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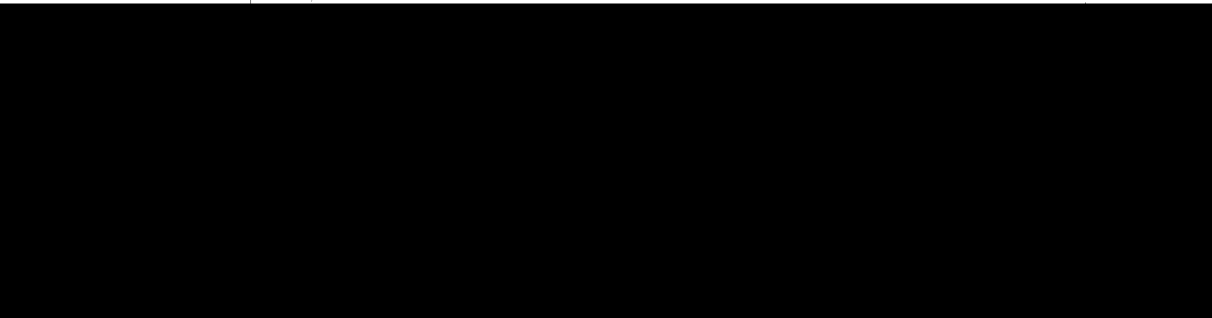
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1. Conversations are allegedly continuing among certain influential Bolivian army officers concerning the possibility of attempting to take over the government. Colonel Hugo Ballivian, Director of the Colegio Militar in La Paz, and General Carlos Soria Galbarro, Inspector General of the Army, have been involved in recent conversations of this nature. General Felipe Rivera, Commander of the Armed Forces, continues to be considered as a compromise candidate to head a military junta in the event of a coup d'etat.
2. Certain army officers recently conferred near Lake Titicaca with representatives of an international organization known as the CROP*.

Comment. An organization was founded in La Paz in 1931 known as Confederacion Revolucionaria Obrera Popular (CROP). Its slogan was Cultura-Riqueza-Orden-Paz (Culture-Riches-Order-Peace) and it was comprised of Communists from Chile, Peru, and Bolivia. Its program and ideals were clearly Communist, and it followed closely the line laid down by Soviet leaders. Jose Antonio Arza, Ricardo Anaya, and others now prominent in Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR) activities were part of the directorate of CROP. However, it is believed that CROP is not active at the present time.

Comment. In view of recent reports of the assistance being offered by Peruvian Minister of Development Alfonso Llosa to Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) exiles in Peru, the possibility exists that the organization as CROP may be CRCE. A report dated July 1945 stated that CRCE (Comite Revolucionario de Oficiales del Ejercito) was a secret Peruvian military lodge, headed by Llosa. Llosa and the CRCE were then reported to be plotting revolutionary action against the Peruvian government.

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