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1. Although the majority of the members of the Yugoslav Communist organizations in Argentina are pro-Tito, a definite pro-Stalin faction exists within the Yugoslav community. This faction is believed to be headed by Ante Tulic, a Yugoslavia Libre official, and Pedro Zanetic, liaison officer between the Yugoslav Communist Party in Argentina and the formerly-important Idiomatic Section of the Communist Party of Argentina (CPA). ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Tulic and Zanetic are violently opposed to the pro-Tito stand which has been taken by the Yugoslav Legation and have announced their agreement with the Cominform's criticism of the Yugoslav regime.

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2. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Mirko Filipovic, former director of the Jugoslavenski Iseljnicki Vjesnik, and his family returned to Yugoslavia a few weeks ago. Source believes that Filipovic does not intend to return to Argentina. Jaklar Russo, employee of the Yugoslav Legation who occasionally contributed articles to the newspaper, ceased all contact with the paper and its staff immediately after the Tito-Cominform incident.

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3. The most active supporters of the Tito Government are found in the Yugoslav Communist youth groups. A fanatical Yugoslav Communist youth, (fnu) Voinov, is reported to have recently proposed that the Serbian Obilic Society in Dock Sud be bombed and that the leaders of the group be killed because of their subservience to the Soviet Embassy. Yugoslav Minister Franc Pirc has issued strict orders that all plans such as Voinov's be forgotten and that the Yugoslav youth groups engage in no activities outside their authorized sphere. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ believes Pirc is doing his best to decrease the tension which has arisen in the Yugoslav colony.

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4. The Soviet Embassy has denied to the Yugoslav Communists the privilege of sending parcels to Yugoslavia through Soviet facilities. The Soviet Embassy has also ceased all cooperation with the Coordinating Commission for Aid to Yugoslavia.

5. In spite of the current disruption in the Yugoslav Communist colony its officials are actively proceeding with their penetration of Argentine groups and non-political organizations which can eventually be used as front groups. Organizations which have been penetrated by Yugoslav and other Slav Communist elements are Nueva Argentina, Club Cordero, and Universidad Popular de Urquiza.

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6. [REDACTED] has submitted the following items which he is unable to evaluate highly:

- a. The organizational structure of Yugoslavia Libre has been visibly weakened by the Yugoslav crisis.
- b. The fact that no important Yugoslav Communist congresses have been held in Argentina for several months may indicate that the current trouble was anticipated.
- c. The leaders of both factions in the Yugoslav Communist colony are conducting all their affairs in strict secrecy.
- d. Rumors are circulating that the anti-Tito Yugoslav Communists may associate more closely with the CPA as a result of the current dis-sension.

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