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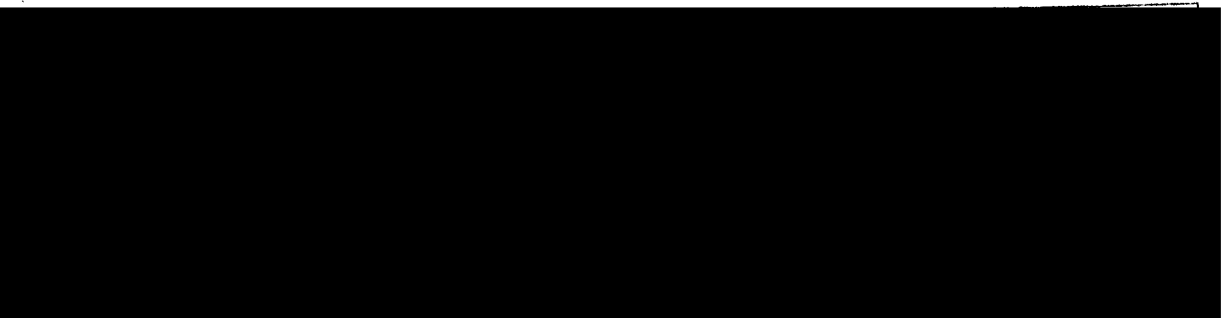
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1. Eusebio Mujal, leader of the Comision Obrera Nacional (CON), allegedly is apprehensive of the CON future since he has practically no money to work with and there is no prospect of receiving any from the Cuban government. Mujal, who is the labor leader of President Prio Socarras's own Cuban Revolutionary (Autentico) Party, since his return from the United States on 5 November has not been able to see President Prio. The CON hopes that the President might take notice of Angel Cofino's possible resignation from the CTC and give the CTC authority to choose a new Secretary General.
2. The Accion Revolucionaria Guiteras (ARG) continues to force itself into labor groups, and its control of the Habana electric syndicate is complete. The government interventor in the Habana electric fight is Evelio Gil Valdes, who went on the Habana electric payroll in May of 1943. He has no understanding of labor problems, has never been a worker, and has a criminal record. Interventor Gil has nominated his brother to an important post. A certain Flores, who has been named administrator, is the Secretary of Gonzalez Carta, acknowledged ARG head.
3. Many of the ARG directors of the "Sindicato de Motoristas y Conductores" of the Habana Electric have past records of interest:

Lorenzo Porcet, Secretary General, is reported to have been a Communist until mid-1947.

Manuel Berenguer, Station Delegate and Chief of the syndicate's "Vigilancia Secreta," has been fired by the company three times.

Jose Marrero de la Torre has a criminal record, including violation of a minor.

Pablo Rene Rodriguez has a case pending against him for the death of a syndicate member.

Armando Cabrera entered the Habana electric as a strikebreaker.

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4. The Comite Obrero Nacional Independiente (CONI) has suggested that the labor congress scheduled for April 1949 be postponed indefinitely.

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