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JOSÉ LEÓN SÁNCHEZ

José León Sánchez was born in 1930 and grew up in an Indian village of Costa Rica. When he was 19 year old, José León and his friends robbed the image and jewels of the Virgin of the Angels in Cartago, Costa Rica.

Unfortunately, Sánchez was accused of committing a crime in the most important church of his country and condemned to solitary confinement in the dark, for three years, and twenty more years of jail on an island of the Nicoya Gulf, that years later he baptized as "The Island of the lonely men", a place in which hope and compassion didn't exist.

José León Sánchez had an unjust judgment and the Government of Costa Rica gave him a public indult.

Is the most read writer from Costa Rica and was awarded by the Autonomous National University of México (UNAM) with the Ph.D. Honoris Causa and is known in Costa Rica by the name of "The monster of the Basilica".

He also received the national literary award for its works, among other things for "Tenochtitlan" and "La isla de los hombres solos".



In 2007 ICLC Auditorium was named [Auditorio José León Sánchez](#), as recognition for his work as a writer and for representing persistence and perseverance.

Olof Palme's personal Library

The Costa Rican writer José León Sánchez received, from a friend (a woman who lived with Mr. Palme in Costa Rica), part of the personal library that belong to Olof Palme, Prime Minister of Sweden from 1969-76 and also from 1982-86 (Social Democratic Party).

Many of the books are in Swedish and the Costa Rican writer donated them to ICLC Library. The themes are: pedagogy, literature, business, dictionaries, encyclopedias and arts.

ICLC Library needs to receive Swedish volunteers able to translate and include the information of the books on ICLC Library data base. For more information do not hesitate to write to the following address: info@iclc.ws

OLOF PALME

Born Jan. 30, 1927, Stockholm, Swed. — died Feb. 28, 1986, Stockholm) Swedish primer minister (1969 – 76, 1982 – 86). After studying in Sweden and the U.S., he was elected to the Swedish parliament (1958) and became a leader of the Swedish Social Democratic Workers' Party.



He served in ministerial posts from 1963 and became prime minister in 1969.

A strong pacifist, he attacked U.S. policy in the Vietnam War and later acted as a UN special envoy to mediate in the Iran-Iraq War.

After his re-election in 1982, he tried to reinstate socialist economic policies in Sweden. He was shot to death by an assassin in 1986; his murder remains unsolved.

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