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1. Under the urging of the Brazilian Communist Youth leader, Armenio Guedes, who was visiting in Lima between 14 and 21 April 1947, the Juventud Comunista del Peru organized a committee of six members as the Comite Central de la Juventud Comunista del Peru, a separate, but subordinate, entity from the Comite Central Nacional of the Communist Party. Guedes urged this step to bring the Peruvian organization in line with the organizational set-up in various other Latin American countries, including Brazil. He recommended that the youth group carry out its operations through various front organizations, such as sports and academic groups, while concealing the Communist direction of the latter.
2. Guedes also arranged for the announcement through the leading Conservative newspaper in Lima, El Comercio, of a Youth Congress to be held in Santiago, Chile, in January 1948. Although announced to the public as a congress of all American youth organizations for the purpose of forwarding peace, democracy, economic development, and higher living standards, Guedes informed the Communists in Peru that actual control of the Congress will be in the hands of the Juventud Comunista as a result of its predominant majority. According to Guedes, the topics to be developed at the Congress include: exclusion of fascism and foreign influence from the governments of the Latin American countries, nationalization of industries, improvement of health and living standards, agrarian reform, and independence for Puerto Rico.

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