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- 1. Olga Poblete, prominent Chilean woman Communist, has been prevented from accepting an invitation to attend a meeting of the World Peace Council in Vienna, Austria, by the action of the Chilean Government. On I November 1951 Poblete presented her Chilean passport to the Foreign Office for renewal, and from there it was sent to the Investigaciones section of the Chilean police for security clearance. Poblete demended immediate renewal and return of her passport, and when told by the Foreign Office that there would be a delay, she departed for Buenos Aires by air. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, Poblete demanded that the Chilean Embassy send a cable requesting that her passport be mailed to Argentina without delay. However, the Foreign Office advised the Chilean Embassy that Poblete's passport would not be renewed for her travel to Vienna to attend the pro-peace meeting.
- 2. The invitation to the meeting was received by the Secretary General of the Chilean Pro-Peace Movement, Guillermo del Pedregal, and it was signed by Palademe Borzari of the World Peace Council in the name of the President, Joliot-Gurie. Since del Pedregal was preoccupied with his duties as treasurer of Carlos Ibanez del Campo's presidential campaign, he declined the invitation and designated Poblete, a leader in the pro-peace movement, to go in his place. The World Peace Council reportedly furnished the money for travel expenses for Poblete for a two-mouth trip.

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