

4 Mexicans Going to Madrid; Axis Drive in Americas Seen

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Mexico City, Oct. 5.—In a Pan American Airways plane that will leave Mexico City for the United States next Tuesday will be four Mexicans making a journey to Madrid at the expense of the Spanish government to take part, with other Latin Americans, in a meeting expected to mark the beginning of a new and intense Axis propaganda effort throughout Latin America.

The meeting, which will take place Sunday, will be called "the Council of Hispanidad." Its sponsors will be the Spanish Falange—that is Generalissimo Francisco Franco, the Spanish dictator, and Ramon Serrano Suner, his foreign minister. Its inspiration and perhaps its financial sustenance will come from Berlin—at least in the opinion of specialized observers here and in Washington.

It is well known in informed circles that the Washington State Department has been increasingly disturbed in recent weeks by the highly organized and apparently well-financed activities of the Spanish Falange in Latin America, especially in Mexico. The Falange—which in Spain is the official Fascist Party—is the spearhead and shield of Nazi propaganda and espionage in Latin America, according to those in Washington whose duty it is to know these things.

Vital Import

For this reason the projected meeting in Madrid of Falange sympathizers from many parts of Latin America is regarded as having a potentially vital import for American defense.

The Mexicans who accepted Gen. Franco's invitation for the free trip to Madrid are Alfonso Juncal, Toribio Esquivel Obregon, Jesus Guisa y Acevado and the Rev. Dr.

Gabriel Mendez Plancarte. The first three are writers in newspapers and magazines here, while the last is a priest. Senores Esquivel and Guisa are members of an organization called Accion Nacional, which is strong for close ties with Spain and against Pan Americanism.

These and other guests from Latin America are believed to be mostly sincere devotees of Spanish culture and sympathizers with Spanish Fascism, but without fully realizing that Spanish Fascism has become an ally and an instrument of the Nazis in the Spanish-speaking new world. It is believed they are ignorant of the conviction held by some of the best informed here and in Washington that the Spanish Falange secret service is affiliated with the Nazi Gestapo.

To this council in Madrid guests were invited from every Latin-American country, it is understood here; and one is expected from Chile, seven are expected from Argentina, two from Peru, two from Nicaragua, as well as four from Mexico and an undetermined number from Venezuela. The expenses of all will be paid by the Madrid authorities.

Plan N. Y. Flight

The Mexican travelers expect to fly to New York and there take a clipper, hoping that the British will let them pass Bermuda. The South Americans probably will fly in the Italian Lati Airline from Brazil, where Italian and German airlines still operate.

The Madrid meeting is expected to frame a program for closer relations between Spain and Latin America—a program tending to draw Latin Americans toward Fascist Spain rather than toward democratic United States.