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1. The Communist Party of Argentina (CPA) is currently undergoing a limited reorganization which was motivated by the following factors:
 - a. It was discovered by the Party that some of its members had supported the Peronista movement during the elections of 5 December 1948, and that some of them appeared to be actually affiliated with the Peronista movement;
 - b. The dissident Communist group which is headed by Aurelio Bracco and Rodolfo Puiggras, the Movimiento Pro Congreso Extraordinario del Partido Comunista, advised its new members to remain in the ranks of the CPA, but to follow the instructions of the dissident group.
2. The CPA leaders decided that to counteract the effects of the two cases cited above it would be necessary to institute a purge. However, it is not intended that the purge will be widespread nor that it will be made public. The party will proceed cautiously in removing from their places of responsibility the individuals who have been influenced by the Peronista Party or the dissident Puiggras-Bracco group. Such individuals will not be expelled from the CPA as a rule, but they will be relegated to positions where they will be able to do only a minimum of harm to the party.
3. The Central Committee has ordered that all carnets be submitted for renewal. This is a customary annual process, but on this occasion it will provide a means to check on the reliability and conduct of all members. It is not known just how the committee plans to investigate each individual.
4. The CPA is expected to increase its anti-imperialist propaganda during 1949 as one of its major long-range projects. The first project of importance for the current year, which is already underway, is to have all cells and groups diffuse propaganda in support of the forthcoming Congress for Peace and Democracy which is to be held in Mexico City. The party has also ordered its members to propagandize the congress in local unions in an attempt to gain the support of the Confederacion General del Trabajo (CGT).

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