

Spanish Government Opens Campaign to Improve Relations With U.S.

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 Washington—(UPI)—The Spanish government has opened a campaign to try and improve its image of this country.

The reason is that it has been embarrassed by a flood of reports that it is dragging its feet on renewal of its U.S. naval and air bases agreement or, alternatively, is trying to exact heavy ransom for extending the pact.

The Spanish newsletter, an official publication, recently carried a statement by the Spanish foreign office spokesman asserting that "three events of international politics have coincided to confuse news media and may mislead public opinion although the coincidence is unrelated in timing or intention."

Coincidences Are Noted

He said the coincidences were the expiration next September, after 10 years, of U.S. military, economic and political agreements, French denial of Britain's admission to the European common market, and official French visits to Spain which caused the U.S. and Britain to look askance.

The spokesman did not go far enough. The fact is that Madrid's image suffered more damage from reports that its price for renewal of the military bases agreement was \$200 to \$300 million worth of modern military equipment. Spain has not denied the



PLANE REPAIRED—A U.S. fighter plane is repaired at Construcciones Aeronauticas S.A. Getafe, south of Madrid, Spain. More than 2,000 U.S. planes based all over Europe have been repaired at the base. Spain is currently trying to improve her image in U.S. naval and air bases agreement. (UPI)

The Medical Roundup

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Charcot-Marie-Tooth's Disease

In 1886, two neurologists in France, Drs. Charcot and Marie—and independently, Dr. Tooth in England—described a peculiar hereditary disease which is now called Charcot-Marie-Tooth's disease, or sometimes also "peroneal progressive muscular atrophy" because it often develops as a wasting of some of the muscles of the legs below the knees—muscles which are supplied by a certain nerve.



Later, as the disease progresses, the muscles of the hands and the forearms become involved. The feet may become slightly deformed. The trouble usually begins to cause symptoms in childhood or adolescence, but it can show up at any age. Often one parent is affected, but sometimes both father and mother seem to be normal. Occasionally, a mother who hasn't any sign of the trouble will pass it on to one of her boys. Fortunately, the disease need not shorten life.

Recently, in the journal "Neurology", Dr. George J. Lucas and Francis M. Forster of the University of Wisconsin, told of a family in which, in five generations, 32 members were studied, and five were found to be definitely affected. Seven more presented only parts of the clinical picture.

This so often happens with hereditary diseases. Some persons in a family will have the disease in so typical a form that it can easily be diagnosed; others will have it in so mild a form that only a physician who knows the disease well can recognize it; while others who inherited the tendency to the disease never develop any signs of it.

Writer Argues

This lack of what is called "penetrance" explains why many a person, when he writes to tell me about, let us say, his epilepsy or diabetes, will argue that it cannot be hereditary because neither his parents nor his grandparents had it.

Usually when I see such a person, and I study his family, I can quickly show him that perhaps an uncle and a couple of cousins have the disease in a mild or atypical form. Also, if I study the electroencephalograms of the epileptic's relatives, or the blood sugar of the diabetic's relatives, I may be able to show that one or more of them is a healthy "carrier" of the disease.

Epilepsy is notable for this tendency to be more evident in one member of a family than another—although both may properly be said to have it. Read the truth about epilepsy in Dr. Alvarez's booklet, "What Is Epilepsy?" which you can obtain for 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope sent with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

allegation, which is still in circulation. But it seems clear it could have done so in good conscience since the list of equipment it wants was submitted in July, 1961, long before the U.S. agreements came up for renewal.

Were Taken Aback

The Spanish were taken aback when the list suddenly and inexplicably was represented as new Spanish demands and Spain's price for renewal.

They were even more upset, Spanish sources said, by the apparent shift in the American position since the United States now believed Spain should receive modern weapons as well as replacements and parts.

It was understood the American proposal was that Washington would pay for the new weapons and Spain for replacements and parts.

Spain does not deny she is anxious to get U.S. economic assistance. But she rejects suggestions she is seeking a handout or using requests for economic aid as a lever in the base negotiations.

Gifts Are Over

She recognizes that the days of massive U.S. giveaways are over—a point President Kennedy is driving home persistently. Her principal anxiety is said to concern U.S. help in getting access to cheap money.

Spain feels that with American support, she could obtain from the international development association (IDA) and perhaps private

sources the \$100 million a year she needs at long-term and low interest for her development projects.

In the light of her urgent need for cheap money, Spain was surprised by the U.S. proposal that she share the cost of her military equipment program. The Spanish also were jarred by the postponement in mid-February of assistant defense secretary Roswell L. Gilpatrick's visit to Madrid.

Entertained by Ambassador

On the eve of his departure, Gilpatrick was entertained by Spanish Ambassador Antonio Garrigues at a farewell luncheon. Three days later Madrid press reports suggested Gilpatrick had called off the visit because the Spanish ministers of foreign affairs, finance and commerce would be out of town. But the Spanish said Gilpatrick knew this when he attended the Garrigues affair.

Woman Gains Funds But Loses Own Purse

Columbus, Ohio—(UPI)—State Welfare Director Mary Gorman was all smiles when the state board of control granted her department \$1.8 million in emergency funds to match new federal grants for old-age pensions.

But half an hour later her face was red. An aide returned to the board meeting and explained that Mrs. Gorman, busy getting the money for her department, had forgotten her purse.

Spokesmen for the state and defense departments and even Gilpatrick himself denied the report. But on Feb. 9 his visit was in fact postponed. The reason given was that neither side was ready for the bases talks.

This, the Spanish insist, is the real reason. But they said it was obscured by the earlier report that Spain was being intractable.

More Misunderstanding

More misunderstandings were sparked by reports from Madrid that Spain could no longer accept a subordinate position in the West's Atlantic defense set-up and that it demanded a status at least equivalent to America's other European allies in the North Atlantic Treaty organization (NATO).

To Washington, these reports appeared to have been inspired by Spanish officials to test U.S. reaction.

What Spain wants essentially is an equality in her relations with the United States similar to that enjoyed by the NATO countries.

Insisting on Support

Some reports have said that Spain is therefore insisting the United States support her claim for NATO membership. The Spanish dismiss such statements as politically naive. They say Spain recognizes, first, that membership of NATO is impossible of achievement for her at present and, second, that in the present ebb of the American position in Europe the United States is in no position to help her in that direction

anyway. She is therefore not seeking membership in NATO.

But Spain feels she should be with NATO in some recognizable and mutually beneficial way.

One alternative in mind is association along the lines of the central treaty organization in which the U.S. plays an effective "with" rather than an "of" role, or even Spain's desire for association with the European common market.

Is Based on Fact

Her dissatisfaction with her present position is based on the fact that although she is part of the allied grand design for European defense, she has no voice not brought into the basic planning; neither is she informed of the reasons for any proposed course of action.

It is this subordinate relationship that she wants to change. And this desire is behind Spain's request for review of the bases pact which she regards as having lapsed in its application because of far-reaching political and military changes in Europe.

While it is the U.S. view that the bases pact as it now stands would permit the United States to use Rota Naval base, near Cadiz, on the Mediterranean, as a U.S. Polaris submarine base, Spain believes that Polaris is one of the military developments not foreseen when the military, economic and political agreements were signed in 1953.

Adds New Element

She therefore holds that the use of Rota as a Polaris base in fact adds a new element which warrants a review of the bases agreement, even if only as a formality.

Sooner or later Spain believes Polaris missiles will form the basis of a NATO nuclear force, surface as well as submarine, if present Kennedy proposals go through. Thus, even though Polaris submarines may be manned only by Americans, the fact that they would be NATO vessels would make new arrangements necessary.

There is the added consideration for Spain that if ROTA becomes a Polaris base, it automatically becomes a prime enemy target. The recent U.S. position that Rota might not be as important as Spain appeared to rate it and that the U.S. had three "even more convenient" alternative bases in mind, resulted in much Spanish head-shaking.

In Spain's opinion, ROTA is a going concern on which the United States has spent more than \$130 million.

The pressure against the Spanish negotiating position appeared to mount with another surprise disclosure. This was that the U.S. plans to reduce the number of its strategic air command B47 jet bombers which are now

kept on constant alert on bases encircling the Soviet Union, including three in Spain.

This and unofficial U.S. emphasis that the shift in the nuclear defense pattern greatly diminished the importance of the air bases bore, for Spain, all the hallmarks of preparation for some good old fashioned horse trading.

Spells Out Position

Ambassador Garrigues spelled out the Spanish position in an address to the council of foreign relations last November.

"The strategic value of the bases for the United States and NATO cannot be disrupted," he said.

"Certainly, it is possible that in future years this strategic value may diminish as the result of new weapons,

but for a number of years to come the Spanish bases can provide NATO with something that today that organization lacks and which has so been recognized by Gen. de Gaulle—that is the geographical and strategic 'hinterland' that any defense military system requires."

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