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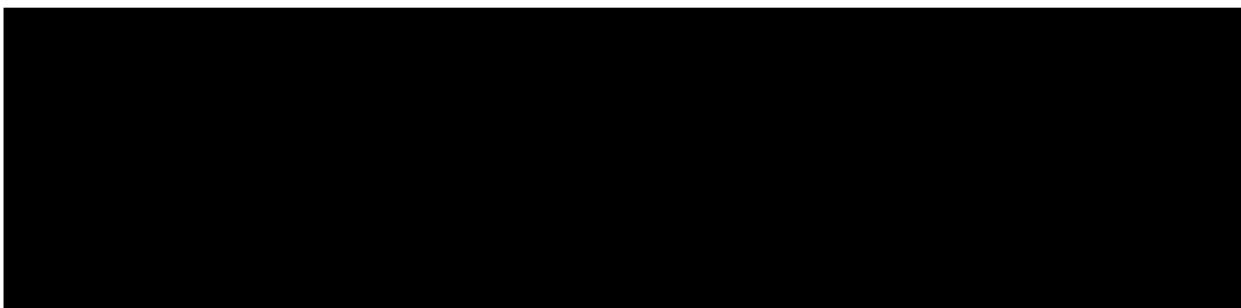
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The following report furnishes current information on the activities of the Spanish Communist Party in Chile:

1. Julian Quesada Alonso* is the head of the group of Spanish Communists now in Chile. Quesada is reported to be an intimate friend of President Gabriel Gonzalez Videla, and has never been detained or molested by the Chilean police in any way. At present, Quesada is forming a Committee for the Aid of Spanish Republicans, meetings of which are held in the office of Guillermo Pedregal.
2. The Spanish Communists do not participate in the political activities of the Chilean Communist Party (PCCh), but devote themselves entirely to soliciting funds to send to France for the aid of Party members in Spain. They are working to maintain active propaganda against Franco and have as their motto, "Anything against Franco".
3. The Spanish Communists were formerly active within the PCCh from 1937 until 1944 and 1945. They caused so many serious incidents and problems within the Party, that they were requested to withdraw.
4. Most of these individuals left Chile and returned to France or Argentina, although the families of some of them remained in Chile. Manuel Delicado, one of the outstanding Spanish Communists in Chile, is now living in Montevideo.

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Comment. Quesada has been a member of the Communist Party since 1939, and is also a member of the Union General de Trabajadores. He is also reported to be in touch with Mexican Communist Party leaders, and to be the administrator of the periodical, La Verdad de Espana.

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