

Carta de la Federal Union al Embajador español en el Reino Unido (25 junio 1962)

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Your Excellency,

Federal Union was one of two British organisations represented at the Fourth Congress of the European Movement at Munich on the 7th June, and whilst there, we were very pleased to meet delegates from Spain. We think it true to say that the vast majority of delegates, of all political complexions and from all the countries represented, warmly welcomed the presence of the Spanish delegates as representing a new attitude on the part of the Spanish Government.

It was, therefore, with considerable surprise, concern and regret that we learnt of the measures taken against certain delegates on their return to Spain. We consider that these measures are a blatant violation of the human rights which lie at the very basis of the association of freedom loving European countries. We believe, moreover, that not only is the action morally inexcusable, but also politically inept, particularly as the Spanish Government is at the moment seeking closer ties with the European Economic Community. We would remind your Excellency that association with the Community implies acceptance of the European Convention on Human Rights which is clearly contravened by this action of the Spanish Government.

We would ask that your Excellency convey to your Government our deep concern and disappointment. We know that these feelings are shared by the majority of thinking people in this country, and we express the hope that your Government will see fit to rescind the

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measures already taken, and to refrain from further action, against the Spanish participants who attended the European Movement Congress.

Yours faithfully,

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Chairman, National Council

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