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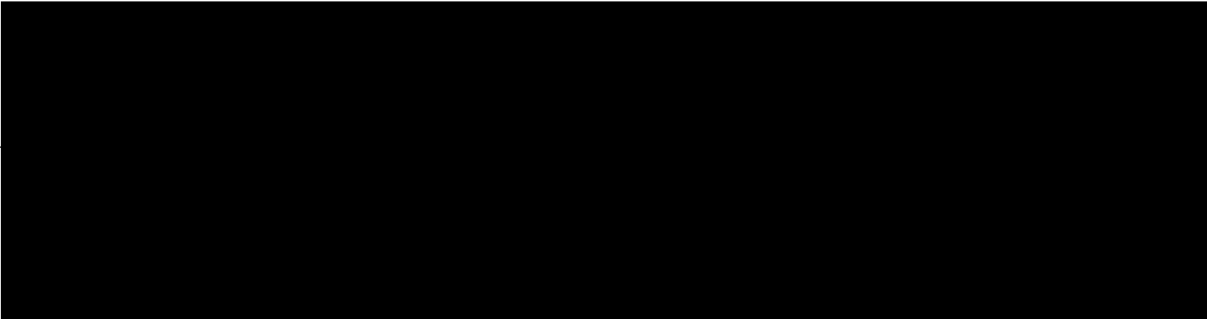
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The sixty-odd revolutionaries who entered Guatemala from Mexico under the leadership of Dr. Gustavo Adolfo Tranguay on 6 April 1949 were reported on 7 April to be in headlong flight for Mexico. They had robbed the custom house at El Carmen of 31,000 quetzales and held the town of Malacatan for twenty-four hours. The rebels abandoned their equipment on the Finca Argentina, in the municipality of San Pablo near the Mexican border. The Guatemalan government is in complete control of the situation.

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Comment. Dr. Tranguay was thwarted in an attempt to overthrow the Arevalo government in September 1947 and immediately set about preparing a second attempt. He subsequently transferred the base of his revolutionary activities to Mexico, and stated in January 1948 that he intended to raise a group of 150 to 200 men as an invasion force. He was confident that the Guatemalan people would welcome his revolutionary band and aid him in overthrowing the Arevalo regime. He stated that his plans were completed, and that he lacked only the necessary financial support, amounting to \$30,000.

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