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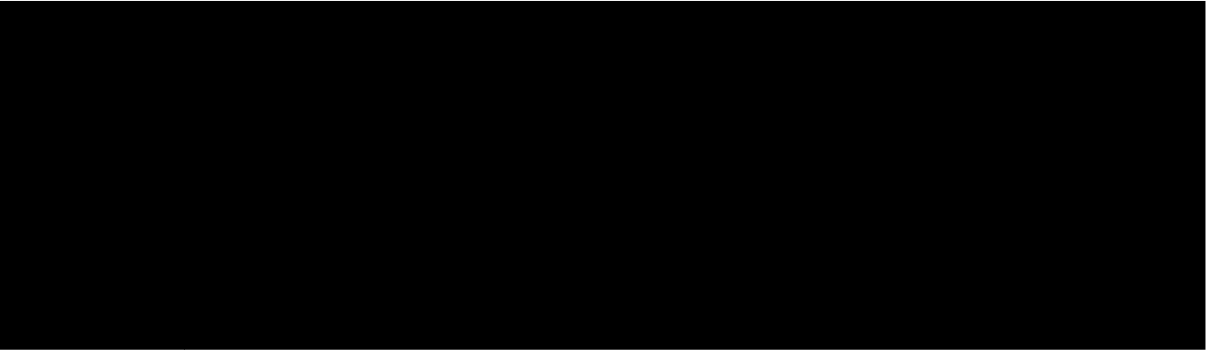
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1. Oscar Croydt, exiled director general of the Communist Party of Paraguay (CPP) now living in Argentina, issued the following instructions to the CPP in a directive which he sent to a meeting of prominent CPP members held in April at San Cosme de Parana.
 - a. In the letter, which was entitled "Character of the Communist Program," Croydt declared that the CPP is the only Party which until now has not cultivated political relations with neighboring countries. It would be necessary therefore to form a union with the Parties of Uruguay, Argentina and Chile and through this union to obtain instructions, aid, and knowledge of the program of international Communism. He stated that it is now time for the CPP to become thoroughly international in character.
 - b. Croydt added that in his opinion the present government of Paraguay is one of transition. While affairs were in a comparative state of tranquility the CPP should take advantage of the situation to further its organizational activities. He warned all leaders to be careful in order that Communist infiltration would not be called to the attention of the Paraguayan police, causing Party members and leaders to be thrown into prison again.

2. A recent edition of the clandestinely printed Communist organ, Adelante, dated 4 April 1949, attacked the American members of the agricultural mission in Paraguay. It stated that the mission was full of Yankee spies who were in the country for the purpose of minutely cataloguing all the natural riches of Paraguay, together with its human and economic potential "to determine in which colonial pocket Paraguay would be situated-- if at the side of Puerto Rico or of Indo-China." The publication also denounced the military conspiracy headed by exiled Paraguayan military leaders, which it stated was supported by North American imperialism.

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3. The Congress of Paraguayan Communists, which has been postponed several times, has not been discussed recently. In source's opinion the CPP still lacks the necessary funds to hold the Congress.
4. Augusto Canete, Secretary General of the CPP, has remained in Asuncion but source reported that he has disguised himself by darkening his complexion. He is still living at the "Quinta Mario," which is owned by Reserve Army Captain Cesar Escobar, a Febrerista and a friend of Canete of long standing.

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