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1. A plenary session of the Consejo Central Yugoslavo en Argentina (Jugoslav Central Council in Argentina) was recently held in Buenos Aires. The meeting voted its solidarity with Yugoslav immigrants in Uruguay, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and France who have sided with the Cominform. The Council expressed its condemnation of the "unpatriotic" attitude of the local Yugoslav Minister, Franc Piro. It claimed that Piro is working for disunity within the Yugoslav colony.
2. The Council was attended by delegates representing Communist front organizations. The following organizations were represented: Agrupacion Yugoeslavia Libre including delegates from its branches in Boca Centro, Dock Sud, Pineiro, Vicente Lopez, Berisso and La Plata; Sociedad Serbia Obilic; Union Istriana; Comision Macedonia; Federacion Juvenil Yugoslava; Comision Central de Mujeres Yugoslavas.
3. The Council elected the following officers, who will hold office until a new session is called during the early part of 1949:
 - a. President - Franc Vouk
 - b. First Vice President - Ilia Draskovic
 - c. Second Vice President - Slavko Trnof
 - d. Third Vice President - Trifko Perisic
 - e. Secretary General - Ante Kovasevic
 - f. Secretary of Propaganda - Ante Tulic
 - g. Treasurer - Ante Zanetic
 - h. Assistant Treasurer - Mateo Ljubicic
4. The important officers of the Consejo are Tulic and Kovasevic, both of whom are Argentine citizens. Tulic and Kovasevic are believed to have received instructions from the local Soviet Embassy to carry on a propaganda campaign among Yugoslav immigrants in favor of the Cominform.
5. The secretary of the Central Committee of the Federation of Yugoslav Immigrants in Australia, Ivan Viskic, requested the advice of the Consejo Central Yugoslavo en Argentina as to its future conduct toward Tito. This advice was requested in connection with the National Conference of Yugoslav Immigrants in Australia which

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was held on 27 December 1948. The Central Committee of the Consejo recommended a pro-Cominform attitude. The response had the endorsement of Perisic, Kovasevic, and Tulin, then President, Secretary General, and Secretary of Propaganda respectively, of the Consejo.

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