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MANUEL MORENO BARRANCO, author and a member of Spain's democratic youth, was assassinated while imprisoned at Jerez de la Frontera, Cadiz (Andalucia). After having been subjected to untold tortures, he was mercilessly thrown to the hard ground below from one of the prison's highest galleries. He perished a few hours later.

Manuel Moreno Barranco has written a book entitled "ARCADIA FELIZ", now being published in Mexico by "Editorial Nuevas Generaciones". Antitotalitarian and a conscientious democrat, Manuel Moreno Barranco was not affiliated to any political party. He went to France in 1959 and returned to Spain in November 1962. On January 27, 1963, without cause or reason, he was detained by the police and a thorough search of his home was made by the authorities. Nothing was found to accuse him and he was set free, to be detained again on February 13, and the search of his home repeated. This time, however, although again nothing was found, he was taken to the provincial jail for interrogation. Nine days later, February 22, Manuel Moreno Barranco found himself in the hospital, where the prison guards had taken him, suffering serious injuries which took his life a few hours later. His family was notified but was not permitted to visit him or claim the remains.

The family's efforts in protest against the regime's hostile action are futile. Those who committed the crime will go unpunished. We know the name of the police officer who, just a few days before Manuel Moreno Barranco was assassinated, said: "... that heretic can commend himself to God, as this time no one can save him." There are eyewitnesses to the crime. What we need are loud echoes and human solidarity.

Brother democrats of America, it is up to you to demand justice!

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