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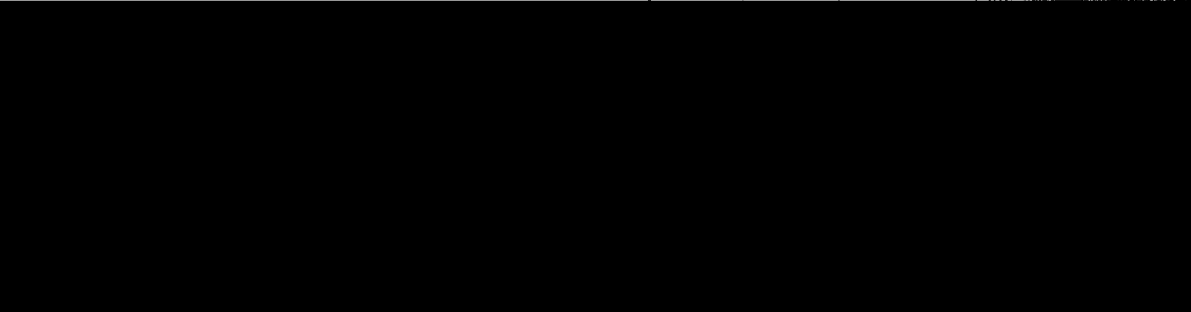
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1. The proposed Chilean national Pro-Peace Congress has been postponed to the last of September, possibly until the 26th, after having been set for 1 to 3 September. The delay has been caused by the many difficulties the Communists have encountered in their efforts to popularize and strengthen the pro-peace movement in Chile.
2. The provincial committees reportedly have failed to lay the proper groundwork for the conference, and have not been able to raise funds to pay the transportation costs of the provincial delegates to the conference. The National Executive Pro-Peace Committee has instructed its provincial adherents to organize regional conferences immediately to appoint regional delegates to participate in the proposed national conference.
3. The Communist Party of Chile (PCCCh) has instructed its members to sign and to obtain signatures for the Stockholm Peace Petition. The Political Commission of the Party has estimated that 300,000 to 400,000 signatures should be collected in Chile, but only about 100,000 signatures have been obtained to date. It has been learned that the old-time Communist militants in general have depreciated this activity and have concerned themselves solely with national labor and political problems. The Communist leaders' endeavor to identify the struggle for peace with the fight for better living conditions has not been well-accepted by the workers or by many of the non-Communist labor leaders. In spite of the Communists' recent cooperation in the labor field with other leftist groups, such as the Trotskyites' Partido Corriente Revolucionario, the Anarchists and the Socialists, these groups have not reacted favorably to the Stockholm Petition. The Anarchists in particular have branded the petition as absurd and a waste of time. The Trotskyites have maintained that war is inevitable and have shown little interest. Only the Communist Youth organizations have actively worked to obtain signatures for the peace petition.
4. To remedy this situation, the PCCCh has ordered the preparation of a detailed report on the present status of the pro-peace movement. The Party intends to make the "struggle for peace" the most important Communist activity at the present time.

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