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- Contact and Direction: Communist Congressman Damian Uribe Cardenas is said to be the Communist Party's chief contact man on all matters relating to the Armed Forces. He actually works with the military units of the Communist Party. It is recalled that at the National Conference of the Communist Party, which was held in Santiago in May, 1947, Congressman Uribe was mentioned as the delegate who presented a report on activities and contacts with the Armed Services.
- Military Organizer: Osvaldo Valencia Zapata is reported to be the man charged with organization of Communist units and squads within the Army. Valencia is a retired Army colonel. He is said to have spent some time in Russia during which time he took an orientation course in Communist organization. Valencia works directly with the Communist Party and with Congressman Damian Uribe.
- Headquarters and Meeting Place: Source's informants maintain that Raul Carter, subofficial of the Aviation School, works directly under Osvaldo Valencia, directs organizational activities, and is the actual leader of the Communist movement within the Armed Forces. Meetings are held in Carter's home at Calle Urmenta in San Bernardo. Colonel Valencia himself is said to attend very few of the meetings.
- Military Front Organization: In addition to the Army group which uses the home of Raul Carter as their headquarters, source claims that the military movement of the Communists has succeeded in penetrating the Federacion de Sub-Oficiales en Retiro, which is composed of a group of ex-Army subofficials and ex-police subofficials. This organization was not founded by the Communists, but by devious maneuvers they have succeeded in gaining a strong foothold within it. Captain Raul Chavez, retired, is listed as the Communist liaison man within this group.
- Military Adviser to Communists: General Anibal Alvear Godoy, retired police official, is reported by two separate sources to be a sympathizer and adviser to the Communist Party in military affairs. He himself is not a member of the Communist Party, although he is said to be extremely active and interested in the organization of Communist cells within police and military units. Although considered a man of personal wealth, he is keenly interested in social welfare.

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His interest in poverty-stricken people has led him to sympathize with various Communist movements. This sympathy is said to have begun in 1939, when he was placed in charge of relief for earthquake victims in the communities of Concepcion and Chillan.

6. Activities: The Communist Party has been especially active in the city of Santiago in their attempts to procure members and gain supporters within the Regimiento Buin. The headquarters of this important military post is said to be located on the main road leading into Santiago from Los Andes. The leader of the Communist military activities, Colonel Valencia, was, before his retirement, Commander of this Regiment, and is said to have excellent contacts therein. Major Edmundo Morris is considered the leading Communist member of the Regimiento Buin. The Liaison man for this group is Captain Humberto Secull Tobababa, who lives at Orleans 1522, Lo Valdivieso. First Sergeants Lagos and Barricentos (first names unknown) are reported to be Communist organizers in the Regimiento Blindado (armored regiment) of Santiago.
7. Provincial Units: There follows a partial and incomplete list of provincial Communist units in various Chilean military posts, as submitted by source.
  - a. Iquique - Ten military cells with ten members in each cell are found in Iquique. The Communist Regional Committee in Tarapaca maintains control of these ten cells. An eleventh cell is also found in Iquique, and this unit consists of only five members and works directly under the Central Military Committee of the Communist Party in Santiago. The source reports that these five men are all Army sergeants. The only member whose name is known is Sergeant Roberto Perez, who is said to be the contact man for this cell. Jose Gonzalez, Communist Regional Chief of Iquique, is said to be the only individual who has the names of all cell members in his district.
  - b. Antofagasta - Fifteen cells with ten members each are reported to operate in Antofagasta. A sixteenth cell directed by Victor Diaz (rank not known) is said to be operated directly by the Central Committee of the Communist Party in Santiago, with Humberto Abarca issuing the orders.
  - c. Atacama - There are two cells in Atacama with ten members in each group. Ruperto Perez, Communist leader in Copiapo, is reported to be the liaison official for these cells although he is not an actual member of either cell himself.
  - d. Coquimbo - One cell with ten members is said to function in Coquimbo. The liaison man, whose name is not obtainable, is reported to be the Regional Secretary of the Communist Party in that area.

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