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1. The effects of the propaganda activities of Francisco Felix MONTIEL and Jose DEL BARRIO in favor of their newly created organization "Circulos de Accion Socialista" have been noted in Spanish exile circles of various tendencies during July and early August 1950. In early July, according to source, a circular letter signed by DEL BARRIO was received by the Toulouse section of "Espana Combatiente", left-wing coalition organization sponsored by INGERIN Socialists. Recipients of the circular were invited to join the new dissident group, and to take part in an organizing committee to pay homage to Marshal TITO. Leaders of Espana Combatiente reportedly replied that while they did not wish to contribute to the disunity of Spanish exiles by joining a new party, they would participate in homage to TITO. DEL BARRIO thereupon wrote to Espana Combatiente, asking the leaders to name a representative to a study commission which was soon to go to Yugoslavia*.
2. The former Republican Army officer Col. Angel HERNANDEZ del Castillo reportedly also received a letter, signed by Joan CASCOU, inviting him to join the Study Commission going to Yugoslavia. Col. HERNANDEZ replied that he would like to participate, but lacked the necessary funds for the trip.
3. On 6 July 1950, source reported that MONTIEL was preparing a declaration on Yugoslavia to be published in France. This declaration, which praised TITO's Yugoslavia and criticized the Spanish Communist about-face after the STALIN-TITO rift, was being sent to all sympathizers of the movement in France, and a similar manifesto was being circulated in Mexico. MONTIEL stated, according to source, that when the declaration was published the signatures of the following Spanish exiles in Mexico would appear:

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Cesar FALCON, writer
 Jose RODRIGUEZ Vega, Secretary General of the UGT of Spain
 Josus HERNANDEZ, ex-member of the Politburo of the Spanish Communist Party
 Eulalic FUENTES, of the Union Republicana
 Manuel TELLADO, Communist
 Col. FLOREZ
 H. ALBAZORA, ex-Director General of Agriculture
 Jose MALACIOS, of Union Republicana
 Luis RUIZ Huidobro, of Union Republicana
 Enrique GIL ELIZ, of Union Republicana
 Maximo de DIOS, Socialist
 Antonio LOPEZ, Captain
 HIBERO Luriel, ex-Secretary of the parliamentary minority of the Spanish Communist Party
 ----- CARRASCOA, Communist
 Vicente CUELLO, Republican
 "XX", member of the Central Committee of the Spanish Communist Party**

The two declarations were included in the first issue of Accion Socialista, published in Paris on 15 July 1950.

4. MONTIEL's movement has reportedly attracted elements of the COMORERA faction of the Partido Socialista Unificado de Cataluna. As an example of this trend, source reported that several "comoristas" in Montauban, in spite of threats of expulsion from the Party, remained firmly resolved to join Accion Socialista.
5. The Spanish Trotskyite party, Partido Obrero de Unificacion Marxista (POUM), reacted unfavorably to the Accion Socialista movement, according to Fernando GOMEZ of Solidaridad Obrera, and initiated a campaign against MONTIEL and DEL BARRIO. On 25 July, however, MONTIEL himself reportedly stated that despite the initial opposition to his movement on the part of the POUM, he had recently conferred with several of its leaders and that questions of mutual interest had been discussed amicably. In MONTIEL's opinion, according to source, past differences precluded any actual organic integration of his movement and the POUM, but the POUM might act in a "parallel" manner.
6. Source noted a number of discrepancies regarding the participation of Jesus HERNANDEZ Tomas in the Accion Socialista movement. MONTIEL had stated in early June that HERNANDEZ, "as Stalinist as ever", would not be asked to collaborate***. In mid-July, HERNANDEZ reportedly had refused to sign the original "call" for the formation of "Circulos de Accion Socialista". On 25 July, MONTIEL stated that he had been unable to achieve any concrete results in Mexico because of HERNANDEZ' illness. HERNANDEZ' name appeared among the signers of the Mexican declaration on Yugoslavia, however, and in a press conference on 26 July both MONTIEL and DEL BARRIO stated flatly that HERNANDEZ "had established the Circulos de Accion Socialista in Mexico."

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* ~~██████████~~ Comment: ~~██████████~~ reported the organization of Spanish youth delegations in Paris to be sent to Yugoslavia; the study commission proposed by HOTELL apparently is to be sent independently of the youth delegations, which have been reported (see ~~██████████~~) to be organized as work brigades for the Yugoslav harvest.

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** This list, in part, was reported in ~~██████████~~ on the basis of information originating in Mexico.

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