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The attached news item is enclosed for possible use by PBSUCCESS Stations. It is an excellent example of the open connection between Costa Rican Communists and Guatemalan diplomats and the second instance of this connection within one month.

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There is no longer any doubt that Guatemala, the beach-head of Communism in Latin America, intends to use its diplomatic channels to rally communists throughout the hemisphere. This is particularly true in Costa Rica where international communism finds a strong nucleus of well-trained party members to carry on its cause.

Eduardo MOVA Valverde, Secretary General of the Vanguardia Popular of Costa Rica, and several other unnamed Communist leaders were the guests of the Guatemalan Ambassador at a reception held on 23 March 1954, a reception given by the Guatemalan Embassy for local newspapermen. The event prompted La Hora of San Jose to comment unfavorably on the open attendance of Communists.

This is the second instance within a one month period of the open linkage between local Communists and Guatemalan diplomats.