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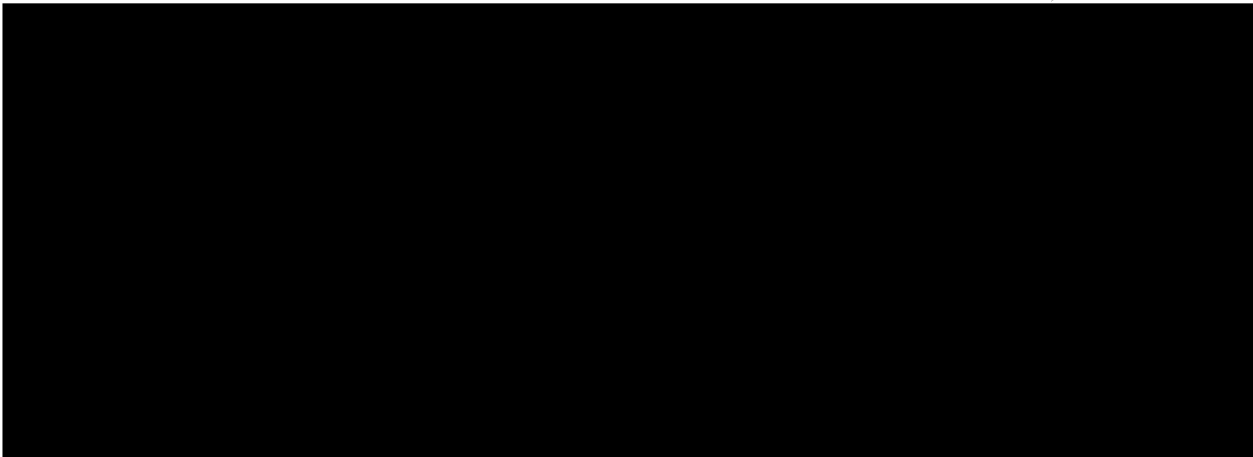
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1. Roberto Mayorga, Argentine Communist, who has been in Mexico since March 1948, is regarded by Mexican Communist leaders as an expert on labor matters in the Latin American republics. According to Manuel Terrazas, member of the Political Bureau of the Partido Comunista Mexicano (PCM-Mexican Communist Party), Mayorga also has furnished to Vicente Lombardo Toledano information concerning the labor situation in Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Brazil, Venezuela, and Costa Rica.
2. A second source has stated that although Mayorga did not seem to have any specific duties at PCM headquarters, he appeared to serve as an adviser to the leaders of the Party, with whom he was in almost daily contact until two months ago when he was prostrated with an attack of undulant fever.
3. The same source stated that he had first met Mayorga at Party headquarters in July 1948. During subsequent meetings Mayorga spoke of having attended a school for Party organizers in Moscow, and of having visited Moscow on other occasions. He was in Spain working as an organizer for the Party at the beginning of the Spanish Civil War, and thereafter he served in an unspecified capacity on the side of the Republic. Mayorga stated that he had traveled widely in the service of the Party and that he had worked as an organizer in Chile, Argentina, El Salvador, Peru, and Cuba in addition to Spain.
4. A report from Argentina states that Mayorga was one of the outstanding members of the Communist Party of Argentina (CPA) during 1943 and 1944, the period in which the Party was subjected to severe restrictions by the Argentine Government. His activities were confined mainly to the province of Cordoba, where he was the recognized leader of the Party. He was rewarded for his valuable services during the suppression period by being given a position on the Central Committee of the CPA, a post he held during the years 1944 and 1945. Mayorga was a Communist candidate for the provincial legislature during the elections of February 1946. Although since that time he has been inactive in the CPA, source believes that he is still a militant Communist and that he has retained the respect of officials of the Argentine Communist Party.

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5. According to Mexican officials, Mayorga first arrived in Mexico in June 1940 as a tourist. On this first visit he was frequently in touch with the leaders of the PCM. He left Mexico on 16 November 1940 aboard the Japanese ship RAKUYO MARU for Chile en route to Argentina. Mayorga returned to Mexico on 4 March 1948 on a visitor's visa, obtained for him through the efforts of Blas Manrique, former Secretary General of the Federal District Committee of the PCM.

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