

# Franco Fights on Amid Concern Over Spain's Political Paralysis

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MADRID, Friday, Nov. 7—Doctors indicated last night that Generalissimo Francisco Franco was holding his own in his fight to stay alive.

Only two medical bulletins were issued yesterday and they were among the tersest in the more than two weeks that the 82-year-old leader has lain desperately ill in the Pardo Palace outside Madrid. With each bulletin Spanish political reformers are becoming increasingly worried and impatient about the “paralysis,” as one put it, of Spain's political life.

Four days ago, the doctors performed a dangerous operation on General Franco to halt stomach bleeding. At midday today, they said the general's condition was normal as far as such things as blood, temperature and functioning of the intestine were concerned. A kidney machine put to work yesterday to fight off uremia has begun- to bring down the level of urea in the blood, the doctors said.

### Condition Is Unchanged

The heart is stable although with occasional changes in rhythm. The lung condition is normal but the phlebitis and blood clots in the left thigh are continuing. Last night's bulletin reported no change since the earlier one.

The impression is spreading among opposition groups that inside the Prado Palace, the clock of history has been stopped with the help of 25 medical specialists and an array of sophisticated medical equipment, the latest being the kidney apparatus.

“They are keeping him alive with machines,” a doctor reported. In the meantime, according to a moderate political figure who is eager to see a new Spanish Government, the most conservative elements of the old regime are gaining time to organize themselves.

Rightist organizations of veterans of the Civil War are mobilizing and liberal groups fear they are putting pressure on the top command of the armed forces to oppose any move by Prince Juan Carlos de Borbon, the designated successor and now Acting Chief of State, to initiate change.

A wide sector of reformist opinion is urging the Prince to change the

Government and make a start in modifying the basic laws of the present regime. The prevailing opinion, however, is that as long as General Franco is alive the Prince's hands are tied and will remain so until he can be crowned king and rule in his own right.

### Rightist Terrorists Active

"Everything has been paralyzed," a former diplomat who is a proponent of change remarked yesterday with a mixture of bitterness and weariness. "Tomorrow," he added, "the Prince will preside over a meeting of a Cabinet that belongs to the past and with which he cannot govern in the future."

The interim period has been made even more dangerous by upsurge of activity among extreme right-wing terrorist groups. The aim seems to be to spread fear among liberals and leftists and discourage any, move to promote political changes.

In Madrid yesterday four or five armed men invaded an office where a political conference was going on. After firing a shot, they began to beat up the seven lawyers and two other men present.

Antonio Garcia-Trevijano Forte, a prominent member of an opposition coalition of Communists, monarchists and independents, suffered two fractured ribs, another lawyer's arm was broken, and others were beaten on the head. Before fleeing the assailants spread tear gas, which is normally in the hands of police forces only.