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SOURCE Peruvian with contacts in labor and Communist circles.

1. It has been reported that a Mexican named Salvador Amelio used a recent business trip to Peru as a cover for a special mission for Vicente Lombardo Toledano and the CTAL. Amelio and Julio Baldovino, both Mexican nationals, representing Peliculas Mexicana S.A., arrived in Lima on 22 February 1950 for a series of business conferences with Eduardo Ibarra, Peruvian representative of the film company. They also intended to visit Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay on their trip.
2. Amelio's reported mission for the CTAL was to collect information on labor groups, CTAL-affiliated groups and Communist Party organizations. He was also to investigate the methods of communication between the CTAL and the various groups it wishes to direct, since the CTAL is anxious to learn whether censorship and intercepted correspondence account for the fact that replies are sometimes not received to its requests and communications, or whether there is a lack of interest in collaborating.
3. Amelio was instructed to investigate the present condition of the Peruvian Communist Party, to check on the background of the recent Arequipa Workers Congress, and to study the entire labor situation in Peru, giving particular attention to the petroleum workers in the Talara area.
4. Soon after Amelio's arrival in Lima he was contacted by a representative of the Socialist Party, who arranged for Amelio to meet with a few Socialist Party members at the home of party leader Dr. Luciano Castillo. Amelio told those present that the CTAL leaders wanted all supporters to concentrate on a more intensified anti-imperialist campaign and to increase pro-peace activities. He told Francisco Viale, a leader of the Talara petroleum workers, that the CTAL wanted this group to work for nationalization of the petroleum industry.
5. Castillo told Amelio that the Communist leaders of Peru have neglected the workers and have created confusion and disorganization in their pursuit of political power. In his denunciation, Castillo lumped together as Communist leaders such rival figures as Juan P. Luna, Jorge del Prado and Nestor Cerpa. Castillo also told the CTAL representative that the Arequipa workers' group is so involved in supporting the Liga Democratica Nacional that it has lost sight of its true position in labor activities.

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6. Amelio also conferred with Dagoberto Torres, Socialist party member who is a leader of petroleum workers in the Talara area.
7. Amelio had a letter of introduction to Juan P. Luna from Lombardo Toledano, but source believes that Amelio was unable to contact Luna.
8. Amelio and Baldovino departed from Lima on 5 March for Santiago, where they planned to spend a little time before going to Buenos Aires and Montevideo. According to source, Amelio planned to attend the CTAL-sponsored conference in Montevideo, although his name does not appear on the list of delegates present.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. While source was not able to furnish information on the exact nature of Amelio's conferences with Torres and Viale, it is believed possible that these talks may have been connected with the projected petroleum workers' congress in Mexico City in which the WFTU is interested. Since the Socialist Party of Peru, headed by Luciano Castillo, virtually controls the syndicates of oil workers in the country, it would be logical for any representative of the CTAL to contact members of that party rather than members of the various Communist groups which have little influence among the oil workers.

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