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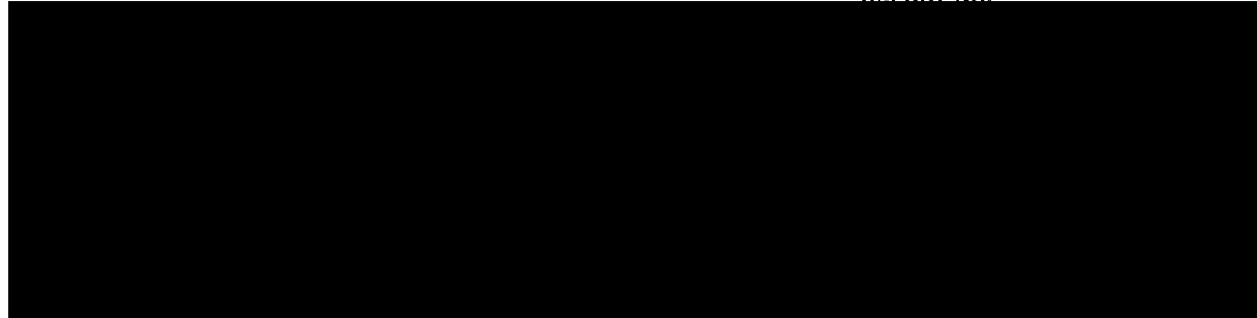
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1. On 4 October 1949, personnel of the Valparaiso detachment of Chilean Investigaciones arrested one Bernardo Linares Fajardo, a plasterer working on the Laguna Verde Hydroelectric Plant construction job, on the charge of being a Communist labor agitator and Party instructor. Subsequently, he was sent to Santiago for interrogation and trial.
2. During his various interrogations, Linares Fajardo has denied being a Communist or even knowing any of the leaders of the Communist Party of Chile.
3. Available information indicates, however, that Linares Fajardo, also known as "El Agapo Linares" or "El Cholo," was born at Mollendo, Peru, 16 January 1909. He arrived in Chile on 25 January 1929 and subsequently married Elia Gonzalez Pendola who, together with their five children, resides at Avenida Mexico 032, "Poblacion Monserrat," Valparaiso. In 1936, Linares Fajardo was arrested as a Communist labor agitator and was relegated to the Province of Aysen.
4. Following the relegation to Aysen, Linares Fajardo became the Secretary of Propaganda of the Valparaiso Regional Committee of the Communist Party of Chile and has held that post ever since. A paid Party official and an excellent orator, Linares Fajardo has been very active in labor circles and is known to have maintained correspondence with Argentine and Mexican labor leaders. There are indications that he intended to make a trip to Buenos Aires in the near future.
5. Though Chilean Investigaciones has no proof, there are indications that Linares Fajardo was instructed by the Communist Party of Chile to obtain work on the construction of the Laguna Verde Hydroelectric Plant so that he could prepare sabotage plans for the Party. The Laguna Verde plant is scheduled to start producing electrical current for Santiago and Valparaiso in late November 1949.
6. The present plan of the government is to deport Linares Fajardo to one of the neighboring countries, probably Peru. However, Linares Fajardo has stated that if he must be deported, he would prefer to go to Argentina, since he claims to have many friends in Mendoza who would help him to get work in that Province. It has also been learned that several of the political leaders opposing the Chilean government are now attempting to intercede for Linares Fajardo, alleging that it would be cruel and inhuman to deport the father of five Chilean children.

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