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**The Washington Merry-Go-Round****Galindez Funds  
Still a Mystery**

By Drew Pearson

Most important point raised in the long-awaited Morris Ernst report on the strange disappearance of Prof. Jesus

de Galindez is how and where the Professor was able to collect one million dollars. That is a lot of money for a college professor to pull in from Spanish Basques, and the big question is whether he was actually getting it from Spaniards or whether it didn't come from secret espionage agents.

Ernst, after six months of investigation for the Dominican government, has come up with some important, though inconclusive evidence, claiming that it was impossible for Gerald Murphy, the free-lance pilot, to have flown Galindez's body from Long Island to the Dominican Republic at the time specified by Life Magazine. Life made the chief charge that dictator Trujillo did away with his critic at Columbia University.

Ernst concludes that the Columbia professor is still missing and still nobody knows what has happened to him.

However, records of the huge amounts of money Galindez received are on file in the Justice Department and present an even more important unsolved mystery. They indicate that the United States has been used for either an espionage or a revolutionary conspiracy.

**Huge Amounts**

Galindez started receiving money, allegedly from Spanish Basques, in 1950. He filed with the Justice Department receipts for \$5441 in February 1950; \$24,048 in March; then continued to file receipts of \$4000 to \$8000 per month until the latter part of 1950, when he was receiving around

\$18,000 a month. This is a lot of money to roll into the lap of a college professor who sent out no measure to ask for money, made almost no speeches to large groups of people.

The money continued to roll in in amounts ranging between \$4000 to \$24,000 a month for the next six years. In January, 1956, just before he was killed, or disappeared, he filed the largest receipt of all—\$26,039.

The money was supposed to come from Spanish Basques in Venezuela, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Cuba, France, Belgium and Italy. However, there are exchange restrictions in most of these countries, so it's impossible to send money to other countries. Furthermore, money collections are not easy even for skilled money raisers, and Galindez had no machinery for soliciting funds.

Also suspicious is the fact that the minute he disappeared the money ceased coming. The Basque committee continued to operate, but no money came in. Furthermore, no money was received by the Basque committee before Galindez took charge. Obviously the money came to him because someone, possibly an apparatus anxious to operate against Franco in Spain, had confidence in him.

Galindez had two secret banking accounts in Switzerland and he transferred money to these accounts, possibly for paying agents in Europe. Just who was paying him? And who did he pay in Europe? This is the real mystery in the Galindez murder, a mystery probably more important than the question of who spirited him off into nowhere. If this is solved, the question of who kidnaped him will also be unraveled.

Note—Congress might well stage a full investigation of the Galindez case, including Central Intelligence. CIA knows more about

amounts of money spent for espionage than anyone else in Washington.

**Washington Pipeline**

Despite Ike's optimistic statement about the end of the recession, chances are that unemployment will hit the six million mark by the end of June and seven million by the end of the summer. . . . Prime Minister Macmillan will tell President Eisenhower that Russia's economic offensive is more dangerous than her military threat. He will warn Ike that Russia is starting a world-wide trade offensive against British and American goods and that the Free World will have to unite to prevent Russia from making gigantic economic inroads in the underdeveloped countries. . . . President Eisenhower has sent a secret message to Tunisia's President Bourguiba pleading with him to avoid any clash with French troops. Ike warned that continued incidents between excited Tunisians and the French could explode into a full-scale war in North Africa. This would give the French all the excuse they need, he said, to reconquer Tunisia and wipe out its independence once and for all.

Dictator Nasser is gleefully predicting that the rebels he is supporting in Lebanon will succeed in overthrowing the pro-American government. Nasser addressed a meeting of his top army officers in Cairo secretly last week and predicted Lebanon would be the next country to fall into line as part of his empire—no matter what Britain and America did about it.

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