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Congress of Latin American Laborers in Exile
Congress Against Soviet Intervention in Latin America

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1. It is presumed that the individuals mentioned in [] 192 were destined to attend the Congress of Latin American Laborers in Exile. This Congress was held on 1 May in Mexico City. According to a report from [] the Congress was apparently successful but received relatively little press coverage. Publicity was avoided prior to the Congress because it appeared that the Mexican Government might refuse visas if the meeting were too sharply called to Government attention. However, the newspaper "Novedades" on 3 May did publish a front page story about the Congress.

2. As regards the specifically Guatemalan angle, delegates to the Congress marched in the May Day parade carrying a URIL banner. Ruben Villatoro gave an anti-Arbens speech, of which 5,000 copies have been mailed throughout the hemisphere. The meeting hall was decorated with anti-Arbens posters.

3. In connection with the Congress, there has been published a labor bulletin, of which Villatoro is ostensibly the editor. (Actual editing is done by a CUBARK agent).

4. According to information received from [] the Mexican Government did refuse to grant visas to the subjects of [] 192. Is this correct?

5. Mexico is being asked to send you appropriate clippings, etc. so that your media may take advantage of the work done at the Congress.

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