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It is reported that the newspaper campaign recently wared in the Lima newspaper La Noche against the International Petroleum Company and indirectly against the United States was directed by three Communist newspapermen, Julio del Prado, Juan Francisco Castillo, and Antenor del Pozo. These Communist journalists were able to conduct the campaign by persuading the paper's publisher, Ernesto Balarezo Pinillos, that the International Petroleum Company 25X414 probably pay to have the articles stopped.

Comment. For some months La Noche ran a daily article demanding an investigation of a fire in Talara and attempting to place the blame for it on the International Petroleum Company. The campaign suddenly ceased in August.

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