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SOURCE:

- At the meeting of the National Executive Committee (CEN) of the Partido del Pueblo (PDP, People's Party - Communist) on 23 June 1953 Cesar DE LEON stated that Cell No. 6 of the Panama Region of the PDP had criticized Party performance in regard to international events. DE LEON advised CEN members that this information had been furnished to him by Feliciano LARA, secretary general of the PDP Panama Regional Committee, who stated that Cell No. 6 had cited the Rosenberg Case as a specific example. The PDP was accused of doing nothing in this connection, and Cell No. 6 proposed that a clandestine flysheet be issued along the following lines:

"Ethel and Julius Rosenberg have been murdered by the Yankee Imperialists, who accused them of being atomic spies, but all the world knows that they are innocent. He who spills blood now will drown in it when accounts are settled. Down with Yankee Imperialism!"

- The CEN decided that the members of Cell No. 6 must confine their activities to Party plans and not concern themselves with other affairs. The PDP cannot devote itself to activity isolated from its central tasks, and if the members reach decisions, they must be concerned with furthering rather than sidetracking such tasks. It was agreed by the CEN, however, that Cell No. 6 was not to be criticized in a negative manner, and a decision was reached to hold some act in memory of the Rosenbergs prior to 30 June 1953. This act was to serve as a denunciation of the repression of and terror directed against the democratic movement in America. CEN members agreed that such an act will represent compliance with instructions in this connection received from Chile.¹

1. Cf. CS-7794.

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