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SPAIN AND CATALONIA

To properly understand the current developments in Barcelona, Americans should look back into the history of the peoples involved: Spain and Catalonia.

Only by realizing that "Spain" is a plurinational centralist State, traditionally and irrevocably dedicated to the assimilation by force of the nationalities under its domination "to the laws and customs of Castile", is it possible to comprehend the present tragic persecution of the Catalan Church by a regime that calls itself "Catholic."

University Unrest Increases STUDENTS AND PRIEST BEATEN

Barcelona, April 27 - As a result of the brutal and illegal police irruption into the Monastery of Sarrià (Barcelona), on March 11, to dislodge the students who had been offered the hall of the Monastery as a haven for their Constituent Assembly of the free Democratic Student Union of the Catalanian and Balearic University Districts, the demonstrations, involving thousands of students, became a daily occurrence.

Today, the Barcelona Spanish police, armed with truncheons, violently dispersed over a thousand students and a number of sympathizing professors who had attempted to hold a Free Assembly on school grounds. Among those beaten by the police was Rev. A. Bolado, Professor of Theology, who was with the students. Rev. Bolado was arrested and later released when the authorities learned he was to attend an international Congress. News of the incident spread to other branches of the University, where hundreds of students demonstrated and fought the police.

Students Vote 48 Hr Strike

The free Democratic Student Union voted a 48 hour strike in defiance of the Chancellor's orders to return to classes under penalty of losing all academic credits for the year. The striking students then marched to Catalonia Square and nearby avenues, chanting "Dictatorship, no! Democracy, yes!"

Barcelona University Closed

Unable to control the protesting students and many sympathizing professors, Madrid ordered the Board of Directors of Barcelona University to close the institution.

18 PROFESSORS SUSPENDED VICERECTOR OF BARCELONA UNIVERSITY RESIGNS

As a result of the closing of the Barcelona University by the Spanish Government, 18 professors who had sided with the free student movement have been suspended and 67 other professors are under investigation. The vicerector of the University, Dr. Martí de Riquer, a Catalan, resigned his post.

