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1. The Political Commission of the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) is at present attempting to arrange to have Chilean delegates attend the Second World Congress of Partisans of Peace which is now scheduled to take place in London on 15 October 1950. Since the Chilean Communist Party has no funds to cover the expenses of its delegates, the Political Commission decided that each delegate would be asked to pay his own transportation costs. Their other expenses, it is reported, will be covered by the organizers of the Congress.
2. The Chilean representatives will be chosen by the Political Commission but publicly their names will be announced as delegates of the National Committee of the Pro-Peace Movement. Therefore the Political Commission decided that the delegates should be persons who are not widely known as Communists.
3. The PCCh named Santiago Aguirre, Pedro Lobos Diaz and Juis Vargas Rozas as emissaries to approach the selected individuals. Those chosen to go as delegates are Guillermo del Pedregal, President of the Pro-Peace Committee, Santiago Labarca, Camilo Mori Serrano, Lily Garafulic and Jose Venturelli Eade. Venturelli, previously reported to be expecting to travel to Europe,* obtained Chilean passport 2166 on 8 August 1950 to enable him to travel to Mexico for study. [REDACTED] Venturelli may have proceeded from Mexico to take part in the Second Congress of International Union of Students in Prague, Czechoslovakia held 14-23 August 1950.
4. Lily Garafulic is reported to have declined the invitation to become a Chilean delegate to the London Congress. The reaction of the other reported candidates is not known.
5. Joaquin Gutierrez, Costa Rican manager of the Editorial Nascimento and an intimate friend of Pablo Neruda, well-known Chilean Communist poet, was also invited by the PCCh to travel to London on his own account as a delegate to the Congress. Gutierrez, who is not a Communist Party member but who is sympathetic to Communist aims, reportedly did not accept the offer.
6. On 7 August, Gutierrez wrote to Joaquin Garcia Monge, well-known Costa Rican with Communist leanings, asking to be given credentials as the Costa Rican delegate to the Peace Congress. He stated that he was going to Europe in September, and would pay his own expenses. He mentioned the offer of the

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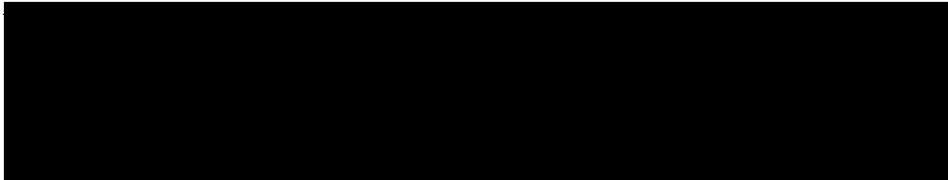


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Pro-Peace Committee of Chile to name him as its delegate, but reported that he preferred to represent his homeland.

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