

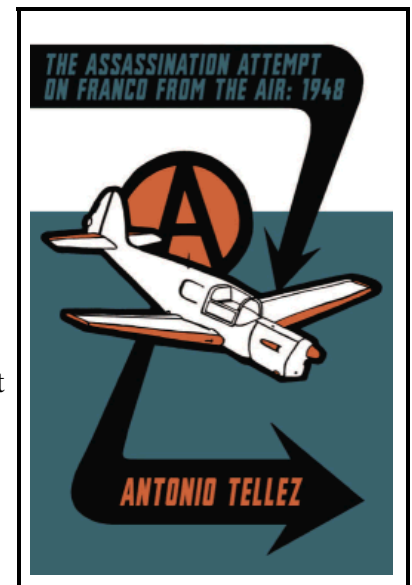
**New title: The assassination attempt  
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The course of Spanish history might well have been changed on Sunday 12th September 1948 on the second day of the fishing boat regatta being fought out at San Sebastian before the eyes of General Franco. A group of Anarchists in exile – veterans of the fight against fascism – had laid their plans that the chief of state should die in the waters of La Concha bay beneath a hail of incendiary and shrapnel bombs dropped from a light aircraft...

After the defeat of 1939 many Spanish anarchist militants headed into exile, but didn't have long to wait before becoming embroiled in a new fight. Some made up a fundamental part of the French Resistance to Hitler, like Laureano Cerrada Santos, railway union militant and forger. Others joined the Allied forces, like Antonio Ortiz Ramirez of the 'Number One Shock Battalion'.

Following the fall of Hitler and Mussolini, many expected Franco's murderous regime to go the same way. In 1948 a small group of anarchist exiles planned to make sure that it did by killing Franco in an audacious attack from the skies.

With a suitcase full of cash and the help of Georges Fontenis of the French Anarchist Federation, Cerrada purchased a small and fast Nord 1202/II Norecrin II registration F-BEQB. Bombs were no problem: both shrapnel and incendiary bombs had been liberated during the resistance. This book tells the story of their daring plan, what happened and how the truth about the plot finally emerged...



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