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1. Juan Jose REAL, an important member of the Partido Comunista de la Argentina (PCA) who is in charge of the administration of several Communist publications, including Nuestra Palabra, has been accused by the PCA leaders, among them Victor COLOMBIA, of being directly responsible for the present close relationship between the PCA and the Peron government¹. REAL has admitted under pressure that he met on several occasions with Argentine Vice-President Admiral Alberto TRISAIRE, but stated that he was acting in the best interests of the Party and that several other members of the PCA had done the same thing.
2. The PCA has been warned by the Argentine Government that if any harm befalls REAL, such Communist-front organizations and publications as the Consejo Argentino por la Paz, Interrogatio, and the Union de Mujeres de la Argentina would be declared illegal. As a result of the REAL affair, the PCA has now started an intense loyalty investigation among its own members and also the members of its various front groups, especially the Consejo Argentino por la Paz. The leaders of the Consejo fear that the government may carry out its threat².
3. The PCA has formed a new front group called El Comite pro Salvacion de los Rosenberg. The Argentine author, Raul GONZALEZ Tunon, a suspected Communist, is president of this committee.

Comments

1. The 17 February 1953 edition of the Communist newspaper, Nuestra Palabra, contained an article announcing that Juan Jose REAL had been dismissed from his position on the Central Committee of the PCA for his "nationalist bourgeois" ideas and his efforts to make the PCA play a subordinate and co-operative role in relation to the PERON regime. The article stated

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that a special commission was being set up by the Central Committee of the PCA to study further the ramifications of REAL's case and to decide whether or not he should be expelled from the Party. Until this commission reaches a decision, REAL will be prohibited from taking part in any PCA activity whatsoever.

2. According to an article in the 24 February 1953 edition of Nuestra Palabra, the following Argentine delegates to the Vienna Peace Conference were detained by the Seccion Orden Social (formerly Seccion Especial) of the Federal Police upon their recent return to Buenos Aires: Eduardo ESQUIVEL, delegate from Buenos Aires, and LAUDIA (fnu), delegate from Rosario. LAUDIA's name had not appeared in previous lists of delegates to the Vienna Peace Conference. The article did not mention the reason for the detention of these persons, and it is not known whether they are still being held.