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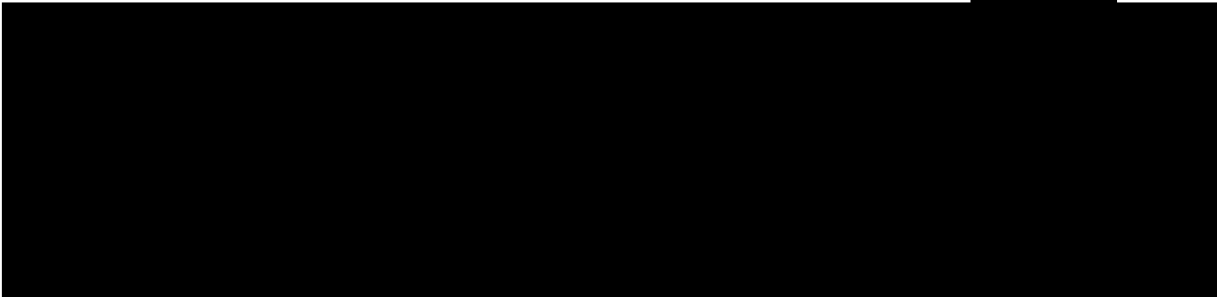
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1. The National Finance Committee of the Communist Party of Argentina (CPA) was recently reorganized and is now headed by Benito Marianetti (cf. [redacted]), a well-known Communist leader and lawyer. At the same time twenty-four subcommittees were formed to handle Party finances throughout the country, the more important of these being located in the Provinces of Buenos Aires, Santa Fe, Entre Rios, the Chaco Territory, in the cities of Cordoba and Mendoza, and in the Federal Capital. 25X1A2g
2. Since funds collected locally are not sufficient to meet all the expenses incurred by the CPA, the Central Committee of the Party receives funds from Montevideo, the actual source of which is not known. These funds are brought into Argentina by Communists who travel expressly for that purpose. 25X1A2g
3. The CPA handles approximately 300,000 pesos per month, a sum barely sufficient to meet all its needs. It ordinarily receives between 60,000 to 80,000 pesos monthly from contributions. This sum is supplemented by special financial drives such as the one recently concluded (cf. [redacted] which proved fairly successful. Its success was due in large part to the fact that the Party workers contacted all persons, especially Jews, with relatives living in the Soviet Union and the satellite nations, in addition to business firms and wealthy individuals. 25X1A2g
4. Payment to cell leaders is made in accordance with the size of the contributions raised by each particular cell. Cell leaders, agents, and agitators receive their payments from Geronimo Arnedo Alvarez, Secretary General of the Party.
5. Funds are sent by Argentine Communists to Chile, Bolivia, Peru and other Latin American countries.
6. The CPA expends sizable sums maintaining the Instituto Cultural Argentino-Ruso (Argentine-Russian Cultural Institute). At present the Party is spending considerable sums in seeking to foment strikes among the workers of packing houses which have large American and British investments. Their ultimate aim is to have the Argentine government seize the large packing houses. The Party is also contributing heavily to the campaign for reform of the Argentine Constitution on the basis of Peron's promise that the Party will not be outlawed.

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