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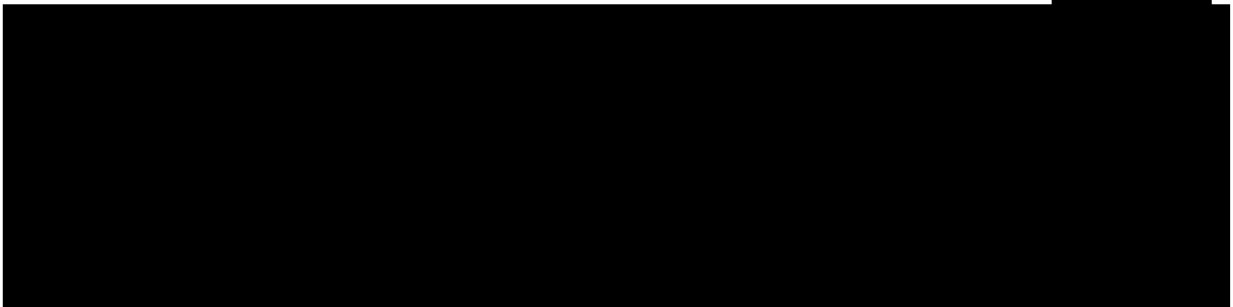
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1. The Confederacion de Trabajadores de Guatemala (CTG) has received instructions from an unidentified source abroad to make a public announcement that it would support the Soviet Union in the event of a war between Russia and the United States.
2. Victor Manuel Gutierrez, Secretary General of the CTG, was reluctant to make such a declaration himself as the action would immediately identify him as a Communist. Manuel Pinto Usaga, head of the Comita Nacional de Unidad Sindical (CNUS), was approached and he likewise refused because he is frequently called a "foreigner" by his enemies (he was born in Nicaragua), and because he feels that such a declaration on his part would invite immediate deportation.
3. Carlos Manuel Pellecer, honorary president of the CTG, also declined, arguing that he is constantly being accused of being a Communist and that he would only be playing into the hands of the enemy if he were to support Russia publicly as requested. He could not see, moreover, how such action would benefit the cause of labor in Guatemala. Consequently, CTG leaders decided to ignore the instructions received.
4. Pinto Usaga is of the opinion that war between the United States and the Soviet Union is a distinct possibility, and that if it should come the United States will undoubtedly exert whatever pressure may be necessary to eliminate political and labor leaders of socialist tendencies in Latin America. He furthermore expressed his belief that the Guatemala labor movement is steadily losing ground--that the rank and file of labor is losing faith in its leaders and that the entire labor force which has heretofore practiced the government and the Partido Accion Revolucionaria (PAR) with great strength and support is now disintegrating.

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