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1. Communism is becoming increasingly widespread in the district around Darjeeling, especially among the young, educated Nepalese. They are extremely aggressive, and it is reported that many of them are coming to Calcutta to indulge in sabotage activities. Many of the Nepalese clubs, inns, and teashops in Calcutta are said to be functioning as "information bureaus" for the Communist Party of India. In these places information is collected from agents and passed on to Communist leaders, and recruits are taught to prepare explosives by simple means from cheap and easily obtained materials such as potassium permanganate and glycerine.
2. Among the more prominent Communists from Darjeeling are the following:

Ratan Lal Brahmin, Communist member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly; suspected of being connected with recent acts of sabotage in Calcutta and vicinity; former address: B-E Dacker's Lane; at present underground

Kalco Singh, Nepalese, disciple of Brahmin; presently in jail; former address: vicinity of Dacker's Lane, where it is believed many Nepalese Communists are now in hiding

Gurung Singh (alias Biren Chandu), Nepalese who often passes as a Bengali; musician; lives with several other Nepalese near Dufferin Hospital, Amherst Street, Calcutta

Motilal (fnu), a Nepalese; close associate of the proprietress of a Nepalese Communist meeting place in Gita Kali Mandir (Arts and Music Hall), 127A Lower Circular Road, Calcutta

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