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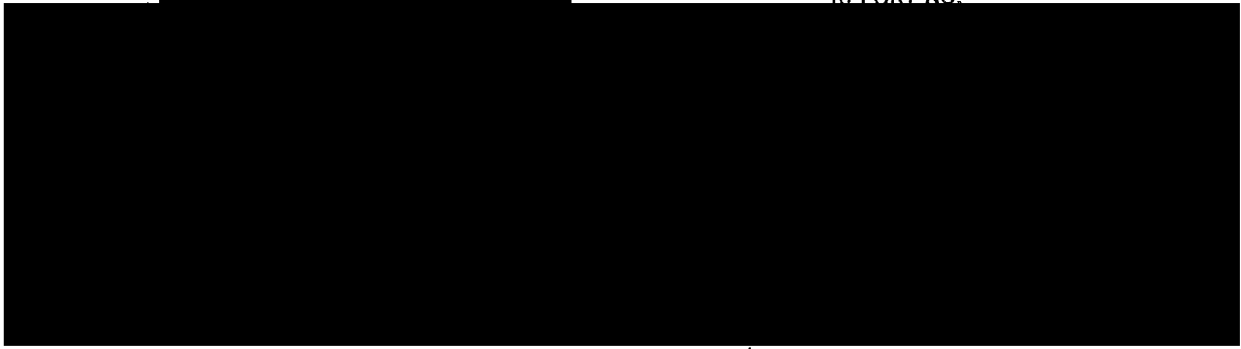
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1. The Communist Party of Peru (PCP) is attaching considerable significance to the Departmental Labor Congress of Arequipa, being sponsored by the Communist influenced Confederacion de Trabajadores de Arequipa (CTA), which is to be held in Arequipa 17-22 December 1949.\* Manuel Ugarte Saldana, Secretary General of the PCP, recently arrived in Arequipa and Jorge del Prado Chavez, another Communist leader has been there for some time.
2. Source reported that the Peruvian Communists will take advantage of the congress to map plans for the line they will follow with relation to the Odría government, and to receive instructions on international policy. According to source, one of the objectives of the Communists will be to obtain the congress' indorsement of a demand that the government nationalize the Peruvian petroleum industry.
3. An unidentified Communist from Chile will reportedly attend the congress. This individual will enter Peru clandestinely and will not figure officially in the proceedings. He will remain in hiding and play a behind-the-scenes role in guiding the actions of the Peruvian Communists at the congress. Source reported that original plans had called for the sending of a Mexican Communist to the congress, but since the entry of such an individual into Peru would have been difficult a Chilean Communist had been substituted.
4. In connection with the Arequipa labor congress, source reported that other and similar labor congresses are being planned in other Latin American countries. Specifically named by source were Ecuador, Panama, Venezuela, and Bolivia. Instructions for these labor congresses are said to have been received from Mexico through the Chilean Communist, Pablo Neruda. The general plan envisages a coordinated Communist policy in Latin America against those governments in the hemisphere which the Communists consider have "sold out to United States imperialism."\*\*
5. Source reported that an outgrowth of the Arequipa congress and those in other Latin American countries may be the formation of a group of Latin American Communist leaders which would be a counterpart of the European Communist form.

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~~Comment.~~ This report tends to confirm [redacted] paragraph 1. [redacted] yet been able to ascertain whether Roberto Morena, Brazilian Communist, established contact with the PCP on his trip through Lima on 29-30 November. At this time it seems unlikely since the leading Peruvian Communists, Ugarte and del Prado, were not in Lima at the time.

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