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A usually well-informed source tells us that there exists in Spain, with ramifications in various other countries in Europe and Latin America, a clandestine movement called "Home of the Desperados"—with fascist tendencies.

The goal envisaged would be the destruction of the democratic system in the world and the establishment everywhere of strong and authoritarian governments, capable of fighting in a more effective manner the misery and especially the famine, which prevails in a hidden state among certain peoples of Europe and elsewhere. In that system of ideas it would be of importance above all to believe in the best understanding between nations, in view of an anticipation of the return of economic crises of the past, thru the establishment of an economy directed on a world-wide scale.

It is out of the weakness of western democracies and from the loss of such organizations as the O.N.U. and others, just as out of the increasing interference by the Anglo-Saxon powers in the affairs of Europe, that would be born this movement whose doctrine is called: The New Social Europe. In South America also would exist an important ramification of this movement, in view of the fighting in all this part of the continent against the very great influence of the U.S.A.

This movement which could be presided over by a German named Guido BECK, but a naturalized Spaniard under the name of Ramon PAREDES, assisted by two other Germans named BERNHARDT and KORPING, possessing considerable financial means. The essential source would be provided from German capital evacuated

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thru Switzerland before 1944 and also from sums owed by the Government of Franco for German war materiel furnished by Hitler to Spain.

The Home of the Desperados would be, especially at first, recruited from the adept among the exiled German-Belgian-French-Italian-Dutch-Czech-Yugoslav people, etc. The password was "Manana" meaning "tomorrow" but probably to be interpreted in the sense of "future". Each country would be designated further by a particular numbering system.

The members of this movement would be classed by categories of Intellectuals, Technicians and Artisan-workers. Each category would be sub-divided into groups according to the diverse professions or trades. Each group would have a good deal of self-government and very extensive financial means, under the direct control of a higher committee of the movement, represented mainly by the three persons mentioned above.

The organization technique would have as its main object to gather information in all countries about their commerce and local industry, production statistics, etc.

With the participation of some big international financiers, and also thru the interpretation of certain credits discreetly allocated, a large part of the commerce and industry of South America, mainly in Argentina, to Brazil, Honduras and Paraguay, representing about a thousand million dollars, would be already 66 at the present time under the *(influence?) (Coup?)* of the promoters of this new movement.

One considers that already at this time a good thousand persons enter daily all the countries of the West, under the cover of commercial agents, but in reality, for the most part, as an agent devoted to the above-mentioned movement. These persons would communicate their information by secret code in the form of commercial communications to Madrid or to Buenos Aires.

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For Spain, this would be Joaquim AZNAR, former very influential member of the Falangé, but who fell in disgrace after a short while for his fascist and extremist fanaticism, who would be the delegate for his country, close to the top committee of the movement. In Argentina it would be directed by KOPPING, but who is called Augustino CALLEGAS. It isn't known if he has obtained Argentine nationality. The center in that country would be located at Mendoza near Buenos Aires. In Switzerland they will have found a man favoring their ideas in the doctor of medicine, director of a sanatorium, named RICKERT, originally from the German part of Switzerland.

The above-named Guido BECK was a doctor (PhD) and well-informed specialist in industrial and nuclear chemistry. It appears that BECK, among various other learned Germans, would have created at Mendoza a scientific research center with a view to manufacturing an atomic bomb and delivering it to the Argentine government.

On the political plane, the attitude "extolled" by said movement would be, according to our informant, to fight momentarily anti-communism, at least on the surface, in order to better enable the various communist parties to continue to be discredited in the eyes of democratic governments, weakening the latter at the same time and always. This extraordinary manner of proceeding would seem there to impel their adversaries to be mutually destroyed and to profit then from the chaos so created in order to impose their new order.

It enters notably in the intention of the leaders to subsidize and assist certain "Bolchevist" elements, as they are called, to foment disorderly strikes and to commit crimes against political persons of first rank. There would be, besides this matter, a vast project of plans being considered, aimed at the

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principal chiefs of the democratic parties in all the countries of Europe. The crime that just took place against TOGLIATTI would not seem at all to be foreign to the project in question and one sees that other analogous crimes will be repeated in an accelerated tempo in the very near future.

They tell us again that would have already acquired, at the present time, the sympathy and even the material aid of very powerful financial trusts in Belgium, in France, in Spain, Argentina and from German-Americans in the United States; certain delegates from these trusts would be in permanent contact with the leaders of the movement at Madrid and in Argentina.

We say in finishing that the movement in question would have published a book giving the intentions of the faithful entitled: "La Paz". This book would not be the same sort of work as Hitler's "Mein Kampf", but evidently revised and improved, following the exigencies of present-day politics.

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