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The following is a summary of the current information on the Yugoslav colony in Peru:

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1. Of the two Yugoslav organizations previously active in Peru, only the Sociedad Yugoslavo de Beneficencia is operating at present. The second group, the Defensa Nacional Yugoslava is believed to be completely dormant, or to have ceased to exist.

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2. The Sociedad Yugoslava de Beneficencia, Jiron Callao 209, whose president is Andres Sanbrillo, remains primarily a mutual benefit society. As the natural gathering place for Yugoslavs of varying political convictions, however, it is also the headquarters of a small group of Communist sympathizers, who attempt to make the club a center for Communist propaganda.

3. This group receives periodical literature in various languages which they distribute at the club. In this manner, the club receives regularly a number of copies of the bulletins of the Soviet Legations in Bogota and Mexico, printed in Spanish, which are displayed prominently in the club and are distributed among members. Other newspapers which are available there are:

- Glas Istre (Rijeka)
- Primorski Dnevnik (Trst)
- Voz Eslava (Montevideo)
- Jugoslavenski Americki Glasnik (San Francisco)
- Slovenski Glas (Buenos Aires)

4. The Sociedad Yugoslava de Beneficencia formerly made available to the Instituto Cultural Peruano Sovietico (ICPS) a certain amount of space at the headquarters of the society. Following the break in relations between Chile and Yugoslavia, the society requested the Institute to return this space, obliging the Institute to seek quarters elsewhere.

B. Individuals

The following individuals who are prominent in the Yugoslav colony are reported to have connections with the Communist Party of Peru (PCP):

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1. Nebojsa Krenovich: He is reportedly being used for the distribution of pro-Communist literature by the Yugoslav Section in Buenos Aires. He has attended several international gatherings of Yugoslavs, which were pro-Communist in orientation. He was born in 1914 and entered Peru with his wife, Nina, in 1940.
2. Cristobal Galjuf: Brother of Mateo, who is the wealthiest man in the Yugoslav colony in Peru. Cristobal Galjuf is known in the Yugoslav circle as something of a "bad egg", and he has been accused of Communist sympathies, although during World War II, he was reported to have been friendly with the German group in Peru. He was born in May 1888, and entered Peru 12 August 1912.
3. Milan Fragich: A Director of the Instituto Cultural Peruano Sovietico (ICPS) in 1947. He is a member of, and contributor to, the Communist Party of Peru (PCP).
4. Stjepo Ivusich: A contributor to the PCP. He was born in 1903 and entered Peru in 1930.
5. Antonio Jovanovic: A regular contributor to the PCP, and a member of the Instituto Cultural Peruano Sovietico since 25 September 1945.
6. Ivo Knego: A regular contributor to the PCP and a member of the ICPS.
7. Mateo Knego: A regular contributor to the PCP and a member of the ICPS.
8. Antonio Miloslavich: In March 1947, he was reported to be a regular contributor to the PCP and a member of the ICPS. He is also said to be a close friend of (fnu) Porrás, the leading member of the PCP in Tarma.
9. Yakov Marojica: Yugoslav Communist and the owner of the Cafe Las Camelias, Jiron Camana 200, the gathering place of pro-Soviet Yugoslavs. He was born in 1899 and entered Peru in 1927.
10. Francisco Pleticosich: "Pancho" Pleticosich, believed to be identical with subject, is reported to collect funds for the PCP in Arequipa. He is 38 years old.
11. Lazaro Radonic: A pro-Communist Yugoslav who spends long periods of time in the "sierra", reportedly doing Communist missionary work and returning to Lima from time to time. In conversations with Party members he has stated that he had known Lenin well in the Ukraine many years ago, and he has also alleged that he is a cousin of Marshal Tito. It has been noted that Radonic's boastful stories frequently do not jibe, and although he may be an old European Communist, his connections with important Communist figures in Europe are believed to be imaginary. Current opinion among the PCP is that he is a wanderer who is mentally deranged and that his stories are fabrications.

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