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A Cominform meeting is now being held in Prague. Belgium and France are represented at the meeting by Edgar Lalmand, Secretary General of the Belgian Communist Party, and Arthur Remette, member of the Political Bureau of the French Communist Party.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] Comment. Rumors of an impending Cominform meeting have been unusually numerous since January 1949. The first indication, however, that the Cominform may actually have convoked a session in Prague was noted when Edgar Lalmand [REDACTED] applied 25X1A2g for a transit permit for travel through the US zone of Germany, and left Brussels by air for Prague on 7 February 1949, 1600 hours. Lalmand, who stated that his current trip was a "study tour," was also absent from Brussels during the period 16 June 1948 to 27 June 1948 when the June 1948 meeting of the Cominform was held, and it is probable that he attended this meeting at which the resolution against Tito was made.

In addition to Edgar Lalmand, several other Communist leaders were reported to have arrived in Prague in February 1949:

- a. Ibarruri, Dolores, Secretary General, CP Spain. In Prague on 8 February 1949.
- b. Uribe, Vicente, Politburo, CP Spain. In Prague on 8 February 1949.
- c. Pena, Lazaro, Executive Committee, CP Cuba (PSP). In Prague on 9 February 1949.
- d. Ocampo Pastene, Salvador, Central Committee, CP Chile. In Prague on 9 February 1949.

The presence of the following leading Communists in Czechoslovakia has been alleged by various newspaper sources:

- a. A. Vishinsky, Deputy Foreign Minister, USSR.
- b. Berman, Jakob, Politburo, United Polish Workers Party.

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Reported in Prague 11 February 1949. Reported still in Warsaw on 12 February.

- c. Zawadski, Aleksandr, Politburo, United Polish Workers Party. Reported in Prague 11 February 1949. Reported "absent from Warsaw" for reasons of health for past two weeks.
- d. Togliatti, Palmiro, Secretary General, CP Italy. Believed to have left Rome.
- e. Secchia, Pietro, Secretariat, CP Italy. Believed to have left Rome.
- f. Saillant, Louis, Secretary General, WFTU. Pro-Communist. Arrived Prague 15 February 1949.

Absent from their countries at the moment are:

- a. Reale, Eugenio, Central Committee, CP Italy. Reported in Warsaw 13 February 1949.
- b. Farkas, Mihaly, Secretary, Hungarian Workers Party. Left Budapest for Moscow 28 January 1949.

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