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Establishment of a Military Directorate
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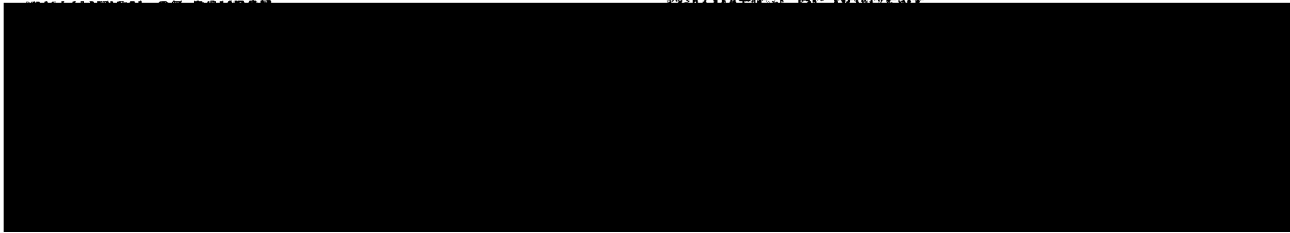
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1. According to a member of the CNT who is in contact with General Juan Beigbeder y Aizenza, in early December 1946, the monarchist military men were discussing the possibility of attempting a coup d'etat to install a military directorate which would govern Spain in accord with the constitution of 1876 and then hold elections which would have the character of a plebiscite. Reportedly, the idea of forming the directorate under the leadership of General Alberto Castro Girona has been discarded, and it has been decided to put General Antonio Aranda Mata at the head of it. The generals who would figure in it are: Alfredo Kindelan Duany; Agustin Munoz Grandes (Captain General of the First Military Region); Jose Enrique Varela Iglesias (High Commissioner of Spanish Morocco); Juan Vigan Suerodiaz (Director of the Army Escuela Superior); and Carlos Asensio Cebanillas (former Minister of War). They are also counting on the participation of Beigbeder.
2. According to the informant, the military men believe that, through Varela's mediation, they will receive the support of eighty per cent of the Army generals. They are in contact with the Conetistas League and Santa Maria, chiefly through Aranda's secretary.
3. The CNT member states that, although the above-mentioned generals are counting on the support of Beigbeder, the latter believes that an attempt to displace Franco by a coup d'etat would be foolhardy. According to Beigbeder, today a "Jefe" does not have the influence in the Army that he did before 1936, since the economic and political power of the Army is in the hands of the lower ranking officers. He thinks that the troops would not follow a general, nor a regimental colonel. In his opinion, the loyalty to the State of non-commissioned officers and officers with and below the rank of major has been insured by the granting of privileges and prerogatives, and no effort to overthrow Franco will be supported by them.
4. The same informant states that Beigbeder is considering making arrangements through which he could leave Spain, if necessary, and go to North America, possibly taking refuge for a while in Tangier.
5. A usually well-informed Socialist stated that meetings were being held as of 3 December between monarchist and republican military men with a view to working out a formula through which those who fought on the Nationalist side in the Civil War and the republican military men might get along

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harmoniously. Reportedly, the spokesman for the republicans is a certain Fantovas, who was aide to General Mariano Gamir Ulibarri during the Civil War. On the monarchist side, General Asensio is in charge of maintaining contact with the republican military men.

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