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Transfer of Communist Organizations to Paris

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According to information of 2 December 1946, the various services of the Spenish Communist Party are in process of being transferred from Toulouse to Paris. By that date, the party's headquarters had been moved to the French capitol, as well as some of its affiliated organizations, including the Amicale des Anciens FFI et Resistents Espagnols. Certain press work will continue to be carried on in Toulouse, instructions for which will be sent from Paris. Among others, Policarpo Delgado of the Basque Communist Party and Colonel Paz of the Spanish Communist Party will go to Paris. Until recently, Delgado has not been completely in accord with the Commu- 25X1X6 nist line. According to Delgado stated that it was not certain that Dolores Ibarruri would remain as Secretary General of the Spanish Communist Party.

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Travels of Dolores Ibarruri

states that as of 11 December Ibarruri, better known as "La Pasioneria", was in Czechoslovakia, having previously been to Russia to attend the celobrations commemorating the October Revolution.

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Lack of "Intermediary Cadres"

The leaders of the Spanish Communist Party reportedly are concerned over the lack of "intermediary cadres" in France. They attribute the shortage to the fact that younger members of the party are sent constantly to Spain to take charge of the organization of guerrilla bands and of anti-Franco agitation.

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Communists in the Department of Pyrenees Orientales

According to persons in contact with Communist leaders in the Department of Pyrenees Orientales, the refugees in this province controlled by the Communists number between 700 and 800. Communist party members are required to contribute a minimum of one hundred francs a month for organizational expenses and twenty-five francs for the "Aid to Catalonia" fund which is earmarked for fomenting the anti-Franco struggle in that region. The departmental leader of the PSUC (Partit Socialista Unificat de Catalunya - Catalan Communist Party), who is in touch with delegates stationed along the frontier, is a certain Marle, who spent some time in Russia and,

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more recently, in Mexico. Formerly, a man by the name of Isidre was departmental leader. He was transferred to Orleans because his superiors did not consider his work in the Department of Pyronees Orientales satisfactory. The Communists in this province have intensified their campaign against the Moviment Socialista de Catalunya (composed for the most part of members of the Partit Obrer d'Unificacio Marxiste and of PSUC dissidents), and are making every effort to eliminate members of this coalition from posts in Catalan cultural groups and refugee-aid committees.

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5. Antonio Attitude of Various Communists toward Regionalism

Antonio Mije is the member of the Spanish Communist Political Bureau in charge of studying the problem of regionalism in Spain and of directing 25X1X6 party policy in this aspect. states that Mije does not appear to be well-informed on the aspirations and problems of the autonomists and is inclined to be evasive when questioned on the matter. On the other hand, Santiago Carrillo, Communist Minister in the Giral Government, is willing to express himself on regionalist problems and says that he personally is in favor of giving the greatest possible amount of freedom to the various peoples. Vicente Uribe, a member of the Spanish Communist Political Bureau, is centralist in attitude and is opposed to recognizing the claims of the various regional groups. Colonels Lister and Paz, who are Galicians, consider the party policy on regional problems unsatisfactory, especially in so far as that of Galicia is concerned. They attribute what they describe as the party's unfortunate attitude to Mije's lack of understanding of questions relating to regionalism.

Collection of Funds by Calician Communists

6. Colonel Paz reportedly has received funds collected by Communists of Galician groups of South America to be used for aid in the anti-Franco fight in Galicia. The Communists state that such funds will be placed at the disposition of the Galician Minister in the Spanish Republican Government-in-Exile, Alfonso Rodriguez Castelao.

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