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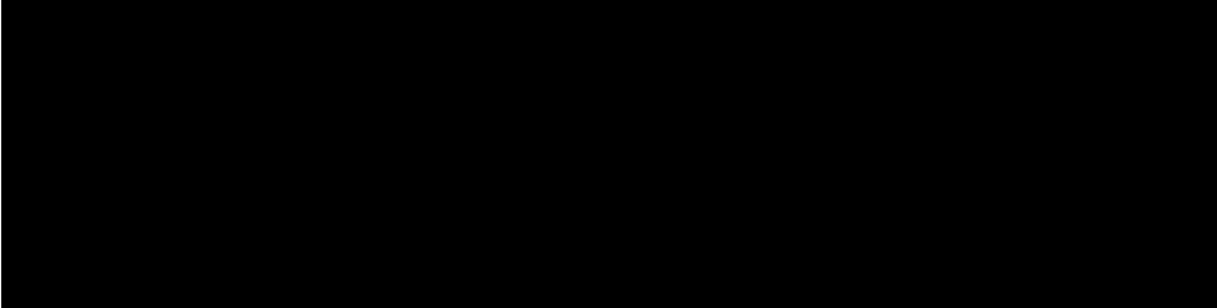
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1. Yugoslav Communists in Rosario are particularly active in the port area and have cautiously laid plans for continued activities in case of possible police intervention. These new plans were motivated by the Jakasa-Cunja incident in Chile, when it appeared that the Argentine government might follow the Chilean lead in expelling Communists.
2. One of the means used in covering Yugoslav Communist activities in Rosario is to have their activities shielded by the local Czechs who have good contacts with the Rosario police. Consequently, recent meetings of Yugoslav Communist cells in Rosario have been held at the Casa Checoeslovaca, Calle Maipu 3437.
3. On 25 December 1947, Yugoslav Communists held a special meeting there which was attended by Franjo Koren and Janko Obranovic, Yugoslav delegates from Buenos Aires. The main topic of discussion in the meeting was the leading role of Yugoslav Communists in the local Slav movement. Koren gave a long report dealing with the Cominform and its ramifications in South America and the importance of Yugoslavia in European politics. Koren's thesis, that "Tito, and not Dimitrov, is organizing the Balkan Federation and is the foremost Communist outside of Russia," considerably approved the Bulgarian Communists in Rosario as they feel that they have been slighted and that the Yugoslavs have assumed too much importance.
4. In spite of the unity which is supposed to exist between all the groups of the local Slav movement, there is considerable dissension and jealousy. The Bulgarians are considered as stooges and spies by the Yugoslavs, and the Bulgarians are jealous of the prominent role played in Slav activities by the Yugoslavs.
5. When the leaders of the meeting emphasized the importance of the Yugoslav faction in the Slav movement, Maria Sucelj, a young Yugoslav Communist female of Rosario, stated that at last the Bulgarians will be forced to stop considering themselves as the leading group of the Slav movement.

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