Popé's Rebellion

The "Pueblo Revolt of 1680," often referred to as "Popé's Rebellion," was a revolt of the Pueblo people against the Spaniards who were colonizing the region now known as New Mexico. Since their arrival in 1540, the Spanish had tried to convert the Indians to Roman Catholicism and forced them to work for them. Popé, a religious leader from Taos Pueblo, secretly organized a widespread rebellion, and on the night of August 10, 1680, successfully drove the Spaniards out of the area.



