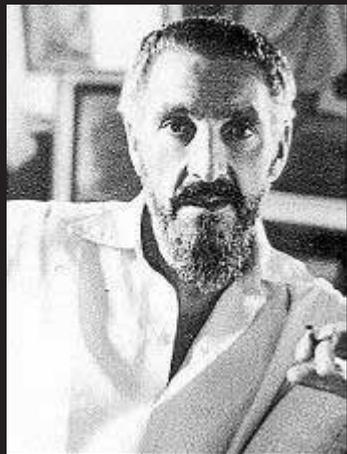


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Balearic government wanted to close down tourist industry



Palma.—According to the president of the Majorca Hoteliers Federation, Maria Frontera, the Balearic government had proposed the “hibernation” of the tourism sector during the whole high season.

In an interview yesterday with Cadena Ser, Frontera said that in March and April, “we didn’t know how the pandemic was going to evolve, but we felt it necessary

that if there were an opportunity, we had to work on it”. There was an intention to hibernate, and “we didn’t agree at all”.

Frontera added that the Balearic tourism minister, Iago Negueruela, felt that this hibernation would be “appropriate”. But he was faced with the “refusal” of the tourism sector, and when he saw there was an opportunity

from the pilot tourism plan, he “accompanied us in its implementation”. Referring to safe corridors to attract tourists in the low season, Frontera felt that this was a “utopia”.

Over a week ago, Negueruela intimated that it was a matter of hours or days before these were approved, something that Frontera has dismissed.

Spain’s regions tighten COVID-19 measures as 1 million case milestone looms

Madrid.—Several Spanish regions toughened their coronavirus restrictions yesterday, seeking to curb a second wave of infection that looks set to drive the country with Western Europe’s highest case load above 1 million cases this week.

Authorities in the northern region of Castilla y Leon announced they would seal off the city of Burgos and the nearby town of Aranda de Duero to all but essential travel from Tuesday night after the infection rate there surpassed 500 cases per 100,000 people.

“We are in circumstances similar to those of March or April,” Burgos Mayor Daniel de la Rosa told state broadcaster TVE. The region imposed similar restrictions on the cities of Salamanca, Leon and Palencia last week. Aragon, which was at the centre of several

outbreaks linked to migrant agricultural workers in the summer, introduced capacity limits at bars and restaurants and banned the sale of alcohol in shops between 10 pm and 8 am.

Regional health chief Sira Repolles said she was “very close” to imposing restric-

tions on movement in the regional capital Zaragoza.

And Catalonia, which last week ordered a 15-day shutdown of bars and restaurants, told 24-hour businesses they must shut at 10 p.m. and cannot reopen until 7 a.m.

Spain’s decentralised po-

litical system leaves the handling of the pandemic largely up to the regions, although the central government can intervene, as it did on Oct. 9 by declaring a state of emergency in Madrid to reimpose a partial lockdown on several million people.

