

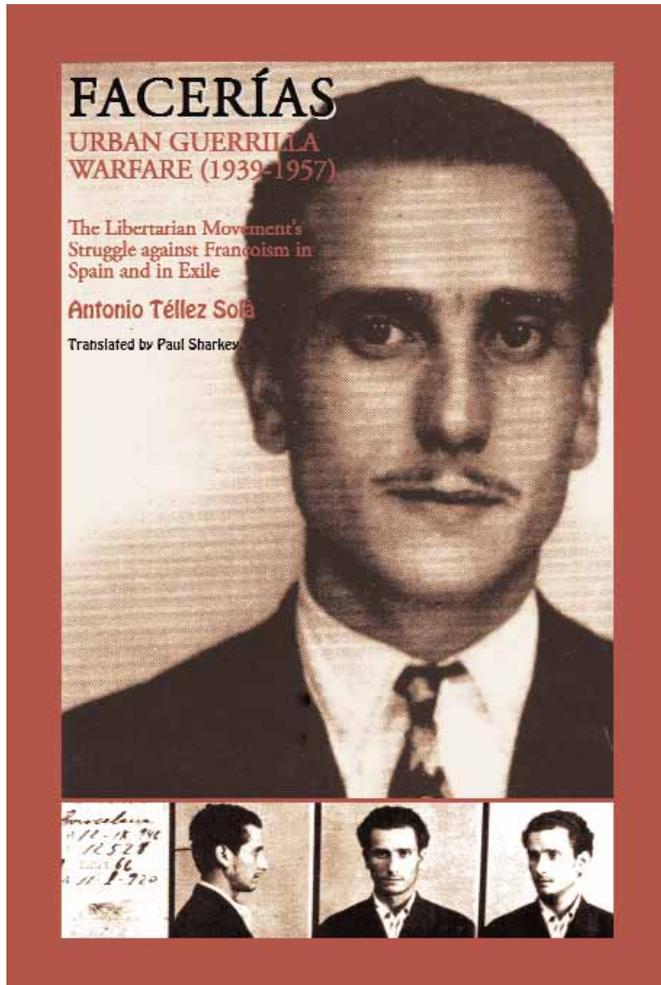


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## FACERÍAS *Urban Guerrilla Warfare (1939-1957)*

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BARCELONA, Friday, 30 August 1957, 10:45 am. In the deserted Sant Andreu district of Barcelona, a burst of automatic gunfire crackles and, as if pushed by some mighty hand, a man on the corner of the Paseo Verdún and the Calle del Doctor Pi i Molist slumps against a low wall. A pistol appears in his hand. His eyes scan the tree-lined boulevard leading off to his right towards the Santa Cruz mental clinic, but he sees no sign of life. Suddenly, he realises he has been betrayed. Unseen assailants are shooting at him from windows overlooking the junction of the Paseo Urrutia and Calle del Doctor Pi i Molist. The first burst of gunfire shatters the man's ankle. Further rifle shots ring out and bullets ricochet all around him . . .

*Facerías* was born in Barcelona on 6 January 1920. When the Spanish army mutinied in July 1936, *Face*, a member of the Woodworkers' Union of the Confederación Nacional del Trabajo (CNT) and of the 'Faros' Libertarian Youth, promptly enlisted in the Ascaso Column (the Popular Front's 28<sup>th</sup> Division) and joined the militia columns fighting against the fascist uprising on the Aragón front. Two and a half years later, in the last stages of the fighting in Catalonia, *Facerías* was taken prisoner and passed through a number of concentration camps and labour battalions. On his release, in late 1945, *Face* rejoined the underground CNT's Printing Trades Union, and devoted all his spare time — and some of his working hours — to clandestine activities. From March 1946 onwards he became *the* driving force behind the union confederation's Defence Groups in Barcelona's central district. In July 1947, after a brief period of imprisonment, he formed his urban guerrilla group and launched the first of many major actions: armed robberies at the Hispano-Olivetti factory and the Spanish Credit Bank in the Calle Mallorca, a robbery which netted the union over 400,000 pesetas. *Facerías* believed that armed struggle was the fastest way to obtain money to support the union, its gaoled members and their desperately needy families.

The published and unpublished output of the author of this book, **Antonio Telléz** (1921-2005), was phenomenal, covering the period from Franco's victory on 1 April 1939 to his death on 20 November 1975 — and beyond. **Telléz** had one main objective: to record the lives of selfless men who refused to compromise their ideals or treat with a system they found villainous and vile, men who devoted their adult lives to freeing Spain from the last of the Axis dictators. His work has made a major contribution to the movement for the recovery of historical memory which is now playing such an important part in contemporary Spanish politics.

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