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The demonstration in Aleppo on 20 December 1950 in which a crowd of 3,000 students and youths demanded the abolition of foreign concessions, particularly the French Régie des Tabacs, was originally planned by the student section of the Hizb al-Ba'th al-Arabi (Arab Resurrection Party). However, the demonstration was exploited by the Aleppo Regional Committee of the Syrian Communist Party, which, in addition to instructing its student section to take part, arranged for several of its "strong-arm" men to mix with the crowds and incite them to create disturbances.**

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Comment. This appears to be in line with the Syrian Communist Party policy reported in [REDACTED] paragraph 7c, i.e., to carry out its activities under cover of various "Peace Campaign" bodies, and to abandon all overt activities.

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