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Special Joint CGTG-CNCG Assembly

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8 June 1954

Guatemala, Guatemala City

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1. Leaders of the Confederación General de Trabajadores de Guatemala (CGTG) and the Confederación Nacional de Campesinos de Guatemala (CNCG) held a special assembly on the night of 8 June 1954. The meeting was attended by the Secretaries-General of the Executive Committees of all CGTG and CNCG branches throughout the country as well as by delegates from each of the CGTG-affiliated labor unions.

2. The only speaker was Victor Manuel GUTIERREZ, Secretary-General of the CGTG, who delivered the usual attack on foreign monopolies, etc. and also:

a) stated that U.S. intervention in Guatemala was already an accomplished fact, the next step being armed aggression both from within and without the country which would be fomented, guided and financed by Yankee imperialism using the puppet governments of El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua as well as Guatemalan traitors like CASTILLO Armas.

b) stated that the U.S. had sent more than 500 officers and enlisted men to Honduras and Nicaragua ostensibly to train the local armed forces but actually to lead the aggression against Guatemala, and that arms shipments like those already sent by the U.S. to Honduras and Nicaragua would soon go to El Salvador.

c) called on those attending the assembly to alert both organized and unorganized workers and peasants throughout the country in order that they may be ready for and responsive to an urgent summons, a task to be carried out through the formation of National Defense Committees and Workers' and Peasants' Commissions as well as by organizing popular meetings and demonstrations.

d) stated that he did not wish the assembly to think that it was necessary to go on a war footing immediately; the only current objective was constant watchfulness against interventionist maneuvers.

4. After GUTIERREZ' speech, the delegates from Chocolá, Tiquizate, and Escuintla as well as those representing the Public Works Union and the Tailors' Union asked GUTIERREZ to arrange with President ARBENZ for the provision of weapons and military training to the various workers' and peasants' organizations. GUTIERREZ promised to do everything possible in this regard.

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4. Total attendance at the assembly was approximately 200 persons. The following members of the CGTG and CNCG central organizations were identified:

Victor Manuel GUTIERREZ
José Luis CACEROS
Victor LEAL
Antonio OBANDO Sánchez
Natzul AGUIRRE
José Luis RAMOS
Mario MORALES Vielman
José Luis DEL CID
Narciso ESCOBAR
Leonardo CASTILLO Flores
Gilberto SOBERANIS
Alfredo GUERRA Borges
René VALLE
José Alberto CARDOZA
Virgilio GUERRA

Guillermo Max GONZALEZ
Rufino ARGUETA
Max SALAZAR
Marco Antonio CUELLAR
César MONTENEGRO P.
Carlos Manuel PELLEGER
Juan CUELLAR Lorenzana
Florencio MENDEZ
Clemente SOTOJ Marroquín
Guillermo ORANDO Arreola
Antonio SIERRA Gonzalez
Bernardo ALVARADO Monzón
Oscar H. TOLEDO
Alfredo TISCHLER
Huberto ALVARADO

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