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- The ARAC was founded in November 1917; its headquarters since that time have been at 226 rue Lafayette, Paris. At the time of its founding, the ARAC belonged to the Internationale des Anciens Combattants et Victimes de la Guerre, and had about twenty branch federations.
- From 1917 to 1939, the ARAC's aims were as follows:
  - anti-militarist propaganda;
  - combatting war and Fascism;
  - coordinating veterans' claims with the aspirations of the working and peasant classes;
  - defense of material and spiritual interests of veterans on the national and international level, and among other things, close contact with European veterans' associations;
  - documentation and social legislation for veterans.
- The ARAC worked in close contact with the Communist Party until 1 November 1939, when the latter was dissolved in accordance with the decree of 26 September 1939. ARAC was officially revived 9 July 1945, at a congress which took place at the Mairie of Montreuil (Paris).
- At this congress the following were elected honorary presidents of ARAC:

Despierre, former senator from the Rhone Department  
 Jacques Duclos  
 Marcel Prenant  
 Daniel Renoult  
 Colonel Rol-Tanguy  
 Madame Pierre George

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5. The Executive Committee is composed of the following:

President: Felix Brun  
Vice President: Auguste Touchard  
Secretary General: Jean Duclos (brother of Jacques)  
Assistant Secretary: Escure  
Secretary of the Central Committee: Vincent

6. At present the ARAC is making a great effort to gather into its ranks the veterans of 1939-1945. If the members of ARAC are engaged in any clandestine activity under cover of this organization, source is unaware of it. However, he notes that Assistant Secretary Escure is in contact with the Spanish Communists who are the organizers of the brigades.

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~~SECRET~~ Comment: In addition to the two Duclos who need no explaining, Nol-Tanguy and Marcel Frenant are well-known Communists. The latter is a noted scientist and professor at the Sorbonne, and is a substitute member of the CP Central Committee; in 1945 he was delegate of the Front National to the Consultative Assembly. Auguste Touchard is a former Communist deputy who was interned in North Africa and released by Giraud; in the Paris elections of 29 April 1945, he was elected Municipal Councillor of the 6th Sector on the Union Patriotique, Republicaine et Antifasciste ticket; his connection with ARAC has been reported previously. Vincent is undoubtedly identical with Colonel Vincent, a member of the directing committee and one of the vice presidents of the Spanish Republican Volunteers Association which has adhered to ARAC. Daniel Renoult was elected Communist mayor of Montreuil in 1944. Nothing is known of Despierre or Madame Pierre George.

7. The following military groups are adherents of ARAC:

National Federation of Reservists:

Vice President: Malleret-Joinville,  
former Chief of the FTP, a militant  
Communist and "military expert" of  
the CP

Secretary General: Maurice Gay

Federation of Republican Reserve Officers:

President: Gremillon

Committee Members: General Joinville  
General Petitbon  
Robert Bouvier  
Florentin  
Colonel Rousselier

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Federation of Republican Reserve NCOs:

President: Roger Morel

Members: Lelong  
Morel

Republican Federation for Military Preparation:

President: Netter

Federation of Regimental, Resistant and PFI Groups:

This Federation's monthly review, L'Armee Francaise, is unsuccessful and does not sell. The editorial office is located at 10 rue de Chateaudun.

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Metayer, who was President of the Military Commission of the second Constituent Assembly, also collaborates on this publication.

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