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Vicente Lombardo Toledano

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This individual's career as an educator, labor leader, and organizer of Communist front organizations provides an interesting case study of the manner in which Communist strategy and tactics have been applied in Latin America. Lombardo considers Marxism to be a doctrine which must be applied to the reality of each country. Although he has never denied his Marxist beliefs or his admiration for the Soviet Union and its leaders, Lombardo has categorically denied ever belonging to the Communist Party of Mexico.

Despite this assertion the CTAL, which Lombardo has headed since its inception in 1938, has served as a liaison channel between various international Communist organizations and the Mexican or other Latin American Communist parties. In Latin America, where Communist Party strength is relatively a small proportion of the total population, the leadership of CTAL affiliates and the local Communist parties is often interlocking.

In addition, Lombardo Toledano is of interest because of his activity in the Peace Movement and the establishment of Friendship Societies.

The material on Lombardo Toledano is quite extensive, ~~_____~~ (12)(3)
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short sketch of Lombardo Toledano. The USIA has also released a
biographic study of Lombardo Toledano.

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