

# Spain's government in jeopardy

*Richard Schulman reports on heightened maneuvers by the Jesuits, the NATO command, and Kissinger's Trilateralists toward left-right chaos.*

Spain was shocked recently when four Catholic bishops in that country's Basque region jointly issued a pastoral letter blaming the Spanish government, not ETA, for Basque terrorism.

According to the reasoning of the four bishops, the government's Regional Autonomy Law (known by its acronym "LOAPA"), by not conceding sufficient powers to the Basque regional government, had provoked ETA's brutal

The Spanish press subsequently noted that the organizer of the bishops' pastoral letter was the "former" Jesuit priest, Xavier Arzallus, S.J., who is the president of the National Basque Party (the PNV), the oldest and largest Basque separatist party. The press revelation provides further substantiation to insiders' insistence that it is the Jesuits themselves who control ETA Basque terrorism (see *EIR*, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19, 1982).

But why did the Jesuits not act with greater circumspection?

Because a major operation is underway, in which a whole bevy of oligarchist assets are being shuttled into and around Spain with the purpose of undermining Spain's ruling Center Democratic Union (UCD), in order to polarize the country between a François Mitterrand-Willy Brandt-Socialist left and a Franz-Josef Strauss-William Buckley right. The Socialist left is to be brought to power in upcoming elections this fall, plunge Spain into the same political and economic chaos Mitterrand is creating in France, then be overthrown by a right-wing fascist coup, on the model of the Pinochet coup which overthrew Socialist President Salvador Allende in Chile in 1973.

As we have emphasized (see *EIR*, Aug. 10), the Socialists are supporters of the most extreme regional autonomy demands, and thus the most avid opponents of centralized governmental power. Their rule would mean fragmentation and economic chaos, setting the stage for a fascist move to "restore order"—a scenario more or less openly acknowledged by Anglo-American operatives within Spain like Antonio

Garrigues Walker of the Trilateral Commission. This is why the autumn elections are such a crucial turning point for the future of Spain.

If King Juan Carlos does not go along with the scenario—as his May 20 speech at Aachen, West Germany on Spain's past and potential future as a leader of European nations indicated that he might not—he will simply be dumped by one means or another.

The bishops' pastoral letter, by resuscitating debate over the controversial Regional Autonomy Law, which the UCD government worked out only with great difficulty, not only seeks to weaken the government but to also give the Spanish Socialists a chance to unctuously assume a mantle of moderation by defending the Law against the provocative bishops.

A similar pattern was to be noted in the July 26-27 visit of a NATO delegation, whose effect was to humiliate the government and boost the reputation of the nominally anti-NATO Socialists.

The NATO delegation visited Spain for the ostensible purpose of discussing that country's integration into the Atlantic military alliance; in fact, it had no intention of talking seriously about anything, highly placed diplomatic sources in Madrid revealed to the press Aug. 1. The delegation, led by British General Nicholls, made it quite clear that NATO considers the present Spanish government a mere caretaker regime devoid of any authority.

The "leak," which appeared throughout the Spanish press, is a signal that NATO expects the current moderate government to fall in the coming general elections. It is also tantamount to an endorsement of the Socialists, who, as things now stand, are best situated to take electoral advantage of the economic crisis that is now pummeling the country.

## **Kissinger's footprints**

Kissinger, an employee of Jesuit-run Georgetown University, himself visited Spain at the end of June, and met with both Socialist Workers Party (PSOE) head Felipe González and with Fraga Iribarne, a reactionary Franco Falangist

and now head of the right-wing Popular Alliance.

Since Kissinger's visit, Fraga's only public statements have stressed that the current Union of Center Democrats (UCD) government is an unmitigated disaster, and that there are only two political figures in Spain: himself and Felipe González.

Meanwhile, as though taking Kissinger ally Fraga at his word, the governing UCD party has been further fragmented, the most significant defection from its ranks being Adolfo Suárez, Spain's former Prime Minister, who has formed a new party, the Social Democratic Center (CDS).

Kissinger's friends have also been in and out of Spain frequently.

Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig was there for six days in early August and planned to return; Franz-Josef Strauss founded a branch of his German Social Christian think tank; the Hans Seidel Stiftung, the same week; and none other than Socialist International head Willy Brandt arrived in Catalonia with a 10-man Socialist delegation.

The NATO leadership under Secretary-General Joseph Luns is moving to destroy Spanish national sovereignty. Since Spain precipitously joined NATO this year, after intense pressure from Britain and the United States, there has been no determination as to what command Spain will be integrated into—an issue being used to manipulate the general population and, in particular, the Spanish military. General Nicholls's delegation refused outright to even consider creating a fourth mandate, for the Mediterranean flank—i.e., a Spanish regional command within the alliance. The only proposal is that Spain be integrated into the existing mandates for the Mediterranean: Naples, Norfolk, or an Iberian command that would include Portugal.

The issue of Gibraltar, which was seized by the British 278 years ago, is being used to show the impotence of the current government.

On Aug. 4, the anniversary of the British taking of Gibraltar, the Spanish press revealed that the British are stockpiling nuclear material there, and are continually violating Spanish air and sea space. The British are refusing to discuss the Gibraltar issue either within or outside the NATO negotiations.

This manipulation of the Gibraltar issue has one long-term purpose: to provoke the right wing into riots at the same time that the Socialists take power.

### Countermoves

The UCD is busy assembling various electoral alliances as possible counters to an eventual victory by the Socialists. However, after the Socialists get through wrecking the nation's economy and institutions, behind-the-scenes deals will be of no avail.

The only way the UCD can save Spain is by turning the process of economic collapse around. Even in the context of a worsening world depression, if the Spanish government were to crack down on rising banking and real estate specu-

lation, and again build up Spain's steel, shipbuilding, and hydroelectric and nuclear industries—the basis of its earlier growth—Spain might have a fighting chance. This will only work, however, if Spain creates the diplomatic environment in which Africa and Latin America can buy Spanish capital goods on long-term, low-interest credits, merely trying to imitate, two decades late, the technologies of the European Common Market. That means Spain must overcome its anti-scientific, Inquisition heritage, by fostering advanced scientific research and development as the Japanese have done, so that Spain can export the capital goods of the future rather than the past; Spain's "world-class" shipyards, for example, could set about to produce the giant nuclear-powered bulk-carriers and container ships that would be of use in the coming era of underdeveloped-sector industrial development.

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