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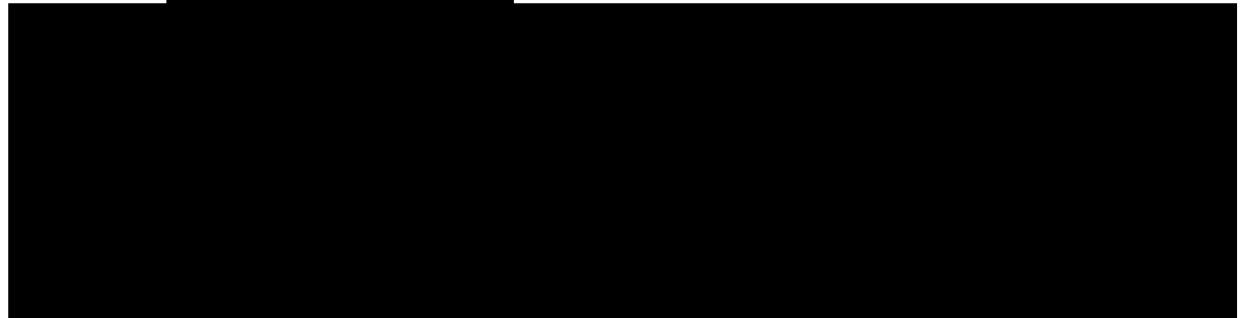
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1. Jaime Barrios, Secretary of Organization of the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC), is engaged in organizing a cadre of feminine leaders. Working with him are Cecilia Quijano Caballero de Vieira, wife of the Secretary General of the PCC, and Barrios' wife, Ligia Gomez de Barrios. Acting as an adviser will be Matilde Espinoza de Perez, wife of Luis Carlos Perez Velasco, and a leader with considerable experience in Alianza Femenina.
2. It appears that the new group will attempt to avoid the Communist label, and will carry out its agitation and propaganda activities on a clandestine basis. This appears to be the reason for not continuing this work through Alianza Feminina. A central group in Bogota is contemplated, with cells, committees and cadres, urban and rural, in the departments.
3. Barrios has stressed the need for the women to avoid being associated with the Communists. Lectures, radio broadcasts, and pamphlets will be confined to social themes and will concentrate on betterment of the working classes. According to Barrios, propaganda should even avoid attacking the imperialists and it should not emphasize the Soviet Union. He advises that the women selected should have a certain intellectual capacity and a desire to improve their economic situation. Care must be exercised that these women are not overly religious since the priests in rural areas are able to observe social activities in their districts closely.
4. Thus far those who are to be responsible for the work in the various areas of the country have not been chosen. It is expected that Mercedes Adadia will take charge of the western departments of Caldas, Valle, Cauca and Narino, where the greatest work needs to be done. Barrios is also considering assigning a role to Maruja Vieira, a poet and intellectual with considerable influence.

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