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1. Daniel DEPREZ, Belgian collaborationist now in Chile, is in contact with Michel KEDIA in Geneva. DEPREZ informed KEDIA that an anti-Communist group had been formed in Chile, similar to KLIMENKO's in Argentina and connected with the latter. DEPREZ made an offer to KEDIA to act as a European correspondent for the group. The offer was similar to the one made by KLIMENKO to Source. The group in Chile is organized to fight Communism by making public the aims and methods of the Bolsheviks.

2. KEDIA has indicated little interest in the proposition, according to Source, but offered to put Source in touch with DEPREZ if Source were interested in the work. KEDIA gave as his excuse for not being interested the fact that he had little faith in the power of the press in the fight against Communism.

3. DEPREZ is having some difficulties in Chile because his former partner in Belgium has taken advantage of the fact that DEPREZ was condemned to death in absentia in Belgium to seize a large sum of money belonging to DEPREZ. DEPREZ was counting on this money to establish himself in Chile. He then wished to recoup financially by establishing contact with the Communists. The recent scandal about Soviet espionage in Chile has caused KEDIA to fear that the Chilean authorities' attention may have been attracted to DEPREZ and his wife. KEDIA describes the latter as a typical adventuress.

Field Comment:

The above rather contradictory information was handed in by Source on two different occasions. Source has no explanation of how DEPREZ can be working with an anti-Communist group and at the same time hope to gain financially through contact with the Communists. Or does Source explain why KEDIA was afraid DEPREZ and his wife would be involved in the Soviet espionage scandal in Chile. We would be interested in any information on DEPREZ' activities in Chile and why he is maintaining contact with KEDIA.

References: KLIMENKO -/MSB-1172, MSB-1309

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