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Bourbons arrive to Spain!!!

We had an interview with Philip V in his dwelling, Madrid's Royal Palace.



This is Philip's V opinion on current issues.

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What do you think the opinion of the citizens will be about your rise to power?

-The Spanish people are delighted with the Bourbon's coming to Spain , but the ones who aren't have to remember that I'm in charge here!

What were the reasons that make you wrote the "New Model Decrees"?

-I'm a centralist king, and as such , I think that the power has to be centralized in the king. Moreover I wanted to reward the Basque people, because it is a dynamic society and they support me in struggle for power. I also reduced the powers of the Aragon's crown , because they fought against me .

What is your opinion about the work ethic of English and Dutch monarchs?

-I think we are made of different stuff. The commoners have to work , but for the nobles it is a disgrace and a shame. They don't deserve being nobles.

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What can you tell us about your personal life?

-Well, I have had ups and downs. I lost Maria Luisa when we were struggling for power. It was a blow , but thanks to Isabel I could overcome that ordeal. Charles' arrival has been a great joy. I hope he replaces me.