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SPAIN: Trial of the Coup Plotters

Leaders of the principal political parties have generally cooperated to keep the trial of the plotters from becoming a partisan issue. Written statements submitted by the two most prominent defendants--Generals Armada and Milans del Bosch--disagree on which of them led the coup attempt last year. [redacted]

Comment: The crucial moments in the trial will arrive when the court attempts to resolve the contradictions between the defendants' statements. The testimony so far appears to have averted the greatest danger--branding the King with a charge of first encouraging and then betraying the coup. That accusation would not be credible without support from Armada--a longtime close associate of the King's [redacted]