

The Fascist Fall-Guys for a New, 'Hispanic 9/11' Attack on the U.S.

by Dennis Small

A revamped fascist international apparatus in continental Europe—with prominent extensions into Argentina, Mexico, and Venezuela, as beachheads for the Americas—was set into motion at a Nov. 16-17, 2002 meeting in Madrid. The gathering was hosted by the Falange Española (Spanish Falange) and its organizational ally, Fuerza Nueva (New Force) of Blas Piñar, a former Franco sidekick and Spain's leading fascist figure today.

According to reports published by the Spanish Falange, the two-day conference brought together official delegations from a highly significant collection of international co-thinker

groups, who gave speeches and otherwise participated actively in the deliberations. Prominent among these were:

Forza Nuova (New Force) of Italy, a collection of decorated—but dangerous—neo-fascists and “former” terrorist supporters from the 1970s and 1980s, when Italy was rocked by events such as the 1978 murder of Aldo Moro and the 1980 bloody bombing of the Bologna train station. Forza Nuova's National Secretary, Roberto Fiore—who was accused by Italian law enforcement officials of involvement in the Bologna bombing at the time (see *Documentation*)—was a featured speaker at the Madrid gathering.

Front National (National Front) of France, the racist and xenophobic party of Jean Marie Le Pen, which gained significant ground in France's recent national elections. Front National Political Committee member Thibault de la Tocnaye spoke at the Madrid meeting.

Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands (National Democratic Party of Germany, NPD), a group of right-wing extremists in close collaboration with neo-Nazi groups, whose National Secretary Udo Voigt is a permanent fixture at Falangist meetings in Spain.

Partido Nacional de Portugal (National Party of Portugal).

Final Conflict-Third Position of Great Britain, a group of wackos who publish a journal in both English and Romanian—the latter because of their ties to the Romanian Iron Guard group, whose historic leader, Corneliu Codreanu, was an overtly pro-Nazi anti-Semite who was assassinated in 1938. (Final Conflict's web page kindly provides a link to a site promoting the Medieval Count Dracula and his Dracula Castle in Romania.)

Partido Popular por la Reconstrucción (Popular Party for Reconstruction) of Argentina, headed by former army Capt. Gustavo Breide Obeid, with extensive ties into right-wing Catholic networks which overlap the deployment of the right-versus-left terrorism which swept Argentina—like Italy—in the 1960s and 1970s. Breide was a fellow political prisoner with Malvinas War hero Col. Mohamed Alí Seineldín for much of the 1990s. Breide and the PPR are sometimes associated with Seineldín, who has his own political agenda, and which may be different than that of Breide et al.



A meeting of the Spanish Falange in Spain in June 2002.

‘Anti-Imperialists’ for a New Roman Empire

There are three key features to be noted about this emerging fascist force.

First, Lyndon LaRouche has stressed that one should not be misled by the fact that this network is composed primarily of low-life and political throw-aways. They are that; but they are also the man-servants of the international Synarchist apparatus deployed by the financial oligarchy, whose goal is to establish a new, global version of the Roman Empire.

The Madrid network’s stated intent is to establish a Europe-wide fascist bloc. In the words of the Spanish Falange’s university branch, the Sindicato Español Universitario (Spanish University Association), which waxed eloquent about the Falange’s intimate alliance with Italy’s Forza Nuova: “The ties of unity between our two organizations grow ever stronger, and this will surely be the seed for that European Front which will bring social-patriots together against this Europe of traffickers and globalization.”

The program of the groups gathered in Madrid is a radical populist blend of attacks on globalization, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and “usury” in general; racist diatribes against dark-skinned immigrants who are “flooding our coun-

tries, and furthermore smell bad,” as Blas Piñar so delicately puts it; and denunciations of imperialism and the U.S. war in Iraq.

All of this populist rhetoric is woven together with an appeal to return to the so-called “traditional Catholic values” of the feudalism of the Middle Ages—when men accepted their station in life, and before they were corrupted by the Renaissance’s “deification” of man, which dared to promote man’s creative mental powers as that which makes him “made in the living image of God.”

As for empire, the Argentine philosopher Alberto Buela—who is part of the so-called “Catholic nationalist” networks standing behind Breide’s PPR, which networks organized a July 2002 seminar in Córdoba, Argentina, addressed by Buela and the Spanish Falange’s envoy Jorge García-Contell—makes the argument in a most revealing way. In a 2002 article entitled “Eon in Schmitt and De Anquin,” Buela—who is a specialist in Heidegger, Hegel, and Aristotle, three of the Synarchy’s preferred philosophers—favorably quotes the influential Nazi jurist Carl Schmitt, a leading Synarchist figure of the middle 20th Century:

“ ‘Empire, in this context, means the historic force that is

From the Editors

Aug. 5, 2003—Former *EIR* correspondents and/or contributors Marivilia Carrasco (Mexico), Lorenzo Carrasco and Silvia Palacios (Brazil), Gerardo Terán and Diana Olaya de Terán (Argentina), and Angel Palacios (Guadalajara), are no longer associated with *Executive Intelligence Review*, or with any of the publications and political organizations associated with Lyndon LaRouche.

These former collaborators of LaRouche broke with him politically and philosophically over the substantive issue of LaRouche’s continuing public exposure, since 1984, of *Synarchism*, the formal name for universal fascism. The trigger for this break with LaRouche, was LaRouche’s successful public exposure, internationally, of the Synarchist networks behind U.S. Vice President Dick “Yellowcake” Cheney.

It was the same Synarchism associated with Cheney today, which had created the fascist governments of Italy, Germany, Spain, Vichy and Laval France, and others, which had attempted world-conquest under the leadership of Adolf Hitler. These Synarchists, then deployed by Hitler’s Nazi Party through Franco’s Spain, had used their channels through Mexico for a massive Nazi penetration of South America. This Synarchist network, built around an occult freemasonic cabal, continued to operate, with its

right and left components, within the Americas even after the Nazis’ defeat, and is presently increasingly active today. It functions, now as then, as a network of fascist organizations in South and Central America still today, organizations with deep ties to fascist organizations presently based in Spain, France, and Italy. Carrasco et al. associated themselves publicly with defense of the same Synarchist tradition, by name, behind the Nazi Party’s massive penetration of Mexico and South American nations during the 1930s and early 1940s.

The anti-fascist LaRouche movement, and this publication, are committed to the policy outlook towards Ibero-America presented by U.S. Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche in his 1982 report, *Operation Juárez*. *EIR*’s editorial policies are:

- the defense of the sovereign nation-state;
- the physical and political integration of the nations of Ibero-America, toward the construction of a new, just global financial system to replace the bankrupt IMF system;
- the building of infrastructure projects, to bring progress to the region;
- and, above all,
- the concept of man as uniquely endowed by his Creator with the power of *creative cognition*—a power which the Synarchists are fanatically determined to subvert in favor of a return to medieval, so-called “integrist” or “ultramontane” forms of imperialism.



Blas Piñar, Spain's leading fascist figure today, is recruiting a new international apparatus.

capable of stopping the appearance of the anti-Christ and the end of the present eon,' [Schmitt writes in] *The Nomos and the Earth*. 'Only the Roman Empire, and its Christian prolongation, explain the persistence of the eon and its conservation in the face of the enslaving power of evil.' "

The second key point about the fascist hit squads being assembled by Piñar and the Falange, is that they encompass terrorist forces which are *not* exclusively of the right, but also include their leftist mirror-images—likewise run by the Synarchists. This is shown clearly in the cases of Italy and Argentina, where the left-right terror networks of the 1960s, '70s, and '80s are now being resuscitated.

The third, and possibly most significant, feature that LaRouche emphasized about the Madrid networks, is their live connections into Ibero-America. These currently include Argentina and Venezuela, as we discuss below, and also Mexico, where the direct Synarchist hand can be clearly seen. For example, the Spanish Falange's website has a page of links to sister Falangist groups around the world, and they there choose to include the special case of Mexico's Unión Nacional Sinarquista (National Synarchist Union), which, they explain, "is a synarchist organization and, although it cannot be called Falangist, its similarities make it worthy of being included here."

This is the apparatus which has been set in motion, armed with populist anti-American rhetoric, which could be plausibly blamed for a new wave of "Hispanic terrorism" inside the United States—much as al-Qaeda was blamed for 9/11.



Horia Sima, of the Romanian Iron Guard.



The AFP is linked to militia groups in the United States, as well as political assets of Sen. Joe Lieberman within the Cuban-American community.

Blas Piñar and His Falange Allies

Both Blas Piñar and the Spanish Falange have, for decades, been assigned the task of recruiting fascists in Ibero-America. Piñar is best known for having been named by Francisco Franco as a national councilman of his Movement and as a prosecutor before the Spanish courts—and for deploying Franquista street thugs later in the 1970s. Piñar also headed the Hispanic Culture Institute (1957-62). During that period, the Institute concentrated on granting scholarships to Ibero-Americans, so that they could study in Spanish universities.

In 1966, Piñar set up the *Fuerza Nueva* publishing house and magazine of that same name, which in later years became the favorite forum for fascists from across Europe who had taken refuge in Spain after World War II. These included the likes of Horia Sima, the second-in-command of the notorious Romanian Iron Guard, and Leon Degrelle, the founder of Belgium's pro-Nazi Rexisme movement. Both of these groupings sent thousands of soldiers to fight alongside Hitler's troops on the Eastern Front during World War II—as did Spanish Franco volunteers. That endeared them to Piñar.

The Spanish Falange, for its part, was one of the principal cut-outs used by Hitler for organizing pro-Nazi forces in Ibero-America during the 1930s and 1940s. It was founded in 1933 under the guiding light of José Antonio Primo de Rivera, who was executed in 1938 during the Spanish Civil

War. José Antonio (as he is popularly known) quickly became a virtual saint among Falangists around the world—with little note taken of the fact that he was a good friend of Britain's Sir Samuel Hoare, a one-time British Ambassador to Madrid.

Today, the Spanish Falange website boasts links to sister organizations in the Americas: Falange Venezolana, Falange Cubana, Falange Socialista de Bolivia, Movimiento Nacional Sindicalista de Chile, Argentina's PPR, Mexico's UNS, Falange Boricua of Puerto Rico, and the American Falangist Party.

This last is a U.S.-based group whose intellectual level is perhaps best exemplified by an article appearing in its magazine *Phalanx* headlined "Commie Cannibals Eat Pygmies." They should not be dismissed lightly, however; they have significant links to "anti-Establishment" militia types in the United States, and to the Miami-based Cuban American National Foundation (CANF), a multimillion-dol-

lar organization closely associated with the likes of Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) and other U.S. political assets of the Synarchists.

Today's Spanish Falange admits to having a meager 1,000 members, at best, garnering in the range of 25,000 votes in recent elections. It has therefore moved to establish a formal organizational alliance with Blas Piñar's Fuerza Nueva, which is close to being launched and will be called Frente Español (Spanish Front).

After the above-mentioned November 2002 meeting that brought them together, Fuerza Nueva and the Spanish Falange sponsored a follow-up gathering in Madrid on Jan. 26, 2003, which reportedly drew a crowd of some 3,000. Attending, once again, were "our dear friends and comrades from Italy's Forza Nuova and Germany's NPD, Roberto Fiore and Udo Voigt," as well as delegations from France's Front National, Portugal, Poland, and Bulgaria.

From Ibero-America, a message of support was read from

A Strange Brew, Synarchists in Britain

The British component of the Synarchist International is a entity called Final Conflict-International Third Position (FC-ITP)—the latter component of the name perhaps referring to an unknown form of sexual deviation. FC-ITP was created in 1989, and radiates a considerable amount of international activity through its magazine *Final Conflict*, its website, its interviews with various creatures in this eerie nexus, and its participation in such events as the regrouped Blas Piñar-centered entity in Spain.

FC-ITP portrays itself as "right-wing Catholic" or "integrist Catholic." Its acknowledged forebears are G.K. Chesterton, his cousin A.K. Chesterton, Hilaire Belloc, and their so-called Distributist movement (see articles by Stanley Ezrol, "Seduced from Victory: How the Lost Corpse Subverts the American Intellectual Tradition," *EIR*, Aug. 3, 2001; and " 'Traditionalist' Cult Is Roman, Not Catholic," April 26, 2002). It is hard-wired into fascist/neofascist operations and networks. A.K. Chesterton was a close ally of British Fascist leader Oswald Mosley, and founding head of the neofascist British National Party. When G.K. Chesterton died, his papers were given over to Robert Fiore, the head of Italy's Forza Nuova organization.

FC-ITP glorifies fascist groups in continental Europe, such as the Romanian Iron Guard, the Belgian Rexists, and the Spanish Falange. Its U.S. links are to a potpourri of Southern neo-Confederates and "Aryan" racists, as well

as to extremists of the anti-abortion movement, the latter having a known terrorist capability. FC-ITP also has ties into radical elements of the "green/ecology" movement, the "animal liberation" movement, and the mystical-occult "chivalric" (e.g., Tolkien) circuits.

The group advertises itself as "For Faith, Family, and Nation, Against the New World Order." It plays up its supposed affiliation to the patron saint of England, St. George. In the midst of one of its diatribes, FC-ITP stresses that "The Third Position sells (and has sold) works about and by [Romanian Iron Guard leader] Codreanu, . . . Hilaire Belloc, . . . G.K. Chesterton, A.K. Chesterton . . . ["Revisionist" Holocaust-denying historian David] Irving, . . . Tolkien and others. . . . FC has published material on Mussolini and Mosley in an attempt to learn from the Fascist movement of yesteryear (not that the TP are a Fascist movement—it has always been Distributist)."

In its promo, FC-ITP boasts that past issues of *Final Conflict* "have covered such gems as: Leon Degrelle and the Rexist Party; Benito Mussolini and Fascist Italy; . . . Nationalists in the Animal Liberation Front; . . . Romanian Nationalists; Back to the Land activists," and more.

Final Conflict has run interviews with such disreputables as the head of the neofascist German National Party (NPD), Voigt; Gary Yarbrough, of the "Order," the white racist "Aryan" group in the United States; and Massimo Morsello, the sidekick of Roberto Fiore. They feature articles with titles like "José Antonio and the Falange" (a reference to the founder of the Spanish Falange and Franco movement martyr, José Antonio Primo da Rivera), "Codreanu and the Iron Guard," "Resisting the New World Order," "Southern Heritage—the Story of Dixie," and "Hilaire Belloc 1870-1953."—Mark Burdman



The ideology of Hispanidad preached by the Synarchists signifies a return to the feudalism of the Middle Ages.

Venezuelan former Presidential candidate Alejandro Peña, currently a leader of that country's Bloque Democrático (Democratic Bloc). And Argentina's PPR sent a letter welcoming the event "with great joy," but sending its regrets that it would be unable to attend the meeting this time around.

The Argentine Connection

Breide's PPR has been quite active of late in the European fascist circles that are orbiting around Blas Piñar and his Falangist allies. During the same November 2002 tour that took the PPR delegation to the Madrid meeting, Breide also met with Le Pen of the Front National in France, and with Roberto Fiore of Forza Nuova in Italy—according to press releases issued by the PPR and reports from Forza Nuova that trumpet "the solid relationship based on common ideals and political perspectives" that exists between the PPR and Forza Nuova.

Breide, along with Norberto Narezo and Carlos Ronco of the PPR leadership, spoke about the IMF destruction of the Argentine economy at press conferences in Milan, Rome, Turin, and Bologna, "meetings organized with the local Forza Nuova," according to the account of one Italian participant. Breide's Italian connection was tight enough to be invited back on Feb. 5, 2003, when he gave a speech on the Argentine economic crisis at the University of Trento.

There is a broader Argentine connection to the Piñar/Falangist operation, which involves certain right-wing Catholic circles dating back to the significant, post-war influence of Father Julio Meinvielle. Meinvielle, who enjoys a reputation in Argentina as a brilliant "nationalist Catholic" philosopher in the tradition of St. Thomas Aquinas, was actually an overt anti-Semite, an advocate of the Inquisition, and vitriolically anti-American, falsely equating the American and French Revolutions, and lumping the U.S. and Great Britain together as a common "Anglo-Saxon" foe to be defeated. Moreover, the revered Meinvielle was actually an all-around superficial thinker. This is best demonstrated by his pathetic attempted refutations of Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa and Gottfried

Wilhelm Leibniz—based on citations from secondary sources! Meinvielle clearly never bothered to read the works of Cusa and Leibniz he was busy dismissing.

One nest of Meinvielle followers launched the magazine *Maritornes: Notebooks of Hispanidad* in 2001. On the board of *Maritornes*, which is published in Argentina, sits the ubiquitous Blas Piñar (see *Documentation*). The November 2001 presentation of the magazine in Madrid was organized by the Juventudes Tradicionalistas de España (Traditionalist Youth of Spain), among others, who argue: "We Carlists . . . must relaunch the Catholic vision of Hispanidad . . . oppose monetarist economic fundamentalism . . . [and] coordinate the counter-revolutionary movements of the whole world: we have to 'globalize' the Counter-revolution."

An earlier generation of followers of Meinvielle, including Father Alberto Ezcurra Uriburu, who ran a Lefebvrist seminary in the Argentine province of Paraná, founded the infamous Tacuara group in 1957, modeled explicitly on the Spanish Falange. Their heroes were José Antonio Primo de Rivera and Benito Mussolini. Tacuara was later known interchangeably as Guardia de Hierro (Iron Guard)—in honor of the 1930s Romanian fascists of the same name.

In the aftermath of the Cuban Revolution of 1959, Tacuara began to split between the right-wing followers of Ezcurra, and the increasingly leftist, pro-Cuban camp of "Joe" Baxter—a rather suspicious Yugoslavian emigrant who had traveled throughout Spain, Algeria, Angola, Egypt, and North Vietnam. Early police raids against Tacuara safe-houses report finding, side by side, books by St. Thomas Aquinas; the 1930s French monarchist and right-wing Catholic fascist Charles Maurras; and Che Guevara!

Tacuara split in two in the early 1960s. Baxter's left wing went on to become the Peronist Montoneros guerrilla group, a central player in the Argentine terrorism of the 1960s and 1970s. And the Tacuara right wing went on to engage in bloody counter-terrorism against its former allies and other leftists. The joint Synarchist operation sank Argentina into decades of "dirty war," from which the country has yet to fully recover.

Venezuela Is Next

Venezuela today is heading toward the kind of civil war Argentina experienced in the 1970s, with Synarchists dominating both sides of the conflict. In this unfolding tragedy, President Hugo Chávez and his supporters play the role of the "leftist" revolutionary Jacobins, who curiously cite Nazi jurist Carl Schmitt to justify their actions.

The right-wing opposition, for its part, has extensive ties to Cheney's chicken-hawks in Washington, including the Hudson Institute, which hosted a meeting in Washington in early August to build support for them. The Venezuelan opposition also works closely with groups such as the Cuban American National Foundation in Miami. Within the opposition alliance, one group stands out: the so-called "Democratic

Bloc.” The Bloc has repeatedly urged the entire opposition to take to the streets to demand a military coup against Chávez. The group’s most vocal spokesman, Alejandro Peña—who sent a message of support to the January 2003 Piñar/Falange meeting—argued on July 28 that the Chávez regime can only be confronted in one way: “with force.”

Another director of the Bloc is the “former” police agent, Nedo Paniz, who in the mid-1990s was key to protecting Chávez when he was rebuilding his political-military movement after his 1992 failed coup attempt.

Such left-to-right migrations are typical of the kinds of patterns to be watched for, in the emergence of potential Spanish-speaking terrorism within the United States.

Documentation

Forza Nuova and Terrorism

by Claudio Celani

The Italian section of the Falangist/Synarchist International, Forza Nuova (New Force), well illustrates the connections to intelligence networks and higher level oligarchical powers, of what superficially appears an organization of zombie-like radical neo-fascists. Forza Nuova founder and leader Roberto Fiore has been sentenced by an Italian court for membership in a subversive neo-fascist organization, called Terza Posizione (Third Position), associated with terrorist groups responsible for countless terrorist acts, from the 1969 Piazza Fontana bombing that started the “strategy of tension,” to the 1980 Bologna train station bombing that killed 85 people.

Several investigations have established that those neo-fascist groups were infiltrated by intelligence networks operating under the cover of NATO structures, such as the “stay behind” organization called Gladio, or the secret military association called Rosa dei Venti (Point of the Compass). Italian courts have also established that the London-centered, secret freemasonic Propaganda Two Lodge was a key organizing component for both the “strategy of tension” and the coverup of single terrorist acts. The same P2 Lodge was massively involved in a “leftist” terrorist act, the kidnapping and assassination of Christian Democratic leader Aldo Moro by the Red Brigades in 1978.

Fiore escaped arrest by fleeing to London in 1981, where he enjoyed protection against Italian extradition requests, until the terms of regulations expired, and he could go back to Italy in 1999. In London, several British media published allegations that Fiore had been recruited by MI6, the British secret service. This could explain why he was able to set up an organization called “Meeting Point,” monopolizing the



Roberto Fiore at a meeting of the Spanish Falange, Nov. 16, 2002.

market for Italian students coming to learn or perfect their English in London. Using his new financial power, Fiore financed legal assistance for his old comrades under trial in Italy, and the political activities of his newly founded organization, Forza Nuova.

In January 2001, when Fiore associate Andrea Insabato was caught in a failed terrorist attempt against a Rome newspaper, Fiore’s MI6 connections came into the limelight in Italy. Appearing in front of a Parliament commission, antiterror police chief Ansoino Andreassi went as far as he could in hinting that Fiore indeed had been a MI6 operative. Curiously, such intelligence connections seem not to disturb the new alliance established between Forza Nuova and the Argentinian Partido por la Reconstrucción Nacional (National Reconstruction Party), which is putatively anti-British and strongly defends Argentina’s 1982 Malvinas War with Great Britain.

Leading members of the Argentinian Junta were actually members of the London-directed, P2 freemasonic lodge, the same one running the “strategy of tension” in which Fiore’s old neo-fascist comrades were involved. The most famous member of the P2, Italian banker Roberto Calvi, was murdered in a spectacular way in London in 1982, in the middle of the Malvinas War. Italian prosecutor Carlo Palermo insists that Calvi was murdered because he broke the rules of the game by going too far in financing the Argentinian war against Britain.

Christian Fundamentalism

Forza Nuova’s ideology reflects a transformation undergone by Fiore during his London years, away from the “secular” character typical of previous neo-fascist grouplets, into a Christian fundamentalist, Falangist type of profile. This “con-

version” must be attributed to the influence of the Catholic schismatic movement called the Society of Pius X, founded by Msgr. Marcel Lefebvre. Society members often appear in Forza Nuova’s public initiatives in Italy, while a member of the Society, Father Michael Crowdy, is a trustee of Fiore’s Saint George Trust based in London.

The Lefebvrians spearhead the anti-ecumenical, oligarchical faction in the Catholic Church, belonging to what is historically known as the “Black Nobility,” the Italian terminal of the “Carlist” element of the international synarchist conspiracy. The movement was formed officially in defense of the Tridentine Mass rite eliminated by Vatican Council II, but it was in reality a reaction against the decision, taken by Pope Paul VI, to eliminate the aristocrats’ privileges in the Vatican Curia, the last remnants of the temporal powers (Donation of Constantine) in the Church.

Princess Elvina Pallavicini, the recognized leader of the Black Nobility, demonstratively invited Lefebvre to celebrate a Latin Mass in her famous Palazzo Rospigliosi in Rome. In 1978, Lefebvre celebrated another mass in Paris, this time in front of the representatives of all fascist parties of Europe (“Euroright”). Lefebvre was excommunicated by Pope John Paul II in 1988.

In the middle of Pope John Paul II’s campaign against the second Iraq war, Lefebvre’s Italian sponsor, Princess Pallavicini, organized a meeting in support of Cheney’s and Rumsfeld’s preventive war policy on Feb. 12, 2003, where she invited U.S. Ambassador to Italy Mel Sembler, U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican Jim Nicholson, and State Department policy planner Andrew Erdmann to address an audience of Italian government members, Church officials, politicians, and international diplomats.

Thus, the “anti-war” posturing of such peripheral, expendable elements of the international synarchist conspiracy as Forza Nuova, are just antics suited to be used as a cover for terrorist operations, as al-Qaeda was used as a cover for 9/11.

‘Maritornes’: Whorish Defense Of Feudalism

by Gretchen Small

In November 2001, key ideologues of the project to create a new fascist international between Europe and South America launched a new magazine as a vehicle to promote their project to reestablish the feudal empire of the Hapsburgs. The magazine, *Maritornes: Notebooks of Hispanidad*, is published in

Argentina twice-yearly by the Nueva Hispanidad Publishing House.

Figuring prominently on the editorial board of *Maritornes* are the Spanish fascist, Fuerza Nueva head Blas Piñar, and Argentine “Catholic traditionalist” writers Antonio Caponnetto and Rafael Breide Obeid. The latter is the brother of the Gustavo Breide, who heads the Blas Piñar- and Italian Forza Nuova-linked Popular Party for Reconstruction of Argentina.

New faces joined the *Maritornes* editorial board in the second and third issues, expanding its geographic reach. These included: Alexandra Wilhelmsen, daughter and political heir of Frederick Wilhelmsen, the founder of Northern Virginia’s Christendom College, a William Buckley-linked center of Carlism and Catholic Synarchism; former Peruvian Congressman and notorious Hitler-Mussolini supporter Fernán Altuve-Febres Lores; Chilean professor of political philosophy Juan Antonio Widow, a founder in his youth of Chile’s Falange, the Movimiento Nacional Sindicalista; and two Italians espousing similar views, historian Francesco Maurizio Di Gionvine of Bologna and Prof. Giovanni Turco of Naples.

The magazine’s self-proclaimed crusade is a political one: “to take up again the march which was interrupted by the cut-off of the Middle Ages, by the excesses of the Renaissance, by the obscurity of the Enlightenment.” Hispanidad’s goal is to revive the West, and its “Roman glories.” Listed in the table of contents of the first issue, is an article on the significance of monarchy for . . . Argentina today!

Drawings of medieval scenes adorn the homepage of the Nueva Hispanidad Publishing House’s website, which has published books on everything from the glories of the Spanish Falange to bull-fighting, “the spirit of chivalry,” Lefebvre, and British fascist G.K. Chesterton, hailed as “the knight errant.” A five-CD set of the songs of the Spanish Falange from its founding to today is offered for sale, as is another with the “Hymns and Songs of Italian Fascism.” (Notably, if only the word “Falange” were removed from the CD covers, the drawings of flag-waving, rifle-bearing, dying bodies could easily be taken for the Soviet realist propaganda of their ostensible enemies in the Spanish Civil War.)

Co-sponsoring the presentation of the magazine in Madrid in November 2001 was the Carlist Traditionalist Youth of Spain, whose red-bereted shock troops mimic the feudal psychos of Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP). A message of support from the Carlist pretender to the Spanish throne, Don Sixto Enrique de Borbón, was read.

What’s in a Name?

Perhaps the most revealing aspect of the Hispanidad-promoting *Maritornes* magazine project is the choice of name itself.

Maritornes is a character from Miguel de Cervantes’ immortal *Don Quixote de la Mancha*: She is the whore at the

inn that Don Quixote believed to be a castle.

In the founding statement of *Maritornes*, editor Antonio Caponnetto explains why that name was chosen. True, admits Caponnetto, Cervantes' character Maritornes is a whore, but she is "transfigured" by "the chaste gaze" of the crazy knight, Don Quixote. This comes about when Maritornes, who prides herself on being a noble lady whom bad luck had brought to her present pass, makes a date to go to bed with a mule Skinner sharing sleeping quarters with Don Quixote and Sancho Panza.

But she mistakenly gets into bed with Don Quixote, instead of the muleteer. Caponnetto then quotes from Cervantes' book, that Maritornes, "who went all doubled up and in silence with her hands before her, feeling for her lover, encountered the arms of Don Quixote, who grasped her tightly by the wrist, and drawing her towards him, while she dared not utter a word, made her sit down on the bed. He then felt her smock, and although it was of sackcloth it appeared to him to be of the finest and softest silk; on her wrists she wore some glass beads, but to him they had the sheen of precious Orient pearls; her hair, which in some measure resembled a horse's mane, he rated as threads of the brightest gold of Araby, whose refulgence dimmed the sun himself; her breath, which no doubt smelt of yesterday's stale salad, seemed to him to diffuse a sweet aromatic fragrance from her mouth;

and, in short, he drew her portrait in his imagination with the same features and in the same style as that which he had seen in his books of the other princesses."

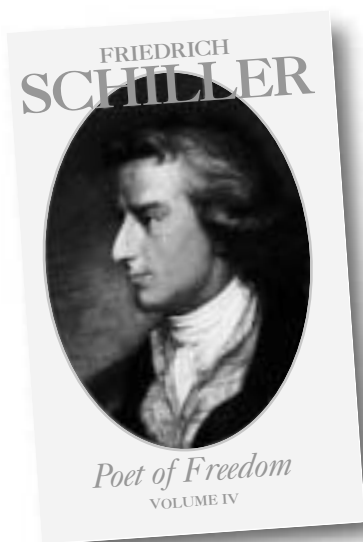
Comments Caponnetto: "A whore to the mule Skinner and the inn keeper," but a "creature capable of 'the sweetest and most loving discourse' to the knight of the sorrowful countenance." Caponnetto then quotes Cervantes, completely missing the irony—"though she was in that line of life, there was some faint and distant resemblance to a Christian about her." Caponnetto then waxes eloquent, in terms that would even make the crazy Don Quixote blush: "Maritornes is America [the continent, not the country]. America the well-endowed. The servant become a lady, the inn become a castle, the stable a battlement, and the rickety bed a nuptial chamber.

"And if this bold analogy be valid, as we hold, it should also be applied by extension to all the lands upon which 'Hispanidad' planted its fruits, and even upon present-day Spain, which so much needs to give up her post as a servant to rise up again as an empress."

Thus, Caponnetto and all the other self-proclaimed whores in the Americas who await for the Spanish knight to take up the cudgels to bring back the never-were glories of the Spanish Empire, try to twist Cervantes' biting irony of the insanity of that medieval world view, to come to the defense of their lost cause.

"There is a limit to the tyrant's power."

—Friedrich Schiller,
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