

Mexican Deputies Fight Sinarquista Colonization Plan

Organization Denounced As Shock Brigade for Nazi Fifth Column

By the Associated Press

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 15.—Proposed colonization of Lower California by 100,000 Sinarquistas was opposed by the Chamber of Deputies yesterday after a heated debate during which the semi-military organization was characterized as "a shock brigade prepared by Nazi agents."

By acclamation the Chamber approved a resolution asking President Manuel Avila Camacho to reconsider and withdraw his approval of the colonization plan on the ground that if carried out Lower California would become a potential base for Nazi activities and a grave danger to Western Hemisphere security.

Deputy Alfredo Felix Diaz, who sponsored the resolution, declared bluntly that the Sinarquistas constituted an Axis-sponsored fifth column which "obeys a premeditated plan of espionage prepared by the agents of Hitler and is the enemy of Mexico and the world's democracies."

Strategic Importance Stressed.

Emphasizing the strategic importance of Magdalena Bay, which is being enlarged and improved as a Mexican naval base, Diaz declared fifth column elements should not be permitted to gain a foothold on the Lower California Peninsula.

"The colonization of Lower California by the Sinarquistas would signify a grave danger for the country," he asserted. "It would signify the establishment of a Sinarquista republic which would be a center of Nazi-Fascist propaganda and a grave danger for Mexico and the continent."

Deputy Zapata Vela declared that "a Lower California colonized by the Sinarquistas would be for Mexico and the United States what Holland and Belgium were for France and England."

Fall of France Cited.

"The Chamber should advise the government that it sees a grave peril in this colonization, as from similar developments there arose in Europe forces which paved the way for France and other nations to capitulate to Hitler," Vela said. "The Chamber should point out the strategic importance which Magdalena Bay has for the continent."

The bay is the best port on the Pacific coast between San Pedro, Calif., and the Panama Canal. Several months ago a suggestion that the United States be permitted to use it was discussed here, but no definite action was taken.

Salvador Abascal, leader of the Sinarquistas, who claimed a membership of 500,000, said the charges made in the Chamber were false and declared the Deputies had no right to interfere with the plan.

The regions in Lower California, which the Sinarquistas proposed to settle, are desert sections in the southern half of the peninsula.

The Sinarquistas said they would invest funds to develop the land for tilling and offered to build highways projected for the southern portion at half the sum earmarked in government budgets.