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1. All the speakers at the Sixth Annual Slavic Assembly, held in Montevideo 18 through 20 July 1948, and all the individuals named in Voz Eslava as having been directly connected with the Assembly were Communists, with the exception of Rodolfo (Rude) Derikrava. Derikrava, who spoke on behalf of the Yugoslav Communist front organization Asociacion Republicana Yugooslava "Fraternidad" (Bratstvo), was elected President of the Assembly. He was at one time associated with a group backing King Peter. When this organization closed, many of its members, including Derikrava, joined Bratstvo. Derikrava was elected Second Vice President of the Executive Board of Bratstvo for the year 1946-47. At the Fourth Slavic Congress, held in Montevideo in 1946, he was elected a member of the Finance Committee of the Union Eslava of Uruguay.

2. Derikrava is alleged to have stated that, although most of the members of Bratstvo favor Tito in his rift with the Cominform, a minority group headed by Pedro Rosich-Kurtich and Jose Miksic is employing deceitful propaganda and every possible means to uphold the Cominform stand against Tito.
Comment: These two individuals were previously reported to maintain liaison between Bratstvo and the Soviet Legation in Montevideo.) Derikrava believes Bratstvo will not participate further in the Union Eslava until orders and explanations are received from the Tito Government.

3. The Czechoslovak organization Chescoslovensca Democratizca Ednota, with headquarters at Calle Soriano 1226, did not participate in the Slavic Assembly and has no intention of participating in the activities of the Union Eslava in the future. This group, democratic in character, opposes the government of Kliment Gottwald.

4. Another Czech organization, Circuito Checoslovaco located at Calle Cuareim 2318, is said to be completely Communist-dominated. Comment: This group has been previously listed as Circulo Checoslovaco del Uruguay and in its early stages was known as the Comité Checoslovaco de Ayuda a la URSS y Pueblos Libres.) The representative of this group of the Assembly was one (fnu) Kafka, who was listed in Voz Eslava as one of the speakers. Kafka served as a delegate of the Circuito Checoslovaco de Rivera at the Fifth Congress of the Union Eslava of Uruguay held in June 1948.

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