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FALTA A UN CARDENAL

degradación
Se ha hecho publica la ~~promoción~~ de nuevos cardenales, que serán promovidos a esa dignidad en Enero proximo.

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A los ~~tres~~ cardenales que existían antes en la Peninsula, en Toledo, Lisboa y Sevilla, van a unirse dos mas, en Tarragona y Santiago de Compostela. El hecho entraña su significación. Nuestro comentario será expresado con el respeto que las cosas sagradas y aun las eclesiásticas merecen, respeto que no ~~debe~~ *empece* para que sobre ~~el mismo~~ *ellas* discurremos en alta voz.

Vamos a referirnos a los cardenales cuya sede se halla enclavada en tierras del Estado español. Son estos Toledo, ^y Sevilla hasta la fecha; Tarragona y Santiago de Compostela en adelante. Las cuatro mencionadas sedes son los capitales ^{representativa} de Castilla, Andalucía, Cataluña y Galicia. Castilla es el país gótico-latino, al que León y Toledo dieron carácter definitivo. El primado de Toledo es pues, de ~~ninguna manera~~ ^{alguna manera} el gran godo. Andalucía es la tierra sobre la cual la influencia árabe quedó mas patente, en la sangre, en las ^{en la herencia} costumbres, en los edificios, en el genio civil, en la música y en el arte. Cataluña, ^{Principado} es el país recreado al amparo del imperio carlovingio, del sacro romano imperio, ^{latino} occitano y mediterráneo. Galicia es el refugio celtico, que ha ^{conservado} dejado en las suaves colinas de la patria de Rosalía de Castro ~~inmensas~~ envueltas en cantos monoritmicos, trascordes y morriñas.

Constituye un acierto, un gran acierto, el que los cuatro cardenales demarquen las cuatro sedes capitales de cuatro culturas, de cuatro naciones, de cuatro sangres, de cuatro genios. *Es la representación de los cuatro reinos de España y de sus culturas.*

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El gobierno de España
Pero, ~~falta~~ el quinto. El quinto que es el primero. Porque, antes que los árabes y que los godos y que los romanos y que los celtas, ~~habitaron~~ *habitaban* la Peninsula sus primitivos pobladores. *Es* sería aventurado afirmar los límites a donde estas poblaciones primitivas llegaban; per

^{lo} ~~ninguna~~ no es aventurado ~~en~~ afirmar que, entre ellas se encontraban los vascos. Ni Toledo, ni Sevilla, ni Tarragona, ni Santiago de Compostela representan a los vascos, al cristianismo, ^y al catolicismo vasco. Castilla, Andalucía, Cataluña y Galicia constituyen provincias eclesiásticas, ^y arzobispados; y al frente de las sedes metropolitanas -en Castilla de la Primada-, existe un cardenal. Euzkadi, la tierra vasca, la más antigua de las naciones peninsulares, la más autóctona, la única que resta de ^{sus} ~~los~~ primeros pobladores, ^{ocultada} ~~que~~ no se estableció exterminando a los pobladores anteriores, carece de provincia eclesiástica, de arzobispado y de capelle cardenalicio. Las regiones vascas ^{seculares} ~~están~~ fraccionadas cuando no ~~están~~ como ~~están~~ donde y Aragón, ~~no~~ sucede en el caso de los jesuitas, ~~la~~ ^{las} reparte y división ~~adjudica~~ ~~entre~~ ~~Castilla~~ ~~Occidental~~ a las provincias de Castilla Oriental y Castilla Occidental.

Y no es que Euzkadi no responda a ^{un} ~~un~~ caracter católico. ^{A nosotros} ~~no~~ nos satisface ser "los más" en ~~ninguna~~ ^{ninguna} condición. Pero, es posible que no exista hoy una sola nación sobre el haz de la tierra en la ^{cual} ~~cual~~ dicho caracter ~~se~~ se acusa con mayor vigor que entre los vascos. Somos ~~los vascos~~ los únicos peninsulares que concurrimos a las ~~Cruzadas~~ ^{luchadas} Cruzadas de Tierra Santa. Lo cual no quiere decir que abandonáramos la ^{los vascos} ~~lucha~~ ^{lucha} peninsular, que para ~~nosotros~~ ^{los vascos} fue cruzada en el sentido más auténtico de la palabra, pero para Castilla ^{la cual} ~~significó~~ ^{significó} abundantemente ^{la} ~~botín~~ ^{botín} de guerra. ~~En~~ ~~Castilla~~ ~~se~~ ~~hizo~~ ~~la~~ ~~lucha~~ ~~de~~ ~~Tierra~~ ~~Santa~~ ~~que~~ ~~para~~ ~~ellos~~ ~~era~~ ~~una~~ ~~lucha~~ ~~de~~ ~~botín~~ ~~de~~ ~~guerra~~. ~~En~~ ~~Castilla~~ ~~se~~ ~~hizo~~ ~~la~~ ~~lucha~~ ~~de~~ ~~Tierra~~ ~~Santa~~ ~~que~~ ~~para~~ ~~ellos~~ ~~era~~ ~~una~~ ~~lucha~~ ~~de~~ ~~botín~~ ~~de~~ ~~guerra~~. ~~En~~ ~~Castilla~~ ~~se~~ ~~hizo~~ ~~la~~ ~~lucha~~ ~~de~~ ~~Tierra~~ ~~Santa~~ ~~que~~ ~~para~~ ~~ellos~~ ~~era~~ ~~una~~ ~~lucha~~ ~~de~~ ~~botín~~ ~~de~~ ~~guerra~~. ~~En~~ ~~Castilla~~ ~~se~~ ~~hizo~~ ~~la~~ ~~lucha~~ ~~de~~ ~~Tierra~~ ~~Santa~~ ~~que~~ ~~para~~ ~~ellos~~ ~~era~~ ~~una~~ ~~lucha~~ ~~de~~ ~~botín~~ ~~de~~ ~~guerra~~. ~~En~~ ~~Castilla~~ ~~se~~ 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su arzobispado y de su cardenal. Nos parece muy bien: ^{excelente.} Lo aplaudimos con verdadera satisfacción. Pero, Euzkadi ~~tiene un número~~ de mayor número de misioneros ^{de misión local} que las tres juntas. Y Euzkadi carece de provincia eclesiástica, de arzobispado y de cardenalato.

Un día entre los días, allá por los albores de 1936, ~~separadamente~~ diez diputados vascos esperaban a la puerta del despacho del Cardenal Secretario de Estado, a la sazón Mons. Pacelli, que les había citado a la hora del crepúsculo vespertino. Los diputados habían anunciado sus propositos por escrito. Querían que Euzkadi se constituyera en provincia eclesiástica, ^{para ellos} y que una de las diócesis fuera elevada a arzobispado. Intentaban establecer una norma ^{de aplicación} para evitar las luchas poco edificantes de los católicos vascos con algunos de sus parrocos que se negaban a bautizar a los recién nacidos imponiéndoles nombres vascos. Esperaban encontrar a ^{y cooperación} yuda ^{a fondo} en el Vaticano para que no fueran nombrados para cubrir puestos eclesiásticos en zona euskaldun eagerdotes que no supieran nuestra lengua. Necesitaban obtener de Roma una norma clara en materia de predicación vasca, que no hiciera a nuestro país de peor condición que ^{los} a los ~~indios~~ ^{zulues} y a los hotentotes.

Se encontraban acomodados los diputados en los confortables sillones que guarnecen la Sala de espera de la ~~Secretaría de Estado Vaticana~~ ^{Secretaría de Estado Vaticano} esperando a que les recibiría el Cardenal Secretario de Estado que les había citado ^{en aquella} ~~en aquella~~ hora precisa. Un monseñor se acercó ^{y reverent} amable ^{para comunicar} para hacer saber a los diputados vascos que el rey de Inglaterra acababa de morir, y el ~~Emmanuel~~ Cardenal Secretario de Estado había salido apresuradamente ^a para dar el pésame a la familia real en la persona del Embajador del Reino Unido.

Nuestra entrevista quedó aplazada para un mañana ^{que no llegó} que no llegó a los diputados vascos. Al día siguiente se ~~hacía~~ ^{hacía} saber ^{por} por el vicesecretario, hoy carder Pizzardo, que ni el Santo Padre ni el Cardenal Secretario de Estado

recibirían, si no suscribían un documento comprometiéndose a formar con las derechas bajo la dirección de Gil Robles candidatura ~~en las elecciones generales~~ en las elecciones generales que iban a tener lugar próximamente. Es claro que, los diputados dieron al cesar lo que es del cesar y rechazando tal vascos ~~al condic~~ al condic^{ión} se volvieron a Euzkadi, ser recibidos por sin ~~los~~ los altos dignatarios de la Iglesia en la que nacieron, y los restantes habían vivido, algunos han muerto ~~esperan morir~~ esperan morir.

Con posterioridad, la diócesis de Vitoria se ha subdividido en tres; pero, aun ^{figue} ~~continuan~~ ^{continúan} sin resolver el problema de la diócesis de Tudela, y ~~siguen~~ ^{incorporados} a la ~~de Tarazona~~ ^{de Tarazona} todos los pueblos de esta diócesis, mientras que otros pertenecen a las de Calahorra, Zaragoza, ^{Jaca} y ~~la~~ ^{la} propia de ~~San~~ ^{San} ~~Sebastian~~ ^{Sebastian}. Sobre la tierra vasca se extiende hoy ~~pued~~ ^{puede} las ~~diócesis~~ ^{diócesis} de Bilbao, San Sebastian, Vitoria, Pamplona, ^{Jaca} Calahorra, Tarazona y Zaragoza, agrupadas en provincias eclesiásticas metropolitanas de Castilla y Aragón.

~~En las diócesis de Pamplona y Tudela~~

Claro que, para nombrar un cardenal no necesita el Santo Padre que sea Arzobispo. En Francia, ^{J'en habla} existen hoy mismo obispos cardenales. ~~El último obispo de Pamplona~~ ^{El último obispo de Pamplona} ~~causó la caída de la república~~ ^{causó la caída de la república}. Pero los vascos no pedimos ~~ese~~ ^{ese}. Ni siquiera pedimos cardenal, aunque acusemos su falta con motivo de la designación del catalán y del gallego. Lo que pedimos ^{autónomo} ~~entonces~~ ^{entonces}, pedimos hoy y no nos cansaremos de pedir hasta que lo obtengamos, es la provincia eclesiástica vasca. ^{de derecho natural} Porque a eso, con arreglo a las normas ~~aplicadas en~~ ^{aplicadas en} ~~la~~ ^{la} Iglesia por lo general, tenemos derecho.

Lo decimos con todos los respetos, pero con la conciencia de quien, al ejercitar un derecho, cumple con ^{su} un deber.

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