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(Additional information on Guatemalan Government provocation plans)

We warned you already several times that the Arbenz-Fortuny regime, fanatically determined to follow Moscow's orders even if this means involving our homeland into an international war as well as into a civil war, is preparing large-scale forgeries and deception manoeuvres in order to find pretexts for its criminal designs. We have already reported to you several instances of such manoeuvres. We have also specifically warned you that the communist regime is planning to "discover" a cache of U.S. arms to have an excuse for the undeniable fact that its aggressive foreign policy is inevitably embroiling our country with all our sister nations in Latin America and with the U.S.A. as well.

Today, we are in the possession of detailed evidence as to how this big swindle with U.S. arms is intended to work. One of our friends in the Intelligence Section of our loyal Army -- who, for the time being, must remain unnamed but who will receive his just reward soon, on the Day of Liberation -- has given us a detailed report, based on official data and on inspection of the forged documents and the weapons involved.

The Army Intelligence Section, upon direct secret orders from President Arbenz, has prepared several wooden cases with U.S. weapons, containing rifles, ammunition and one or more unassembled artillery pieces and has marked these cases 'United Fruit Company'. Shipping documents, meant to prove that these cases were allegedly imported as 'spare parts for machines', have already been forged. These cases -- which our friend has seen with his own eyes, just as he also inspected the forged documents -- are to be buried in at least two different places on property of the United Fruit Company.

One day soon, the Army Intelligence Section will "discover" the buried arms and the President will invite selected foreign diplomats and newspaper men to come with him, to view the "findings" and to confirm to the whole world that these Yankee capitalists indeed smuggled weapons into peaceful Guatemala, preparing an invasion,

a counter-revolution and what not. Then, a certain official of the UFCC (whose name we know) will be arrested, the forged documents as well as perjured testimony by certain communist agents, disguised as smugglers, will 'convict' him of treason, he will be sentenced to death and summarily executed while the properties of the UFCC will be confiscated (to finance further communist plans).

Attention, workers at the Chinoak plantation! The first discovery of U.S. arms is to take place in your territory, near the Abaca factory of the UFCC. For our other listeners, we may add that this is near the Atlantic coast, not far from the Honduran border. The second 'find' will be on a banana plantation in the area between Morelles and Los Amates. 150 soldiers are already encamped near the small town of Playitas in that area, on the Pease plantation.

Fellow-citizens, you have now been warned and know what you have to expect. Traitor Arbenz may of course be forced to revise his plans somewhat as a result of our disclosure, but this would not change a bit the fact that he had ordered the preparations which we just reported to you. We appeal to all of you as well as to our friends abroad! Do not believe a word which is spoken or written by Arbenz-Fortuny and their open and disguised communist accomplices and subordinates! Stalin's Fifth Column has never hesitated to make use of the big lie as one of its most favorite weapons!

We also appeal once more to the loyal officers and soldiers in our Army! Don't allow the traitor Arbenz and his clique to misuse you for their sinister plans, destroying our freedoms and involving our country into increasingly grave conflicts with other nations. Refuse to carry out illegal, unconstitutional and criminal orders! Your traditional place is on the side of our people, on the side of truth and honor, not on the side of foreign agents and domestic traitors!

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(recent arrests and the alleged 'discovery of a plot')

The propaganda mouthpieces of the Arbenz-Fortuny regime have been boasting the last few days of having discovered a vast conspiracy against the government and have filled the newspaper columns and the airwaves with spine-tingling details of the grave peril, from which only the alertness of the regime and of its faithful servants is said to have saved our country. Men have been arrested, others were forced to flee, houses were searched, documents seized, and so forth.

Did this news surprise you? Isn't it the perpetual habit of dictators to discover gruesome plots which gives them the pretext to arrest their enemies (true or pretended), to confiscate vast properties and to maintain their terroristic rule "in defense of the country"? Napoleon had this habit, Stalin developed it on an unprecedented scale, Hitler did the same and, naturally, Arbenz-Fortuny cannot maintain their treacherous, anti-constitutional rule without repeating this ignominious "plot and reprisal" routine.

A new chapter of this old story was to be expected and our Voice of Liberation has warned you more than once that the Arbenz-Fortuny conspirators would resort more and more to police reprisals as well as to completely illegal terror, disregarding the written laws which protect the right of the individual as well as the moral laws of truth and justice. We have also warned you that the regime was preparing a number of audacious provocations, attempting to prove the threat of an imminent foreign invasion by means of U.S. arms caches, buried by Army intelligence, by means of forged documents, perjured witnesses and all the other paraphernalia of the big lie. Haven't we described to you well in advance what the ruling communist clique has now begun to produce in broad daylight?

Of course, many activities in our country are what the communist police call

"illegal" - in fact, many more than the police is ever to discover. Take, for instance, the radio station from which we are speaking to you right now! Of course, it is hidden, it has not registered with the proper authorities, it is using all sorts of subterfuges to escape detection. What did Arbens-Fortuny expect us to do after their toughs smashed Radio Internacional and their legal minds sneaked the remaining radio stations?

There are naturally also many other illegal activities on a vast scale, clandestine meetings throughout the country, distribution of illegal newspapers and leaflets, secret collection of all the evidence for the misdeeds of the regime and for the crimes of every individual leader and servant of this criminal regime -- evidence which will be laid before you and before free courts of the people on the day of liberation. There are other types of illegal activities which we prefer not to discuss at the moment: after all, the communists don't talk about the secret core of their underground organization either -- so why should we?

It is inevitable that the forces of the Arbens-Fortuny regime should occasionally stumble across some of these many activities of the popular resistance, of our National Liberation Movement. It is just as inevitable that they arrest indiscriminately, the "guilty" together with the innocent and that they themselves forge the evidence which they hoped to find in certain people's houses, but failed to find -- either because it never existed or because they were outwitted by the opposition.

Everybody who becomes a victim of communist persecution in our country, everybody who is arrested by the police or forced to flee because of his opposition against the Arbens-Fortuny dictatorship, deserves the active sympathy of our entire people -- regardless of whether he committed the "crime" of which he is accused or not. The record of the regime is so full of outrageous lies, falsifications and distortions

of the truth that we shall not stoop to refute each of the claims of the communist controlled government: don't believe any of these frantic outbursts of reckless, provocative propaganda! Don't waste your time speculating as to whether one or the other claim may perhaps contain a kernel of truth or not!

Let the prisoners and the exiles know that you are on their side! Use every opportunity to demand an early, public trial under the safeguards of our constitution for everybody who has been arrested! Let the best lawyers step forward for the defense of the victims of communism! Let everybody aid and comfort the families of the victims!

Our liberation movement will not be intimidated by the terroristic acts of the Arbenz-Fortuny regime. We expect all our friends and sympathizers to be more careful than ever. Do not facilitate the iniquitous work of the police and of the communist agents by thoughtless talk in front of strangers or unreliable persons; do not keep any possibly compromising materials in places where they can be too easily discovered; apply all the other precautions necessary when dealing with a ruthless dictatorship! As an especially urgent task, we ask you to expose all government informers, all police spies, all disguised communist agents, exposing them to public contempt and warning all people among they could do further damage.

We are sure that the occasional losses in our ranks, caused by police persecution and communist terrors, will be more than replaced by courageous compatriots who are convinced, as we are, that the days of the Arbenz-Fortuny regime are numbered and that our beloved homeland shall not have to suffer the shame of this Moscow-directed dictatorship much longer!

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