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1. Bishop Teodoro, a special representative of the Communist controlled Russian Patriarch Alexis, arrived in Buenos Aires several months ago with the object of wresting control of the local Russian Orthodox Church from Msgr. Izrastzoff, who is anti-Communist.
2. Bishop Teodoro was unsuccessful in gaining the support of Russian Orthodox church members in Buenos Aires. He also failed in trying to bring the Serbian Orthodox Church in line with the "new" Russian religion.
3. Efforts of the Soviet Embassy to promote Bishop Teodoro's mission were also unsuccessful, and the Embassy has discreetly refrained from pushing the matter too vigorously.
4. It was further reported that the Liga Eslava Argentina, an anti-Communist organization headed by Father Alejo Pelypenko, has played a decisive role in obstructing Bishop Teodoro's project.

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