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- The assembly of Communist Party leaders* held in Parana, Paraguay during the latter part of January 1949 was attended by Paraguayan Communist Party (CPP) leaders, Rodolfo Ghioldi of the Argentine Communist Party, Enrique Rodriguez of the Uruguayan Communist Party, and E. Costadoni of the Chilean Communist Party.
- 2. The foreign delegates were welcomed by the Paraguayan Communist, Obdulio Barthe, who emphasized the sufferings and struggle of the CPP, stating that the Party must seek aid from every source. He called for international cooperation and cited the necessity of forming a counter-espionage network in South America to combat the work of the "Yankee detectives".
- 3. The opening speech was made by the Paraguayan Communist, Antonio Bonzi, ** in the name of Oscar Creydt, prominent leader of the CPP, Augusto Camete and other Paraguayan Communist leaders who were not present.
- The principal speech of the assembly was delivered by Rodolfo Chioldi who spoke of the sufferings of Communist prisoners in Paraguay and praised the fight being carried on by the CPP. He said the Argentine Communist Party was well organized and pledged its aid to the CPP. The main point of Ghioldi's speech was his call for a Continental Union of Communist Parties against anti-democratic forces. The speech was replete with expletives against the United States, and Ghioldi stated that the work of continental union must be carried out by leaders only, in a manner so secret that the "Yankee Gestapo" would not learn their plans. ***
- 5. Ghioldi reportedly stated that if the contents of this speech were to become known to the Peron government the Argentine Communist Party would probably be persecuted as strongly as is the CPP.
- 6. E. Costadoni, representing the Communist Organizations of Chile, pledged full aid of the Chilean Communist Party and the Chilean people to the CPP.
- 7. A message was brought by Enrique Rodriguez on behalf of the Special Uruguayan Emergency Commission (La Comision Especial de Emergencia Uruguaya). Rodriguez added that the Communist Party of Uruguay pledged full support of Paraguayan Communists as well as continental solidarity, through its Secretary General Eugenio Gomes and Uruguayan Communists Julia Arevalo de Roche and Isabel Pinto de Vidal.

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In the opening speech, the following were mentioned by Bonzi as some of the Paraguevan Communists in exile:

> Augusto Canete Falacios Jose Bandurck Arsenio Ibanez Remulfo Brites Paris Victoriano Baez Domingo Aguilar Tito Diaz Bonifacio Salines Lucas Ramirez Ernesto Espindo Antonio Ruben Sanchez Anibal Delmes Antonio Azourra Carlos Bogado Soile Soga

Asuncion Torres Alicia Benites

Adolfina Coronel Chiquita Bogado Encarnacion Fleitas Rosa Chipper China Castillo Asuncion Consales Ramon Riotorto Antonio Caccia Victoriano Mesa Ramon Tortora Jose A. Flores Chiquitis Veron Lucio Riotorto Rigoberto Pereira Antonio Nunes Wilfrido Acosta Aparicio Castillo

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9. Barthe spoke in the name of Paraguayan Communist leaders in jail in Asuncion and listed the following names, adding that there were five hundred more whom he had not time to mention:

> Antonio Gamarra Calixto Bogado Marcos Zeida Alfonzo Guerra Timoteo Ojeda Alfredo Alcorta Francisca Martinez Elva Armoa Onofre Ruiz Diaz J. Vicente B. Cuellar Fulgencio Merino Josefina Torres

Encarnacion Gomes Estela Vera Martinez Purificacion Gomes Lucio Gregorio Roa Efrain Ibanez Anibal Francisco Codas Maria Elena Martinez Blanca Seifar Chingolita Ramirez Paquita Doria Irma Britez Concepcion Mongelos

10. At a small meeting in Asuncion on 15 January 1949, Antonio Sanches, Secretary of Agitation and Propaganda of the CPP, delivered an address in which he stated that there will never be peace in Paraguay as long as the "false Colorados" were in power. Under the category of "false Colorados" he included the Guion Rojo, followers of ex-President Higinio Morinigo, Felipe Molas Lopez, Liberato Rodriguez and Lt. Colonel Adalberto Canata, all of whom were backed by "the Yankee imperialists" who wanted to impede the pacification of Paraguay. Sanchez called for Communist cooperation with the better elements of the Colorado Party to oust these "false Colorados". He further stated that the people should not be misled by a United States or Argentine loan, for these foreigners merely wanted to withdraw more of the riches of Paraguay.

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Comment. Bonsi had been in jail in Asuncion but was released in December 1948 through some inexplicable error on the part of the Asuncion police. He went to Buenos Aires as Paraguayan delegate to a meeting in that city on 4 January 1949 and is now living in exile in Formosa, Argentina.

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Comment. Ghioldi will form and be the head of a South American intelligence organization.

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