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He cambiado el título de mi artículo porque era el mismo de otro mío publicado hace dos años.

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Mi querido amigo:

Tengo su artículo, me gusta, creo que es de una claridad meridiana ; hasta los avestruces lo han de ver así, aunque no lo quieren, o lo contradigan.

En el número de este mes no puede ir a causa de la traducción y del material que tenemos en mano ya ,pero deseo insertarlo en el de noviembre. Vienen otros , ya veremos lo que da el resumen de todos ellos.

Hemos modificado la dirección de la Delegación en Londres. Esta carta va a Essex, espero que le encontrará ahí.

Gracias muy sinceras por su rápida y magnífica respuesta a mi petición. Me ha parecido de perlas sus aseveraciones sobre los exilados políticos y los ofrecimientos de los consulados españoles; verdades como casas.

Un fuerte abrazo de su buena amiga,

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Mi querido amigo:

Habr  Vd. leido en nuestro n mero de este mes las declaraciones del Partido Socialista, por si no ha sido as  le incluyo esa secci n. Creo que, en general, no hay grandes objeciones que formular, pero queda en el aire lo esencial; c mo llevar a la pr ctica ese punto 6, que es el nudo gordiano que hay que desatar.

 Qu  organismo, junta, comit  o gobierno transitorio puede llevar a cabo la puesta en marcha de la reorganizaci n de los partidos pol ticos y convocar elecciones constituyentes?  Qu  fuerzas nacionales est n en situaci n de garantizar el funcionamiento de ese organismo? etc.

Yo vengo a rogarle unos comentarios sobre los problemas que, grosso modo, apunto, en los que exponga objetivamente su criterio al respecto, as  como cualquier otra sugesti n que su fino criterio pol tico estime conveniente formular. Hago igual petici n a tres aigos del interior y a Mendizabal, Granados y Candela.

Espero que ha de cooperar, como siempre, con un buen art culo.

Reciba un buen abrazo de su amiga,

*Victoria Kent*

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U Thant, Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

We address you in regard to the grave violations of the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the government of Spain. Our concerns are drawn from careful studies of Spanish publications both within and outside Spain and from the observations of foreign observers in Spain. We have every reason to believe them authoritative.

The facts as they appear from these sources are:

1. Under the law, the organization of independent associations which are thought to be critical of the government, or which frankly oppose it in principle come under the penalties of the law. Independent trade unions are unlawful. Advocates of regional autonomy - Basque, Catalan and others are subject to criminal penalties.

2. Under these provisions of law, hundreds of persons have been prosecuted, scores are now in jail, many of them awaiting trial for months, even years.

3. It has been publicly reported that many of the prisoners are subjected to police brutality during interrogation and held in punishment cells for slight infractions of discipline. It is said there are 80 political prisoners so held in Purgos prison.

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Among the cases reported during the current year have been:

1. Eleven students arrested and imprisoned in Madrid as members of the Independent Student Union. We have their names.

These students are a few among many students arrested or expelled in attempting to organize associations independent of the government-controlled Student Union. Police brutality, even torture, have been charged in connection with their detention. The few students tried have been sentenced to prison terms.

2. Labor leaders accused of belonging to an illegal organization, independent of the official union, have been arrested and sentenced.

3. Well-known intellectuals have been arrested and sentenced for articles published abroad critical of the regime. Among them are the well-known writer, Dionisio Ridruejo, and the poet, Carlos Alvarez.

4. Basque and Catalan nationalists charged with unlawful association and illegal propaganda have been arrested and sentenced.

We call your attention, Mr. Secretary-General, to these severe measures to suppress the expression of opinion and the right of association, wholly dissociated with any acts of violence or public disorder. They are clear violations of the principles to which most member States of the United Nations subscribe, and presumably are shared in principle by the Spanish government which has never expressed its dissent.

We call them to your attention with the request that you take whatever action may be practicable within the competence of your high office.

Respectfully yours,

*Firmado*

Jan Papanek, Chairman

*Firmado*

Roger Baldwin, Hon. President

*c.c. Miss Kent*