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BANNED CATALAN NATIONAL HOLIDAY WIDELY COMMEMORATED

Catalans commemorated this year their day of National Affirmation --September 11, 1714-- with various important events, inside and outside of Catalonia.

In Barcelona, despite the extraordinary measures taken by the Spanish police, thousands of Catalans managed to pay homage to the fallen in defense of Catalonia's national freedom in 1714. The various underground political organizations distributed over 100,000 pamphlets recalling the significance of September 11th, and the Catalan National Council, with headquarters in London, England, introduced over 30,000 pamphlets throughout the Catalan Speaking Countries of Catalonia, Valencia and the Balearic Islands, calling on the people to unite in defense of their common national heritage.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENT

Underground democratic sources in Barcelona issued an important document re-stating the Catalan people's immediate national objectives, which may be summed up as follows:

- 1) Catalan National Independence.
- 2) Federation of the Catalan Countries: Catalonia, Valencia, Balearic Islands; Federal Council or Assembly with rotative residence in the three countries.
- 3) Cultural ties with Andorra, Roussillon and Alguer.
- 4) Democracy: universal suffrage; proportional representation.
- 5) Freedom of religion; separation of Church and State; free and independent Labor Unions.
- 6) No permanent standing army; universal military training.
- 7) All political, economic and social organizations to be free of foreign allegiances.

Conditions for a possible future Peninsular Confederation:

- a) Voluntary integration as equal sovereign states retaining the right of withdrawing from the Confederation.
- b) Each State retaining the direction of its Foreign Relations and economic and financial administration.
- c) No permanent standing armies.
- d) Confederal Council or Assembly with rotating residence in each of the nationalities composing the Confederation.
- e) The Confederation could be viable under either a Republic or a Monarchy.

IN FRENCH CATALONIA...

A large number of Catalans traveled from Catalonia to Perpignan, on Saturday, September 10th., in order to attend the following day the various festivities made to coincide with the Catalan National Holiday.