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1. Rafael Carrillo, Mexican labor leader and aide to Vicente Lombardo Toledano, arrived in Bogota late in the afternoon of 4 May 1950 and was arrested by the Colombian National Police on the following day. According to source, he was arrested by several detectives acting without superior orders, taken to police headquarters, questioned, searched and set at liberty after an apology from Colonel Manuel Agudelo, Chief of the Department of Investigation of the National Police.
2. Carrillo told the police that the purpose of his visit was to address the Tenth Labor Congress of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Colombia (CTC), which had convened in Bogota on 1 May 1950, and requested permission of the police to do so. Colonel Agudelo told Carrillo that there was no objection to his addressing the Congress. However, when Carrillo attempted to speak before the Congress on 6 May, the anti-Communist Liberal majority caused such a disorder that his remarks could hardly be heard. His theme was that the CTAL is not a Communist organization or a tool of Moscow. He protested to his audience that he had the permission of the police to speak, but this failed to quiet his hecklers.
3. Carrillo told Communist labor leaders and labor leaders of Communist sympathies that actually the principal purpose of his visit was to announce that a labor congress would be held by the Confederacion Regional Obrera Mexicana (CROM) in Mexico sometime in 1950 to organize another continental labor central. He described CROM as the oldest syndical in Mexico. The congress will denounce before the Latin American proletariat the attempts of the A.F. of L. to control the salaried workers of the continent for imperialist purposes and expose the results of the attack by imperialism against Communism within the laboring classes. The new labor central will be a branch of the CTAL, organized in such a way as to attract affiliates from those unions which lacked confidence in the CTAL or which had been forced by imperialist maneuvers to break with the CTAL.
4. Carrillo said that this announcement was particularly opportune in Colombia because of the CTC's break with the CTAL during the very session at which he had tried to speak. Since the Communists, and others who did not favor the break, were proposing to organize their own labor central in Colombia, Carrillo

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felt that the new central should logically affiliate with the proposed continental labor central.

5. During his stay in Bogota, Carrillo avoided contact with the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC) as such and did not go near Party headquarters or visit the homes of Communists. He did meet with Communists, however, at the offices of the CTC. Source considered it significant that Carrillo's principal contacts included friends of Augusto Duran and Duran himself, and reported that some Communist leaders had expressed the opinion that the results of the CTC Congress might have put Duran back on the road to leadership of the PCC.
6. Insofar as source has been able to determine, Carrillo had almost no contact with Gilberto Vieira White, Secretary General of the PCC, but met frequently with other Communist party leaders such as Pedro Jose Abella, Ventura Puentes Vanegas, Carlos Arturo Aguirre, Filiberto Barrero and Augusto Duran.
7. Carrillo told these leaders that the plan to establish the headquarters of the South Pacific Regional Committee of the CTAL at Panama had been dropped because of the Panamanian government's recent action in declaring the Communist party illegal. Carrillo stated that the headquarters of both the Caribbean and the South Pacific regions would probably be Mexico.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CTAL Central Committee members Pedro Jose Abella and Napoleon Molina of Colombia, and Miguel Angel Guzman of Ecuador, as well as delegates from Peru and Chile, would participate in a meeting in Bogota of the South Pacific Regional Committee of the CTAL, which would be presided over by Rafael Carrillo. Pedro Abella who lives in Bogota was in close contact with Carrillo. According to reports received to date, Napoleon Molina could not be located and there is no evidence that Miguel Guzman or delegates from other countries were in Bogota during Carrillo's visit.

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