



Assembly of God church in La Coruña



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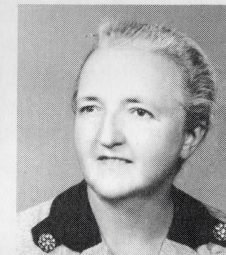
Under Generalissimo Franco, Catholicism was reestablished as the state religion. Although Article VI of the Spanish Bill of Rights states: "No one shall be persecuted for his religious beliefs nor molested in the celebration of his private worship," frequent attacks on Protestantism are made both over the radio and through the press. Efforts have been made to suppress and harass Protestant believers, even to the point of boycotting and denying them civil rights. When one or both parties are ex-Catholics, obstacles are often put in the way of a Protestant couple desiring to be married.

Protestant gatherings are confined to buildings that have been granted government permits. In all of Spain, it is reported that there are less than 200 such permits and a new one is rarely granted. An evangelical place of worship may not be built to resemble a church; no cross may be used outside; nor may any sign be placed where it will be visible from the street. Only through personal witnessing may a congregation announce its services. Even this may be termed "propaganda" and the offender is liable to arrest. However, in spite of these restrictions, there is still a Protestant community in Spain.

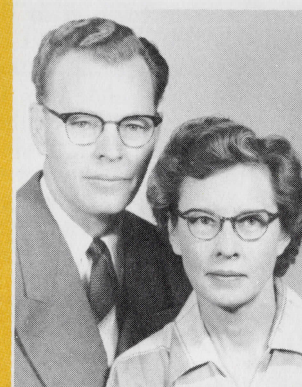
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