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1. As a result of a reported announcement on 3 October by the American Federation of Labor that it would establish affiliated branches in Latin America in the near future, the Communist sector of the Ecuadorian Confederation of Labor (CTE) immediately initiated discussions on methods of counteracting the activities of the AFL in order to prevent a split in organized labor. Since no decisions on a course of action were reached, Pedro Saad, Ecuadorian Communist labor leader for the coastal area, wrote to Vicente Lombardo Toledano in Mexico City, asking for his advice and instructions.
2. Pending an answer to this letter, the Communist Party decided to intensify its propaganda program against the United States, stressing that the AFL is an American institution with capitalist affiliations and that it will maintain its own high standards at the expense of Latin American labor. Furthermore, in the event of war, the Ecuadorians, it is claimed, would be forced to join a Pan American Army and possibly die supporting the cause of the American capitalist.
3. This propaganda program allegedly offers the following advantages to local laborers provided they do not join the AFL:
 - a. Workers under their present organization would not have to go to war.
 - b. The laborers can safeguard the benefits gained under the Confederacion de Trabajadores de America Latina (CTAL).
 - c. They can retain their independence of the "Yankee imperialists" by remaining with CTAL.
4. So far this program has made little progress. However, Pedro Saad recently stated that the Socialist labor element in Guayaquil is becoming dissatisfied with its leaders and is becoming more interested in Communism. He attributed this change in feeling to the rising cost of living and the apathy of Socialist leaders to their followers.

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