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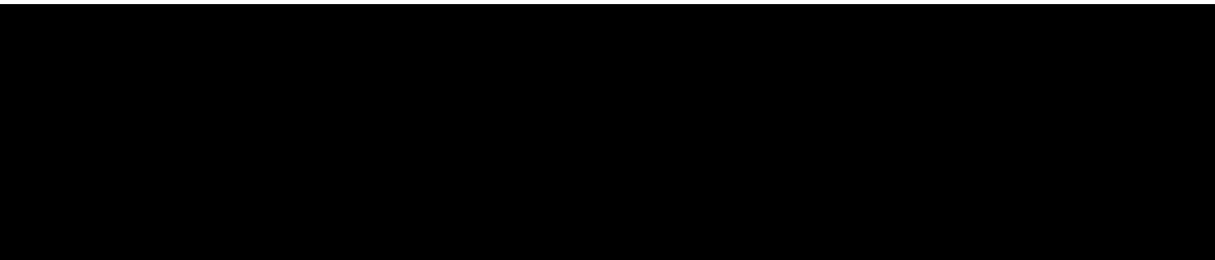
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1. Latest reports from Mexico indicate that the date of the Communist-sponsored Congress for Peace and Democracy, originally scheduled to be held in January 1949, has been put back to March. As far as is known, no national committee for the nomination of delegates has yet been named in Mexico. Vicente Lombardo Toledano and Narciso Bassols have been active in organizing the Congress, but at present are reported to be doubtful about the attitude of the government. Lombardo, however, has been working through his CTAL colleagues in the other Latin American republics, and has received an encouraging response from leftist labor leaders and intellectuals, particularly in Cuba, Argentina, and Ecuador.
2. Evidently the general plan is that when each country has organized its national committee and chosen its delegates, the national committee in Mexico is to be advised. When preparations are completed throughout Latin America to the satisfaction of that committee, General Lazaro Cardenas will officially announce the date for the Conferencia Continental Americana por la Paz y la Democracia.

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