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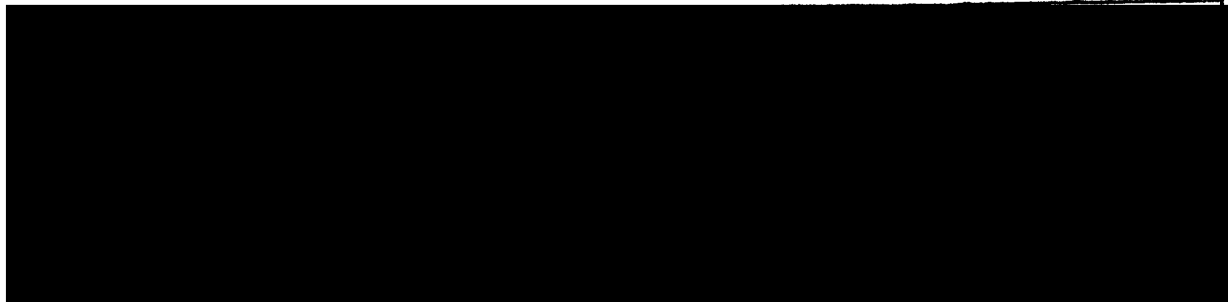
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1. Christiaan (Chris) Smit, alias Hans Klein, was born in Amsterdam, Holland 11 November 1907 and lives at 77-1 Roerstraat, Amsterdam.
2. Smit, a member of the Central and Executive Committees of CPN, heads the Training Bureau of CPN and is responsible for the Communist training and indoctrination of both old and new Party members, as well as for subversive "cadre" training. He was specially trained in Moscow as a propagandist and speaks frequently at both secret and open meetings.
3. In addition to these activities, Smit is editor-in-chief of the Communist propagand weekly, Voor waarts (Forward) and an editor of the Communist monthly Politiek en Cultuur (Politics and Culture). He was defeated in the 1931 elections when he was Communist candidate for the Amsterdam Community Council. In 1932, he was connected in various capacities with the Communist Youth Group De Zaaier (The Sower). Five years later, Smit was active recruiting volunteers for the Spanish Republican Armies.
4. In 1940 Smit was a member of the Central Committee of CPN at which time he took over the Stichting Uitgeverij en Boekhandel Pegasus (Pegasus Publishers and Booksellers Foundation). This organization was liquidated by the Germans under the occupation, but reestablished by Smit in 1945 who became its treasurer.

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