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1. An unidentified member of the Christian syndical movement of France, an organization which advocates a federalized Europe, arrived in Buenos Aires from Paris by Air France on 11 April 1949 on a confidential, semi-official mission for his organization. His goal was to persuade the Confederacion General del Trabajo (CGT) to affiliate itself with the International Confederation of Christian Workers. In this manner the CGT would be able to disassociate itself completely from the Confederacion de Trabajadores de America Latina (CTAL) and the American Federation of Labor (AFL).
2. This collaboration was first discussed with the Argentine Embassy in Paris, particularly with its labor attaches who maintain friendly relations with French Christian syndicates. The attaches' enthusiastic response and approval of the plan encouraged further negotiations with high echelon Argentine officials.
3. The proposal will be presented to President Peron and leading officials of the CGT. In addition, the emissary is to make a thorough study of the labor union situation in Argentina.
4. This unidentified individual was accompanied from Paris by Gaston Bardet, French urban architect, who will occupy a post on the faculty of the school of architecture in Argentina for a period of two years.

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