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1. The Confederacion de Trabajadores de Colombia (Confederation of Colombian Workers - CTC) distributed a secret resolution of the Accion Popular Universitaria (University Popular Action group - APU)*, dated 3 January 1949, to extend APU labor courses to unions outside of Bogota. These courses had been given regularly in many Bogota unions during the latter half of 1948. Jose Uriel Zapata, CTC Secretary of Culture, signed the resolution. The courses outside Bogota will be presented in bi-weekly educational pamphlets costing twenty-five centavos apiece and will be available through Alberto Silva, Banco Comercial Antioquano, Office 407, Bogota.**
2. Silva presented the idea for the pamphlets to the CTC Directorate, which promised full support in return for half of the profits. An estimated 50,000 copies of each issue will be needed. The pamphlets will cover the following topics: political economy, history of the labor movement, proletarian revolutionary theory, economic and social history of Colombia, problems of Colombia, and labor law. By the end of January no issues had been edited because the organizers desired to have sufficient material prepared to insure regular publication.

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Comment. The APU is a youth group composed of former members of a Young Communist University Student group, which was formed in 1946 by Fidel Regueros Peralta, brother of Jorge Regueros Peralta and a member of the Communist Party of Colombia, while he was a student at the National University. One of the principal activities of the APU consists in conducting classes for the labor unions.

**Alberto Silva is approximately 22 years old and a nephew of Victor Julio Silva, President of the CTC. He is in his last year of law school at the National University and is employed by a firm of architectural engineers, where he is in charge of an information section handling economic and social questions. The address given above is that of his office.

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