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Abstracts

ANTONIO CAÑELLAS, La actividad política de la embajada española en Italia (1962-1968)

The appointment of Alfredo Sánchez Bella as ambassador to Italy in 1962 would open a new chapter in bilateral relations, which coincides in time with the gradual opening up policy initiated by the ninth government of General Franco and the strategic consolidation of the *centro-sinistra* defined by Christian Democracy in Naples Congress of that year. The aim of Sanchez Bella was to lessen the inclination of the italian christians democrats to the left, through a task of penetration in the more conservative currents of the principal party of the republic, in order of the political interests of Spain. Two aims animated his political operation: a clouser political relations with thouse positions openly opposed to atheist marxism and liberalism a fruitful collaboration in the economic sphere. That could increase finaltial aid and investment from Italy in order to strengthening political structures of the Franco regime. The intention was to get nearer to the institutions of the Common Market, keeping as alliance with gaulliste France, the Federal Republic of Germany and Italy based in the claim of unity among the catholic nations, as a counterpoint to the economic and cultural influence of the protestant world.