

C/O The British Consulate General,
Palácio Atlântico,
Praça D. João I, No.28,
OPORTO
PORTUGAL:

May 31st, 1966.

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Dear Senor Irujo,

As the author of this guide to the Basilica of San Juan de Baños is a Navarrese, I thought you might like to have a copy of my English version of his work.

Yesterday I had the great pleasure of meeting again, after so many years, Don José de Arteche. He gave a wonderfully interesting lecture in Oporto on Magallanes. I look forward to seeing him again tomorrow, when he is to give another lecture.

Sr. Arteche's Life of St. Francis Xavier has just gone into a Portuguese edition.

With all kind wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Mairin Mitchell.

"Urdaneta":

Rua de Amieira

Gueifães

Maia.

17. VII. 1966. Portugal.

Dear Señor Grujo,

With heart felt sorrow
I have just heard of the
death of our dear mutual
friend, Mr. Hickman.

It is beyond words to
express the sympathy
I feel for you in the
loss of your beloved friend,
your unfailing ally in
maintaining a centre
for the Basques in London.

and a man who shared
your vision.

As The Barques in
London read English,
I wonder if you would
care to publish my little
tribute to your great
compatriot in Euzko Deya.

If you do, may I leave
it to your discretion
please, whether or not
to include my address.

In case you are
remaining for some
time in England, I
have asked Mrs Maguire
to show you a copy
of my little tribute to

her father.

His death will be to you
especially, an irreparable
loss, companions as you
were over the long years
in exile.

From my heart I
send you my sympathy.
Yours sincerely,
Mairin Mitchell.

" Urdaneta",
Rua de Amieira,
Gueifães,
Maia,
Portugal.

July 16th, 1966.

The Editor,
Euzko Deya.

Sir:

To the countless letters which will have reached you from Basques in many parts of the world, may an Irishwoman be allowed to add her humble tribute to the memory of that great son of Bizcaya, Don Jesús Hickman Urrutia. It was in London that I first came to know him, and learned of his unfailing help which he gave to his compatriots. To him they owed the continuance of their centre of cultural activities, to him they turned when in trouble and for advice. His selflessness, unfailing kindness, and his boundless generosity of heart will be remembered for ever by all who knew him. He had only to hear of the intended arrival of a Basque girl or boy in London, and no matter under what pressure of work he was labouring, he would leave that, to go to meet the new arrival at Victoria Station. He it was who procured rooms for them in suitable houses and at economic rents - no easy task today in London - and helped them to find employment. He it was who helped with the loan or gift of books people like myself, anxious to learn something of your ancient and venerable language.

A man of inflexible principles, of the utmost integrity, of the widest humanitarian outlook, and a model Catholic, he will remain an inspiration to us all. Irreplaceable as a counsellor, without him the Basque community, as one member wrote to me, now feels " shepherdless". But his work will endure. Gero arte, great son of Bizcaya. May his dear soul rest in peace, and may he live in the lumen gloriae.

Mairin Mitchell

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May 8th, 1966.

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Dear Senor Irujo,

With your characteristic generosity you have written a most kind and cordial review of my "Urdaneta" in EUZKO DEYA. This encourages me greatly as it makes me feel that I have helped, if even in a small way, to make a little better known to English readers the achievements of your countrymen.

I hope that you and all your family keep well, and did not suffer too badly through the wretched winter. Here, though less cold of course, we had our share of trouble with the rains- the heaviest since 1909- and as you know, when it rains here it does so with tropical intensity.

I'm working on another book connected with Basque history. It will take a long time to complete, as the material is so widely distributed both in Portugal and Spain.

It was most kind of you to have sent the account of the awards made to writers on Legazpi and Urdaneta. in Zumárraga

I was very glad to see that Don Javier de Aramburu headed the list. He has been extremely kind with his reviews of my books.

With all best wishes, and my very grateful thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Mairin Mitchell.