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CATALAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN MEXICO CITY

During the 25th and 26th of June Mexico City was host to the second general assembly of the Catalan National Conference under the auspices of the Catalan National Council and of the "Orfeó Català" of Mexico City.

The objective of the Conference was to assemble the various Catalan democratic organizations in order to unify and coordinate their efforts for the reestablishment of Catalonia's national freedom.

Dr. J. M. Batista i Roca, Secretary General of the Catalan National Council, with headquarters in London, England, reported to the Conference on the latest developments in Catalonia and on the organization's ever closer coordination with the underground in the Catalan lands.

The Conference, attended by delegates representing the various Catalan political and syndical organizations, reaffirmed Catalonia's National Rights and proposed a plan of action to attain self-government. The accords of the Conference were submitted to the underground organizations inside Catalonia for their ratification or amendment.

Messages from Catalonia, Maestro Casals and Abbot Escarré

Among the many messages of salutation read at the Conference, the most enthusiastically received were those from Catalonia proper and from Maestro Pau Casals and Abbot Aureli M. Escarré, the two most illustrious Catalan exiles.

ABBOT AURELI M. ESCARRE GREETES "CATALAN NEWSLETTER" AND CATALAN - AMERICANS

His Excellency the Very Rev. Abbot Escarré, in his gracious letter granting this Newsletter permission to publish his important salutation to the National Conference, includes these most generous words: " I want to congratulate you for your publication -"Catalan Newsletter"- for its very just ideals and its way of presentation. As for your request to publish in Catalan Newsletter my letter to the Conference in Mexico, I personally, do not find any objection. In any case, I would appreciate it if you would state that I cordially salute the Catalan-Americans of New York and Catalan Newsletter.

SALUTATION BY ABBOT ESCARRE OF MONTSERRAT TO THE CATALAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Due to the importance of the message contained in Abbot Escarré's letter of salutation addressed to "Dr. J. M. Batista i Roca, II National Conference in Mexico", we offer it in its entirety, literally translated. The letter, dated Viboldone, June 3, 1966, reads:

"You advise me of a forthcoming National Conference, asking me to send a few words. It is with pleasure that I am sending you this cordial and respectful salutation from exile, from this exile of which many of you have for so many years known its "bread without salt."