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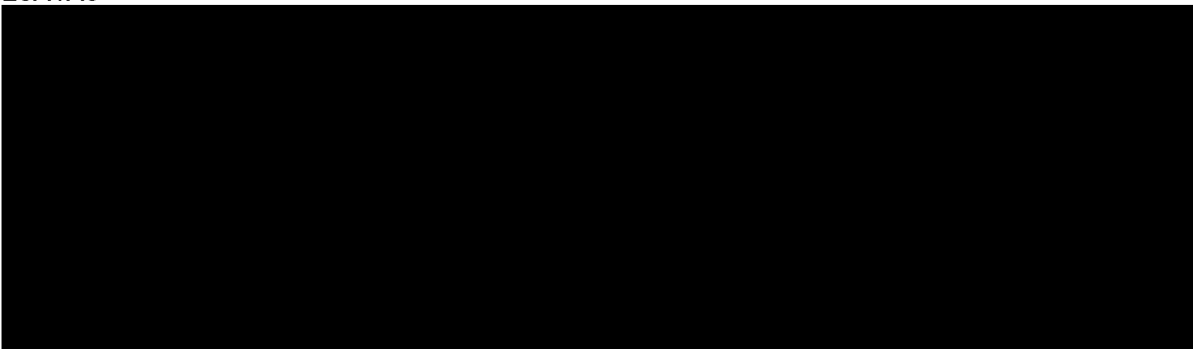
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1. Lombardo has returned recently to Mexico after attending an International Labor Organization meeting in Geneva. While in Europe, he visited Bulgaria, spending some time investigating Communist labor procedures as applied in that Russian satellite country. The main purpose of Lombardo's visit to Bulgaria was to contact directly the Communist Prime Minister, Georgi Dimitrof.
2. The writer of the letter, a Bulgarian Communist, informed the Buenos Aires group that, as a result of his several meetings with Toledano, he now felt sure of the influence of Bulgarian Communists in international Communist circles, particularly in Latin America. Toledano is reported to have praised Cristo Conevsky and Tomas Davidov, Bulgarian Communist leaders in Argentina. Speaking to the head of Bulgarian Trade Unions in Sofia, Toledano is quoted as saying, "I am greatly impressed with Bulgaria, and at last I understand what constitutes a real democracy of the people...I think Bulgarian Communists are excellent leaders and very good organizers...Bulgaria and South American countries have a common enemy--American imperialism. With the active help of American workers, we will be able to conquer that enemy."
3. When the Secretary of the Bulgarian Trade Unions questioned Toledano concerning the role of American workers if a war against the Soviet were declared, Toledano answered that the workers of Latin America will not allow an attack on Soviet or satellite countries. He further said that should an attack take place, Latin American ports would be paralyzed.
4. Toledano stressed the importance of close collaboration in Latin America with: (a) the workers and their pro-Communist organizations, (b) the Slav movements, and (c) the Spanish Republicans. In connection with the last group, Toledano insisted on this point in a conversation with the head of the Bulgarian-Spanish Society in Sofia.

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5. This letter is reported to have made a profound impression upon the Bulgarian group in Buenos Aires and to have occasioned a long discussion. Geno Kinchev, local Bulgarian Communist leader, summed up the discussion with the comment that "Toledano's views are proof of our achievements."

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