

PAPER ABSTRACTS

Catalans in the Leonese Empire

Most historians of eleventh and twelfth-century Spain have concentrated their attention either on Catalonia or on the Leonese Empire, that is, the territories ruled by Alfonso VI, within which Menéndez Pidal and his followers have presented Old Castile as being the most progressive element. Nevertheless numerous scraps of scattered evidence suggest that many Catalans settled in the Leonese Empire in this period and occupied key positions there as abbots, bishops, generals, governors and administrators. In this paper I hope to bring together some of these scraps and to construct a tentative picture of those Catalans' activities and influence. In particular, I hope to show that Catalonia's contacts were especially strong with the Palencia-León region, and that, rather than Old Castile, it was this region, and Toledo, that were the real centres of progress in the lands ruled by Alfonso VI and VII.

DEREK W. LOMAX

EL DARRER POEMA DE MIQUEL MARTÍ POL

Quan Miquel Martí Pol va publicar Amb vidres a la sang, on deia en un dels seus poemes: "No demano gran cosa: /... / fer l'amor sense haver de demanar permisos", Johannes Hösle va escriure en el pròleg que el poeta havia assolit la interdependència entre poesia i vida. Ara, en comentar nosaltres el darrer poema de Martí Pol, Estimada Marta, ens preguntem si la resposta més encertada a l'amor humà és la que sorgeix d'aquesta interdependència entre poesia i vida, és a dir, si el poeta ha trobat la solució a la seva modesta demanda en si mateix, amb la fusió imaginació-realitat. I si es així, com es pot donar en poesia aquesta fusió d'una manera temàtica i formal? Quina novetat presenta el poema Estimada Marta? Tenim davant un poema fonamentalment eròtic o un poema escrit per un poeta "físic"?

ANTONI TURULL

Catalan Politics, 1900 - 1978

This paper is concerned with tracing the rise of Catalan regional feeling and nationalism and relating it to Spanish politics in this century. My major interest will be to compare what is happening in Catalonia with similar situations in other parts of the world, and the emphasis throughout will be comparative.

JACK BRAND