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1. Communist organizations in the Atlantic Coast area are concentrating upon a study of the political line of the Party, as contained in the pamphlet issued following the Central Committee meeting in August 1953. Cells of the Communist Party of Colombia (PCC), as well as youth and women's groups, have been meeting weekly to discuss this document.
2. On the labor front a campaign has been started to popularize the agreements reached at the congress held under the auspices of the CTAL in Santiago, Chile, during March 1953. The objectives and program of the CTAL are being studied, and it was planned to make use of this material in briefing the Colombian delegates to the World Federation of Trade Unions' Congress scheduled for Vienna in October 1953.
3. It is understood in Barranquilla that Bogota women, not connected with the PCC, are collaborating in the field of feminine activities. Instructions have been received from the capital concerning the organization of the Democratic Federation of Women, and the results of conferences held in Bogota have been published on the coast.
4. Taking advantage of the collaboration of students of other parties, the Union of Communist Youth of Colombia (UJCC) is engaged in an extensive propaganda campaign in the Atlantic area. A youth club has been organized in Barranquilla, and its weekly meetings have been receiving ample coverage in the local press. As a result of this publicity, requests have been obtained from other coastal towns for information concerning steps which should be taken in the organization of similar campaigns.
5. Barranquilla Communists have received instructions from the PCC Organization Secretary to the effect that local groups must provide themselves with the means of expanding propaganda and agitation activities. The clandestine character of the Party's position must be kept in mind, and it is essential that the present government's threats against the PCC be remembered at all times.

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The Atlantic Departmental Committee is studying the problem of changes in the Party's directors, now that the period of "blood and fire" has ended, and will submit its ideas on this matter to the national Executive Committee.

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