



**Federación Española de Deportados e  
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## History

Founded in Toulouse shortly after the Second World War; aimed at the relief of Spanish political prisoners, former political prisoners in German concentration camps and refugees from Spain; started a campaign in 1947 for the relief of a group of republican Spaniards, consisting of aviators in training and sailors, who were left in the Soviet Union in 1939 and imprisoned in 1941; sent to concentration camps in 1942, where they found themselves in Karaganda in Kazakhstan, forced to do agricultural labour under hard conditions; the campaign by the FEDIP led to a mitigation of their confinement, but they were not released until 1954-1956; moving spirit of the campaign was José Ester Borrás (1913-1980), who was secretary general of the FEDIP from 1947 until his death; more than once Ester intervened successfully in favour of persecuted opponents of the Franco regime in Spain and of refugees in France, who were threatened by expulsion.

## Content

FEDIP: minutes and other documents of meetings and congresses 1945, 1961, 1965, 1967, 1970-1973; statutes and rules 1945, 1970; lists of sections n.d.; financial notes 1960-1961; correspondence and other documents concerning the campaign for the release of the Spanish prisoners in Karaganda 1947-1956; correspondence with F. Herzfelder, Felix Martorell, Carlos Martinez Parera and others concerning indemnity payments to former Spanish prisoners in German concentration camps 1958-1974; other documents on indemnity payments, including documents concerning the German Bundesentschädigungsgesetz ( BEG) 1954-1974 and n.d.; reports and notes by Hans Marsalek and others concerning former Spanish prisoners in Mauthausen 1949, 1953, 1957-1971, 1978 and n.d.; lists of names 1946, 1968 and n.d.; documents concerning the Fédération Nationale des Déportés et Internés Résistants et Patriotes (FNDIRP) 1968-1970 and n.d.; documents concerning the Fédération Internationale Libre des Déportés et Internés de la Résistance (FILDIR) 1964-1965, 1970 and n.d.; other documents and clippings concerning deported Spaniards in German concentration camps 1939-1940, 1946-1972 and n.d.

## Administrative information

### Processing information

List made by Tiny de Boer in 2001

## INTRODUCTION

The Federación Española de Deportados e Internados Políticos (FEDIP) was founded in August 1945 in Toulouse and was transferred to Paris early 1947. FEDIP aimed at the relief of Spanish political prisoners, former political prisoners in concentration camps and refugees from Spain. FEDIP started a campaign in 1947 for the relief of a group of republican Spaniards, consisting of fighter pilots in training and of the crew of vessels, such as the Cabo San Agustín, which transported arms and was located in the harbour of Odessa in April 1939. Although the crew members said they had planned to depart for Mexico, they remained in the Soviet Union until June 1941, when they were arrested and sent to forced labour camps in Siberia. Several died of the hardships there. From 1942 onward they were in Karaganda (Kazakhstan), where they worked the land. Food and sanitation were poor, the work hard, the climate rough and contact with the outside world non-existent. Many suffered from tuberculosis.

Prisoners from other countries who were released after 1946 publicized the fates of these people, including some Jewish women from Austria who had become involved with the Spaniards and even borne their children in the camp.

When FEDIP learned of their existence, the staff verified their details with relatives and labour organizations and determined that they were anti-fascists and members of the UGT and the CNT. The subsequent campaign brought about some minor improvements in their situation and permission for them to send mail via the Red Cross, but was unsuccessful in obtaining their release. In March 1956 the military tribunal of the Council of the Supreme Soviet finally ordered that they be set free.

José Ester Borrás (1913-1980), general secretary of FEDIP, was the driving force behind the campaign. A former soldier in the Spanish Civil War, he had joined the French resistance. More than once Ester also intervened successfully in favour of persecuted opponents of the Franco regime in Spain and of refugees in France, who were threatened by expulsion. For more documents concerning FEDIP see also the papers of José Ester Borrás, available at the IISH.

The archives were received by the IISH in 1998 and consist mainly of documents concerning FEDIP's campaign for the relief of the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. The archives contain correspondence with the Red Cross, the United Nations (UN), political and labour organizations in France, the French government, the Spanish government in exile and wellknown personalities in France and elsewhere, files on the imprisoned Spaniards in the Soviet Union, including family correspondence and other letters and birth certificates of children born during imprisonment, documentation on Karaganda, the USSR and other documentation.

Periodicals were transferred to the library and photographs were transferred to the audiovisual section of the IISH.

## INVENTORY

### CAMPAIGN FOR THE INTERNED SPANIARDS IN KARAGANDA

#### Correspondence

- 1-10 Correspondence concerning the interned Spaniards in Karaganda, mainly with persons who had also been interned. 1941, 1945, 1947-1954 and n.d. 10 covers
  - 1 Bravo, Roger. 1949.
  - 2 Clement, Madeleine. 1945, 1947-1951.
  - 3 Hofmann, Franz. 1949-1950.
  - 4 Lövy, Vera and Rogin, Anita. 1948, 1951, 1953-1954.
  - 5 Prenzlau, Friedrich. 1948-1951.
  - 6 Puertolas, Emilio. 1941, 1948-1949.
  - 7 Sagalowitsch, Sonia. 1948-1949.
  - 8 Seiler, Mary. 1948-1950.
  - 9 Steinmetz, Georges. 1947-1948 and n.d.
  - 10 Ullrich, Elmar. 1949-1953 and n.d.
- 11 Letters from the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. Partly with transcriptions. 1941, 1947-1949 and n.d. 1 cover
- 12 Carbon copies of letters to the Spanish government in exile, including the transcriptions of a letter from Alvaro de Albornoz to FEDIP in French and Spanish. 1947-1948. 1 cover
- 13 Carbon copies of letters to the United Nations, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Embassy of the USSR in France, President Truman and Marshal Stalin, including transcriptions of letters from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in France. 1947-1948. 1 cover
- 14 Carbon copies of letters to Spanish political parties and organizations, in exile in France, including a transcription of a letter from J. Irla, president of the Generalitat de Catalunya. 1947-1949. 1 cover

- 15 Carbon copies of letters to the International Red Cross and relief committees, including a transcription of a letter from the Workers Defense League in New York. 1947-1949. 1 cover
- 16 Carbon copies of letters to various celebrities, among others Eleanor Roosevelt and Albert Camus, including the transcription of a letter from Eleanor Roosevelt. 1948-1949, 1951. 1 cover
- 17 Correspondence with other sections of the FEDIP in France. 1948. 1 cover
- 18 Correspondence with editors of periodicals. 1948-1949. 1 cover
- 19 Other correspondence. 1947-1951, 1953-1954, 1956 and n.d. 1 folder

## Files

- 20-85 Files on the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. Alphabetically arranged on the names of interned. 1929, 1934, 1940-1941, 1947-1957 and n.d. 64 covers
  - 20 Acebal Perez, Avelino. 1948, 1954.
  - 21 Aliaga Diaz, Francisco. 1954.
  - 22 Allego, Ricardo. N.d. (empty file)
  - 23 Almor Chirivella, Salvador. 1948.
  - 24 Alonso Martin, Francisco. 1948.
  - 25 Armesto Saco, Pedro. 1947-1950, 1954.
  - 26 Beltran Talon, Jaime. 1929, 1948-1949.
  - 27 Blanch Rodriguez, Antonio. 1954.
  - 28 Bote Garcia, Juan. 1948.
  - 29 Calvo Muedra, José. 1947-1948 and n.d.
  - 30 Castañeda Ochoa, Angel. N.d.
  - 31 Castañeda Ochoa, José. 1947-1948, 1952, 1954.
  - 32 Castro Lopez, Juan Antonio. 1948-1949.
  - 33 Conesa Castillo, Juan. 1940, 1947-1950, 1954.
  - 34 Davila Eiras, Manuel. 1948.
  - 35 Diz Rivas, José. 1948.
  - 36 Fernandez Prieto, Arturo. 1934, 1948-1954 and n.d.
  - 37 Garcia Buendia, Fulgencio. 1947-1948.
  - 38 Garcia Garcia, José. 1947-1948, 1950.
  - 39 Garcia Gomez, José. 1948, 1954.
  - 40 Garcia Martinez, Vicente. 1948-1949.
  - 41 Garcia Meitas, Domingo. 1948-1949.
  - 42 Garcia Santamaria, José. 1948, 1954.
  - 43 Girones Llop, José. 1940, 1948.
  - 44 Gomez Mariño, Juan. 1948.
  - 45 Jurado Vazquez, Manuel. 1948-1949.
  - 46 Leira Carpenté, Antonio. 1948-1949, 1954.
  - 47 Llupart Bennasar, Pedro. 1948.
  - 48 Llona Mechaca, Agustin. 1947-1948.

- 49 Llopis Crespo, Francisco. 1948 and n.d.
- 50 Lopez Gonzalez, José. 1948, 1953.
- 51 Lopez Moreno, Quintin. 1948, 1950, 1952.
- 52 Marquez Castell, Vicente. 1948.
- 53 Mercader Saavedra, Francisco. 1948, 1950, 1954.
- 54 Miralles Pons, Obdulio. 1947-1949.
- 55 Monclus Guallar, Vicente. 1940, 1948, 1956.
- 56 Montejano Moreno, Vicente. 1948-1949.
- 57 Morquillas Rubio, Leopoldo. 1954.
- 58 Pastor Juston, Pascual. 1954.
- 59 Pedreny Vidal, Felipe. 1940, 1947-1950.
- 60 Peinado Peñalver, Antonio. 1954.
- 61 Perez Fernandez, Ricardo. 1948.
- 62 Perez Perez, José. 1948.
- 63 Pineiro Diaz, Enrique. 1948 and n.d.
- 64 Pollan Ozaento, José. 1948.
- 65 Pons Lopez, Eusebio. 1947-1950.
- 66 Puig Delgado, Agustin. N.d.
- 67 Ramell Colomer, Claudio. 1948, 1954.
- 68 Ramos Arribas, Máximo. 1954.
- 69 Rodriguez de la Fuente, Secundino. 1948.
- 70 Rodriguez Rango, Victor. 1948.
- 71 Rodriguez Rodriguez, Hermógenes. 1948-1950.
- 72 Rodriguez Teijeiro, Manuel. 1948.
- 73 Rodriguez Tenedor, Tomas. 1948-1949, 1954.
- 74 Romero Carreira, José. 1947-1949, 1953.
- 75 Ruiz Garcia, Francisco. N.d.
- 76 Ruiz Mesa, Cándido. 1954.
- 77 Sala Pala, Juan. N.d.
- 78 Salut Payá, Emilio. 1947-1948, 1950 and n.d.
- 79 Sanchez Gomez, Ramón. 1948.
- 80 Santamaria Garcia, Ramón. 1948.
- 81 Serrano Organero, Luis. 1948.
- 82 Trigo Sayans, Joaquin. 1948.
- 83 Troche Coteló, José. N.d.
- 84 Velazco Perez, Miguel. 1948-1949.
- 85 Villanueva Flores, Julio. 1941, 1948-1950, 1952-1954, 1957.

**Campaign**

- 86 Documents concerning the situation of the group of Spaniards in the internment camp in Karaganda. 3 typed versions. January 1948. 1 cover
- 87 Resolutions of the third plenary meeting regarding the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. 19 January 1948. 1 cover
- 88 Documents concerning the work plan in behalf of the release of the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. 1948. 1 cover
- 89 Documents concerning the press conference regarding the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. April 1948. 1 cover
- 90 Manifesto concerning the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. June 1948. Printed. In duplicate. 2 pieces
- 91 Appeals concerning the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. Printed. 1948. 1 cover
- 92 Documents concerning the meeting regarding the interned Spaniards, held in the Salle de la Mutualité in Paris. 11 July 1948. 1 cover
- 93 Texts of speeches by Rodolfo Llopis, Federica Montseny, Paul Rivet, Rafael Sanchez Guerra, [Juan?] Sauret and Wilebaldo Solano, held at the meeting on 11 July 1948 in the Salle de la Mutualité, organized by FEDIP in Paris for the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. Carbon copies. 1948. 1 cover
- 94 Photographed letters, declarations and other photographed documents from and concerning the interned Spaniards in Karaganda, partly used for the organized meeting by FEDIP in Paris? With a typed list of the photographed documents. 1940, 1945, 1947-1949 and n.d. 1 folder
- 95 Circulars of FEDIP. 1948. 1 cover
- 96 Postcards for the liberation of the interned in Karaganda. N.d. 1 cover

**Finances**

- 97 Lists of expenses and receipts concerning the meeting, held in the Salle de la Mutualité in Paris, 11 July 1948. 1948. 1 cover
- 98 Notes concerning the budget for postcards regarding the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. N.d. 1 piece

**Lists**

- 99 Lists of names of relatives in Spain of the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. 1948 and n.d. 1 cover
- 100 Lists of names of the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. N.d. 1 cover
- 101 Lists of deceased Spaniards in Karaganda and other camps. N.d. 1 cover
- 102 Lists of names and addresses of international organizations, celebrities, women and children of the interned Spaniards in Karaganda and other relatives. N.d. 1 cover
- 103 Lists of released Spaniards from the internment camp in Karaganda. N.d. 1 cover

**Other documents**

- 104 Typescripts of reports and articles concerning the Spaniards in Karaganda. With notes. 1947-1948, 1950 and n.d. 1 cover
- 105 Notebook of the 'secretaria general' with notes on French and Spanish supporters, list of embassies and consulates in Paris, notes on visits and meetings with the government, emigration services and other (governmental) organizations, notes on sent documents and financial notes, partly concerning the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. 1947, 1954-1955 and n.d. 1 quire

- 106 Documents concerning the women and children of the interned Spaniards in Karaganda. 1947-1949. 1 cover
- 107 Documents concerning the repatriation of the Spaniards from Karaganda, together with the Spanish prisoners of the 'División Azul'. 1954. 1 cover

## **DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE RELIEF OF OTHER SPANIARDS IN THE USSR**

### **Correspondence**

- 108 Correspondence concerning missing Spanish children in the USSR, including a list of names. 1939, 1948-1949. 1 cover
- 109 Letters from Felix Gordón Ordás and Angel Díaz Fernandez, concerning the sons of Angel Díaz Fernandez, addressed to José Calmarza, president of FEDIP. 1954-1955. 1 cover
- 110 Letter from Victor Gómez of FEDIP to Georges Brutelle concerning the sons of Gómez who lived in Moscow, including a note with the address. 1956. 1 cover  
NB. Not sent?

### **Files**

- 111-119 Files on interned Spaniards in other camps or elsewhere in the USSR. Alphabetically arranged on the names of interned. 1940, 1942, 1948-1950. 9 covers
  - 111 Blasco Cobo, Juan. 1950.
  - 112 Cesar-Esperle Gimenez, Mario. 1948.
  - 113 Fernandez Serrano, José. 1948-1949.
  - 114 Gonzalez Guilera, Jacinto. 1948-1949.
  - 115 Gonzalo Gonzalez, Federico. 1948.
  - 116 Jimenez, Salvador. 1948.
  - 117 Ramirez Reyes, Juan Antonio. 1942, 1948.
  - 118 Rios, José Manuel Jesus. 1940, 1948.
  - 119 Various persons. 1948-1950 and n.d.

### **Other documents**

- 120 Testimony by FEDIP, PSOE, PCE, UGT and CNT concerning the request of releasing prisoners of war Pedro Monegal Marginet and Honrado Garcia from Yugoslavian captivity. Carbon copy. 1946. 1 cover
- 121 Documents concerning 'Lager 4074 (URSS)' (concerning a group of Spaniards, detained by the Russians in Berlin in July 1945 and sent to internment camp 4074 in the USSR). 1948 and n.d. 1 cover
- 122 Notes concerning José Tuñón Albertos and Pedro Cepeda Sanchez. 1948. 1 piece

## **DOCUMENTATION**

### **Karaganda**

- 123 Printed articles on the interned Spaniards in Karaganda, published in various periodicals. Partly in transcription. 1944, 1947-1949 and n.d. 1 folder
- 124 Clippings of articles concerning the interned Spaniards in Karaganda, mainly by J.E. Borrás, published in Solidaridad Obrera-AIT. Organe hebdomadaire du M.L. Espagnol-CNT en France. 1947-1949. 1 folder

- 125 Clipping of articles on Karaganda in the French press. 1948. 1 cover
- 126 Clippings of articles on Karaganda in the international press. 1948. 1 cover
- 127 Debates of the French Parliament on Karaganda, published in the Journal Official de la République Française. 5 March 1948. 1 copy
- 128 Transcript of minutes of the session of the Diputación Permanente of the Spanish Parliament in Exile concerning the debates on Karaganda. 22 May 1948. 1 cover
- 129 Other documentation concerning Karaganda. 1948-1949. 1 cover

## USSR

- 130 Clippings of articles, titled: 'Niños españoles en el "Paraíso Soviético"'(Spanish children in the Soviet paradise) by Senio, part 3-5, published in El Socialista. 1948. 1 cover
- 131 Clippings of articles on communism in the USSR, China, Yugoslavia, Hungary, also on camps in the USSR, on Stalin and Hitler, mainly published in Le Monde. 1948-1951 and n.d. 1 folder
- 132 Other documentation on the USSR. 1947-1951 and n.d. 1 folder

## Other documentation

- 133 Press releases of the United Nations, including documents concerning the declaration on human rights. 1948. 1 cover
- 134 Clippings of articles on preventive custody in France and on the situation in French prisons. 1951-1952 and n.d. 1 cover
- 135 Clippings on various subjects. 1947, 1952 and n.d. 1 cover

## ANNEX

- 136 Letter from the Asociación de Deportados e Internados Españoles - Antifascistas to the director of Solidaridad Obrera in Paris. With annexes concerning the Agrupación Guerrillera de Levante y Aragón. 1948. 1 cover
- 137 Postcard with a picture of the ship 'Cabo de Buena Esperanza' from Ybarra y Compañía in Sevilla. N.d. 1 piece

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- 138-140 Newspapers with articles on the campaign for the Spanish political prisoners in Karaganda, Soviet Union, and their release. 1947-1948, 1950, 1954. 3 folders
  - 138-139 1947-1948, 1950.
  - 140 1954.