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1. Alfredo Guerra Borges, who was named Secretary of the Guatemalan Embassy in San Salvador on 24 January 1949, is a suspected Communist and self-styled founder of the Guatemalan Committee for Peace and Democracy, a Communist front organization. He is expected to devote a good part of his energy in El Salvador to the cause of the local Committee for Peace and Democracy. Both Committees are part of a continental drive to organize a Communist-sponsored Congress for Peace and Democracy in Mexico in the spring of 1949.
2. Guerra Borges was born at Guatemala City about 1924. He is married to Josefina Cestaneda Mansilla. Until his appointment to El Salvador, he was employed as an Editor in the Department of Publicity of the President. He held the position of Inspector General of Labor for a time during 1948. He is a member of the Partido de Accion Revolucionaria (PAR), for which he electioneered during the recent elections, and of the Sindicato de Trabajadores Intellectuales y Artistas Revolucionarias (STIAR) which was one of the groups which sponsored the Guatemalan Committee for Peace and Democracy. He is a past Secretary General of the SAKER-TI, believed to be a Communist-front organization and also a sponsor of the Committee for Peace and Democracy.
3. Guerra Borges was in Chile until 1947, and it was there that he became interested in Communism. He is the recipient of Communist propaganda from Cuba and Mexico, and a correspondent of Lombardo Toledano, Mexican leader of the CTAL.
4. Guerra is planning to organize an international Congress of Intellectuals and Artists to be held in Guatemala City.

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