explicit purpose of destroying the ideas of the Renaissance and the Western commitment to industrial and scientific progress; ideologues of the Frankfurt

School were the godfathers of the 1968 "student unrest" in Paris, the United States, and elsewhere.

Financially, the Alba clan's tentacles today extend to the insurance companies of Venice and Trieste. The Duke of Alba himself was brought onto the board of Spain's Banco Atlántico in 1982. Banco Atlántico was the hallmark bank in the giant Rumasa financial empire of Spain's José Ruiz Mateos, whose collapse through nationalizations, and likely through corruption, is a seminal fact in Spanish political life in the 1980s. Despite the importance of the Rumasa empire, the Duke of Alba's involvement in it has never, to our knowledge, been investigated.

The Duke is also inside irrationalist cults in Europe. In early 1985, he penned an article for the daily *El País*, with the title, "Et in Arcadia Ego." This catchy phrase is the featured slogan in the book *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*, the 1980s cult volume promoting the spread of anti-Christian gnosticism in Europe.

The Duke of Alba is the political godfather of the crowd that runs *El País*, whose boss, Jesus de Polanco Gutiérrez, is also a member of the Trilateral Commission, as well as a media sponsor of the malthusian Club of Rome International. A reception in Madrid for the Santillana Foundation, run by Polanco Gutiérrez, was publicized in *El País* Dec. 17. Attendees at the event included the Duchess of Alba, Spanish Club of Rome head Ricardo Díaz Hochleitner, and U.S. Ambassador to Spain Thomas Enders. Enders, a Henry Kissinger protégé, has connections to some among the shadier elements in the Spanish financial scene, about which *EIR* will say more in the future.

More broadly, the Spanish Trilateral membership over the past years has represented the highest levels of Spanish banking, politics, and media, including:

Luis María Anson, president of the National Federation of Press Associations; **Jaime Carvajal Urquijo**, chairman, Banco Urquijo, Madrid, which bank has undergone numerous transformations, under most-suspicious circumstances, over the past years; **José Luis Cerón Ayuso**, former president of the Spanish Board of Trade; **Carlos Ferrer**, chairman of the Spanish Employers Confederation; **Antonio Garrigues Walker**, president, Liberal Party of Spain, and a well-known traveler in the circuits of Henry Kissinger; **Miguel Herrero di Minón**, member of the Spanish Parliament, and speaker of the Spanish opposition; **Carlos March Delgado**, Banco March, Madrid, and Vice Chairman, Juan March Foundation, Madrid (the shady operations of the clan of Juan March is a story unto itself); **Alfonso Osorio**, member of the Spanish house of representatives, and former vice-president of the Spanish government; **Pedro Schwartz**, secretary-general, Liberal Union, Madrid; **José Antonio Segurado**, deputy chairman, Spanish Employers Confederation; **José Vila Marsans**, director, Banco Central, Madrid; **Ramón Trias Fargas**, a Trilateral member, a pro-British monetarist who has become the minister of economy and finance for the Catalan government.