

- 1. The following information has been obtained on the two leading Chilean Communist painters, Fedro Lobos Diaz and Jose Venturelli Lade, both of whom are nembers of the Communist-front Grupo de Arte Continente.
- 2. A few months ago, Lobos became the "official" artist of the Communist Party of Chile (FCCh). Vonturelli had previously held this honorary position. Lobos gained considerable influence with the Communist leaders, including Party leader Galo Gonzalez, through an exhibit of his work at the University of Chile held in June 1950. His work protrayed the misery, struggles and liberation of the working people and, in addition to its artistic qualities, was considered by the Communists to demonstrate a vivid political lesson. Facilities for visitors to sign the Stockholn pro-peace petition were arranged at the exhibit, and an album of Lobos' work was on sale. A 300-copy edition of the album was prepared by the Grupo de Arte Continente, and was financed by Jorge Dergere with a 40,000 pesc loan. The sale of the publication netted Lobos about 50,000 pescs, which he plans to use to finance a trip to lexico, where he hopes to remain one or two years studying mural painting. Reportedly, the PCCh will help him pay for his trip. Lobos has given the mats which were used in printing the album to the Party so it can print a cheap edition of his work to sell to Party members and sympathizers. Lobos' date of departure for Mexico is not hown
- 3. Venturolli was removed from his position as the official art st of the Party, having been accused of deviation from the true Communist life in his paintings, of associating with non-Communist groups and of not living adjuuthentic Communist life. However, Venturolli continues to be a popular and well-paid Chilean artist. At his own expense, he plans to travel to Europe soon, and will not receive Communist financial aid for his trip. Venturelli is also associated with the magazine <u>Pio Arte</u>.
- 4. Pedro Lobos Diaz was born in Ancud, Chile, on 27 June 1309, the son of Jose Lobos and Sinforiana Diaz. He is Chilean and is registered under Police Dossier 255,799 of Santiago. On 28 May 1941, Lobos was detained by the police in Ancud for making insulting remarks about the President of Chile. He was released by order of the Minister of the Interior. Later, he was removed from the electoral registry on the charge of being a Communist Party member.

5. Jose Venturelli Eade was born in Santiago on 5 July 1925, tho son of Balilla Venturelli and Carmela Eade. He is Chilean and has Police Dossier 1,600,963

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issued in Santiago. He is single and lives at Calle Bella-Vista 0889. His brother is Antonio Venturelli, Calle Dardignac 254; and he is associated with Francisco Escobar Riffo, A student Living at Calle Dardignac 254. Jose Venturelli has visited Uruguay and Brazil as a student. About a year ago, Venturelli was quite ill, and according to report, his medical expenses were paid by the PCCh.



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