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1. A new facet of local Communist propaganda on the Rosenberg theme developed recently, with the revelation by El Pais, a strongly anti-Communist and pro-United States newspaper, that a certain teacher in the public schools of Montevideo had used her position to disseminate among her young students anti-United States propaganda. The actual incident in question was the teacher's use in class of an acrostic poem which spelled out the words "Norteamericanos asesinos" (North American assassins).
2. The general reaction to this injection of propaganda by a public school teacher has been strong, and the teacher concerned is currently suspended on half pay, pending a more thorough investigation by the educational authorities. It would appear that this incident has aroused popular indignation against such Communist tactics and has also aroused considerable editorial comment adverse to the interest of the local Communists. It has also focused public opinion on the activities of Communists in the public school system and may result in closer scrutiny of the political ideologies of those involved in public education. On the other hand, the Uruguayan Communist Party (PCU) has begun its attempt to cloud the issue by invoking, among other things, the possible threat against academic freedom that may materialize from this incident.
3. The school teacher involved has been identified as Amanda CANALE, a divorcee from Montevideo, about 35 years old. She has supported Communist causes in political and intellectual spheres for a number of years. Roughly since 1946-47 she has been a PCU member. Although not prominent in PCU activities, she is on terms of rather close friendship with Julia ARZUADE de Rocha and Celia NIERES de Centron, both well-known PCU women leaders, and with Professor Jose Luis MASSERA, leader of the Uruguayan Pro-Peace campaign.

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4. The main use to date of CANALE as a PCU propaganda instrument occurred on 23 July 1953, when she addressed a gathering composed largely of Communists and sympathizers in the Cine-Teatro Zhitlovsky, Calle Durazno 1176, Montevideo. Following the meeting a telegram was sent on behalf of those present to the public school authorities, requesting that CANALE's suspension be annulled since "her only crime was to read sweet verses (about a) heroic mother."
5. According to AURELIO de Roche, CANALE did not personally initiate the classroom incident. Rather, she carried it out on request of the PCU to afford a test of public reaction. What ultimate uses the test is to serve are unknown at the present time.
 1. Comment. The once strong PCU propaganda on the Rosenbergs continues despite their execution.