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25X1X6 The following is represented as the results of an interview between Luiz Carlos Prestes, Brazilian Communist leader, and Ernesto Alvarez Velasco, reporter for the Mexican labor paper El Popular, at the time of the Rio Conference. Alvarez Velasco is said to have served the Soviet Embassy of Mexico on this occasion as a political reporter.

1. Russia needs at least five years of peace, not only to complete its own reconstruction, but to confirm Communist conquests in Eastern Europe.
2. Russia's use of the veto in the United Nations is not against the best interests of Russian propaganda. On the contrary, it demonstrates the strength of Russia in opposing the "Anglo-American bloc."
3. Within five years Europe will be well on the way to being Communist, if not already completely so. As a result of conditions brought about by the war and the present lack of food, the people are very susceptible to Communist propaganda, which stresses the progress of Russia and its allies as contrasted to France, Italy, and England with their mediocre, democratic governments.
4. It is certain that the United States will have a financial crash within the next two years, and its interior situation will put the country in a very difficult position.
5. Prestes is sure the Republicans will win the presidential elections of 1948 in the United States, which will mean an intensification of the anti-Communist campaign. Prestes believes the Third Party will fail, in spite of Henry Wallace's good work for the leftists in the United States.
6. Prestes and his followers have three primary objectives: to work for the industrialization of Latin America; to fight against imperialism; and to refuse to accept the Truman Doctrine.
7. Prestes recommends the formation of "cuadros clandestinos" (secret squadrons) in the Communist Party, in case the Party is outlawed in various countries, as a means of encouraging discontent among the working class.

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