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1. Luis GUASTAVINO, Communist student leader in Valparaiso, Chile, who recently returned from the Vienna Peace Congress, gave a series of lectures in student circles on his trip to Vienna. On one occasion he stated that he had brought back large quantities of propaganda material and that he had no trouble getting this material through customs when he came into Chile from Argentina via railroad. During one of his most recent lectures, in the YMCA in Valparaiso, he stated that on his return home in passing through Rio de Janeiro he stayed at the YMCA there and surprisingly enough found quantities of anti-Communist propaganda. GUASTAVINO stated emphatically that he did not think that the YMCA should permit political prejudice.
2. Since his return to Valparaiso GUASTAVINO has assumed a more important position in Communist student circles, despite the fact that he was not allowed to enroll in the Pedagogical Institute. Oscar GUZMAN E., anti-Communist director of the school, refused to admit GUASTAVINO and two other Communist students, Norman CORTES and Joaquin LEIGHTON, into the school. Saddy JOUI, Communist president of the Federacion de Estudiantes de Chile de Valparaiso (FECHV), headed a committee of students to protest GUZMAN's action but was unable to persuade GUZMAN to change his decision.
3. During the middle of June, GUASTAVINO spent five days in a village called Lo Narvaez, a few miles outside of Valparaiso, to organize a Communist cell among the farm laborers in that region. GUASTAVINO distributed large quantities of Communist propaganda and in general was well received by the farm workers. He arranged with the workers to have a football team sent to play opposite the team in Lo Narvaez in a day of festivities which would attract all the local populace and which would include football, other games, and food, ending with pro-Communist speeches and the distribution of Communist propaganda. On his return to Valparaiso GUASTAVINO's plan was immediately acted upon, a football team was organized under the direction of Hugo VALDEBENITO Rodriguez, and plans were made to transport a large delegation to Lo Narvaez on 12 July 1953.

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Among those scheduled to carry Communist culture to Lo Narvaez were the following: Gonzalo FERNANDEZ, Juan BARATTINI Carveli, Jaime AUGER, Judith MADRI, Cecilia SIMONETTI, Rodrigo FERNANDEZ, Italo PAOLENILLI, Sergio ROBLES, Marta CONTRERAS, Irma HERRIQUEZ, Carlos FORESTI, Juan GUIDICE, Rogelio NOVOA, Olga VELASQUEZ, Nora GARCIA, Fernando LUES, Ivan AUGER, Hugo VALDEENITO, Norma MARTINEZ, Victoria SOYA.

4. During June Communist students under the direction of GUASTAVINO and Fernando LUES devoted considerable time to raising funds to send Oscar STUARDO Vilu, Communist student leader in the University of Chile Law School in Valparaiso, to Bucharest as the official delegate of the FECHV to the Fourth World Festival of Youth and Students, in August. Communist students were also extremely anxious to send one of the farmers from Lo Narvaez to Bucharest and attempted to raise funds for this as well. LUES was also put in charge of arranging for Chilean Communist Party (PCCh) carnets to be distributed to the indoctrinated farm workers of Lo Narvaez. These are to cost the farmers 10 pesos each and are being furnished from the PCCh headquarters in Santiago.
5. The drive to support the Communist daily, El Siglo, was feverishly carried on by the students in the Law School and the Pedagogical Institute. A committee consisting of Rogelio NOVOA, GUASTAVINO, Saddi JOUI, and Sergio VUSCOVIC directed the sale of El Siglo on the streets around the University every day during the month of June. VUSCOVIC has been promoted in the Party echelon and is now devoting much of his time to Party work in the water-front area of Valparaiso.
6. The Communist cell in the Pedagogical Institute is composed of the following twelve individuals: Luis GUASTAVINO, Sergio VUSCOVIC, Saddi JOUI, Carlos FORESTI, Lina ALDONEY, Judith MADRI, Rogelio NOVOA, Esteban RIVERA, Miguel ESPINOZA, Hugo VALDEENITO Rodriguez, Norman CORTES, Joaquin LEIGHTON. Each member pays 50 pesos monthly dues to the PCCh if his income is less than 10,000 pesos a month and 100 pesos if his income is more than this figure. Thirty percent of these funds remain in the cell treasury, and the balance is sent to the PCCh headquarters in Santiago.
7. Communist student leaders are making every effort to convert German GAMONAL Rosales to Communism. GAMONAL is the editor of Vida Universitaria, a new school paper, and is an outstanding student leader. Communist students believe that GAMONAL, who is known as an anti-Communist, is really a Communist, since he is always reading Communist literature and maintains friendly relations with Communist students. It is said that VUSCOVIC and GUASTAVINO are very anxious to convert GAMONAL in order to win over Vida Universitaria to the Communist line and that they offered him a trip to the Bucharest congress with practically all expenses paid.
8. Communist students in Valparaiso have organized a sports club called Club Deportes el Condor. The directors of this club are Oscar STUARDO Vilu, Hugo VALDEENITO Rodriguez, Carlos FORESTI, and Julio MONTANE. The club will be used only as a front for PCCh activities.
9. Sergio VUSCOVIC has been working under the Communist-dominated Frente del Pueblo and recently attended several of the political meetings. He was in charge of the student section of the 28 June 1953 Valparaiso homage for Elias LAFERTTE and Salvador OCAMPO Pastene, Communist Party leaders and former Senators. VUSCOVIC worked under the direction of Juan Guillermo MATUS and Guillermo NEGRON Menseses, Frente del Pueblo leaders in charge of the rally, and he supervised the distribution of propaganda among students advertising this rally.
10. During the entire month of June quantities of propaganda on the Rosenberg case were distributed among the students, and the distribution of this propaganda, attributed to the pro-peace committee in Valparaiso, was directed by GUASTAVINO.

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