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1. A Sectional Chairman of the Philippine Communist Party organ, the Political and Economic Intelligence Research and Analysis (PEIRA),¹ known as Dorcas,² outlined the over-all policy of the Philippine Communist movement, including strategy to be employed in the forthcoming elections, at a recent secret meeting of HMB leaders in the Manila area.
2. According to Dorcas, Party leaders now are convinced that there is essentially no difference between the Nacionalista and Liberal Parties or any minor political party, although their programs may appear to differ. All these political factions are to be considered bourgeois parties with a common aim of seizing power in order to exploit the masses, to enrich themselves, and to strengthen the pro-capitalist and pro-imperialist Government.
3. HMB leaders were told that where the HMB does not have a candidate on either the Nacionalista or Liberal Party ballots, voters must boycott the elections by refraining from voting. In areas where the HMB has a candidate, voters should support only this candidate and should not vote for other persons on the ballot.³
4. The HMB leaders were told that tactics to be used by the Communist movement in gaining power through exploiting the elections were the responsibility of the PEIPA. The November elections were described as a weapon to be used by the Party to demoralize the masses and to gain millions of sympathizers.
5. In areas where the masses are not acquainted with Communism, or where there are no HMB-sponsored candidates, the Party plans to sabotage the elections by means which were described as extra-parliamentary action.⁴
6. According to Dorcas, the Philippine Communist movement has the single aim of seizing power, and Party leaders believe that their efforts are not far from success because the Philippine masses are becoming class conscious.
7. Communist leaders believe that the Party's struggle for power is now two-thirds won. They believe that nothing, including the Party's Political Bureau,⁵ could deter the masses from reaching their goal at the present stage of the Philippine Communist movement.

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8. In the course of his discussion, Dorcas declared that the power of such Government leaders as President Quirino and Defense Secretary Magsaysay will soon be challenged because their positions will become untenable against the strength of the proletarian majority.
9. In explaining the present position of the Party, Dorcas declared that the Government is mistaken in the assumption that the HMB can be subdued in from one to three years, since even if all remaining HMB troops are killed, the awakening of the masses to Communist teachings will mean that no compromise or peace will be possible until a Soviet republic is established in the Philippines.
10. The present director of the PEIRA is Lloret, who formerly was known as Lanac.⁶

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] William Pomeroy is now director of the PEIRA which is now actively concerned with translating Party policy on the November elections into action. [REDACTED]

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The initials PEIRA also have been interpreted as referring to a Party organ known as Political Economic Industrial Research and Analysis, or as the Political and Economic Industrial Research Agency. See

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25X1A 2. [REDACTED] The name Dorcas is believed to be a Party pseudonym. An individual using this name is not known.

The PEIRA formerly was directed by Angel Baking who was convicted in the Manila trial of Communist leaders in May 1951. It is believed that the PEIRA is more than a research group, and it apparently is an activist organ for disseminating the Party line. However, it is not clear how much voice the PEIRA has in determining this line or in directing tactics.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] recent reports on Communist strategy for the 1951 elections [REDACTED]

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25X1X 4. [REDACTED] The means described as extra-parliamentary action are believed to be those of force.

25X1A 5. [REDACTED] This is believed to be merely a rhetorical statement, with the hyperbolic use of the phrase referring to the Political Bureau being intended for emphasis.

25X1A 6. [REDACTED] Lanac is a pseudonym formerly used by Pomeroy.

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