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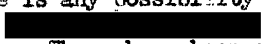


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Comment. An article appearing on 20 October 1948 in the Bolivian newspaper El Comercio accused Chile of being lax in her treatment and handling of Communists, since a wholesale invasion of Stalinist Chileans was now taking place in the Bolivian areas of Poopo, Oruro, and Uyuni. These Chilean Communists are reportedly being aided in the activity by Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR) members in the district. According to the article in El Comercio, the Communist agents are infiltrating into Bolivia in an effort to escape the anti-Communist drive of Gonzalez Videla and to carry on their Communist activities in Bolivia. The article concluded with a request that the Bolivian Government take drastic action in this matter.)

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1. A close check in the Bolivian areas of Poopo, Oruro, and Uyuni has been made to ascertain whether there is any possibility of such an infiltration of Chilean Communists into Bolivia.  there has been no known invasion of Communists in this area. There have been a few stragglers coming into Uyuni and its environs from Chile, but in each case they have been reported on, picked up, and sent back to Chile.
2. Immigration and police authorities in the district have been alerted for any mass infiltration, and any possibility will be investigated. In general, any report of the entrance of large numbers of Chilean Communists into Bolivia is discounted.

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