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EDITORIAL "CATALAN NEWS", a Bulletin of Catalan Information, is renewing its publication for the purpose of letting the world the problems and ideals of the Catalan people and their fight for freedom.

This is not a political propaganda Bulletin. The only axe it grinds is Catalonia. It maintains that Catalonia should have her traditional freedom, which she lost when it was occupied by the military forces of the centralist kingdom of Castile in 1714. Since then, the only period of freedom it had was from 1931 till 1939, when Catalonia was occupied by the Army of General Franco, who represents the same reactionary and centralist forces that subjected her in 1714.

"Catalan News" stands for Democratic Freedom. We believe in the Four Freedoms, in the Atlantic Charter and the Charter of the United Nations, therefore we stand for the right of the Catalan people to determine its own destinies.

The present Spanish Regime, based on totalitarian principles is ruling by force in Catalonia, the Basque Country as well as the other Spanish countries. After destroying their political freedom, General Franco is trying to wipe out the essential Cultural and Spiritual basis of the Catalan Nation. The Catalan people are fighting against this to the best of their ability and we invite News Agencies and publications to reproduce any material which might be of interest to their readers and to the Free Peoples of the World.

CATALONIA CATALONIA is situated on the northeast of the Iberian Peninsula. Catalan is spoken by over 6,000,000 people. CATALONIA is greater than 22 independent States. Catalonia was a free nation until 1714. CATALONIA has a language of her own belonging to the Romance group of languages. CATALONIA aims to be a free nation once more so that she can become an equal member of a Confederation of Iberian Nations or other international organization.

THE "JOCS FLORALS" The Catalan "JOCS FLORALS", an annual Festival of Catalan Literature, which were first instituted in the 14th Century by the Catalan King John I, the Lover of Courtesy, and which last year were held at Church House, Westminster, and presided over by the Lord Mayor of that Borough will be held this year in Paris on the 27th October, as a gesture of thanks for the hospitality given by the French nation to the Catalan people.

The "Jocs Florals", a Poetical and Literary competition, are held yearly. The winner gets as his prize a flower, called the "Flor Natural" and the right to elect the Queen of the Festival, who, in turn, distributes the prizes. The Queen is attended by a Court of Love composed of 10 Maids of Honour. The "Jocs Florals" receive entries from Catalans all over the world, and even with the present situation, many poems and other literary works have been received from Catalonia itself.

The "Jocs Florals" faded out after the absorption of Catalonia by Castilian influence, but they were restored in 1859. Since then the "Jocs Florals" have undergone many difficulties. Between 1923 and 1939 they, as well as all Catalan activities, were forbidden by a Dictator. Now, another Dictator