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1. The Accion Guiteras Revolucionaria (AGR), an anti-Communist group formed in Cuba in 1935, has decided to take action against Communism in labor into its own hands by the formation of a body of about one thousand true militants, five hundred of whom will carry firearms. According to AGR spokesman Antonio B. Bayer and Jesus Gonzalez Cartas, the organization has been "forced" to take these measures because of the apathy of Labor Minister Francisco Aguirre and Secretary General Angel Cofino of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Cuba (CTC) toward Communist labor activity, and also because the National Police, since the elevation of General Hernandez Nardo to the top position, cannot be relied upon to prosecute Communists.
2. The plan of the AGR is to strike at one specific spot where Communists are in power and clean it out by force. They will then strike at some widely separated point. This will serve to distract public attention and will not make the effort appear to be centrally directed.
3. The AGR claims to have 17,000 followers. It is named in honor of Antonio Guiteras, and is the outgrowth of a group founded by him in 1934 called Joven Cuba, whose object was to promote respect for honest government by committing acts of violence against corrupt officials. The AGR came to be anti-United States as well as anti-Communist in character, since it claimed that these two elements had been jointly responsible for placing and maintaining President Fulgencio Batista in power.

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