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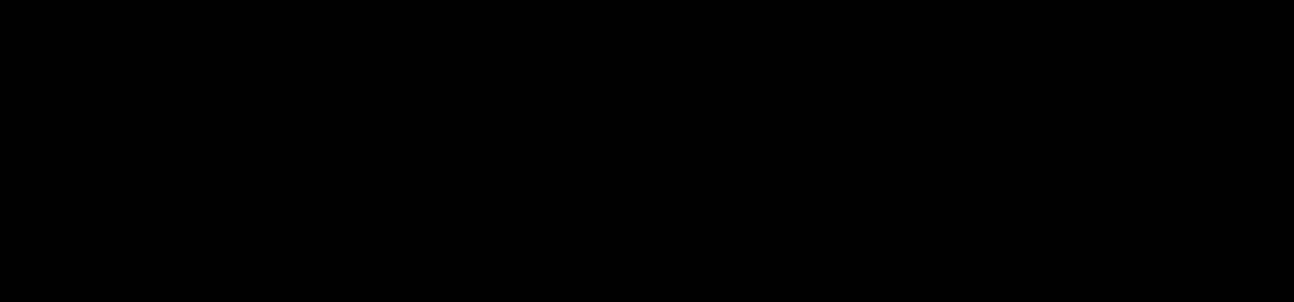
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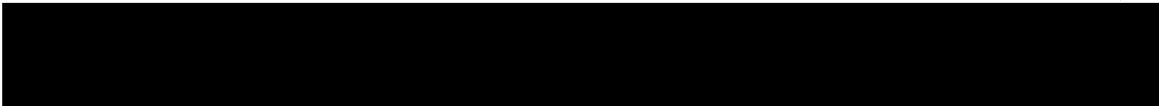
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1. On 17 and 18 June 1952 meetings of the Partido de la Izquierda Revolucionaria (PIR) were held at the residence of Hernan Melgar Justiano, ex-deputy, whose address is Calle Santa Cruz #73, Trinidad, Provincia de Beni. The following persons were present at the meetings: Hernan Melgar Justiano, Miguel Suarez, Hugo Arteaga, Germin (?) Cromenbold, Hugo Bejarano, Desidero Medag, and Oscar Aguilera.
2. At the meeting on 17 June the PIR agreed to incorporate itself unconditionally into the doctrines, activities, and purposes of Stalinist Communism. Hugo Arteaga outlined the benefits which would result from the infusion of PIR forces into the Communist Party of Bolivia (PCB). He stated that the PCB is the only true revolutionary line to follow, since it advocates the destruction of the clergy and the Army, which he described as plagues in the service of the oligarchy. He added that it is the duty of the PCB to form an army of farm-workers, as well as a people's army, in order to halt the maneuvers of Wall Street, which deceive the oppressed masses of South America.
3. Arteaga commented that another aim of Communism is the unification of all Communist efforts in Latin America through various organizations, such as Pro-Peace Committees, BAHIA, CTAL, Pro-Socialistas Defensores del Pueblo, Vanguardias Sindicalistas, Grupos de Deliberaciones Patrioticas, and Ejercito del Pueblo.
4. On 18 June Desidero Medag stated that the PCB must continue its struggle against Fascism and American imperialism and work for the liberation of South America. These goals will be accomplished only through the media of violence and terror, according to the orders of the USSR. Medag added that by 1955 Bolivia, Chile, Brazil, Uruguay, and other (unspecified) countries will be under the control of Soviet Russia.
5. At the meeting on 18 June several committees were formed to reach other

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Communist members and sympathizers in order to continue agitation activities among the rural population.

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1. Comment. See [redacted] for a report of the secret meeting of the FIR on 7 June 1952.

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