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1. Source reports that Costa Rican Communists are endeavoring to conclude the pro-peace campaign by November in coordination with the Peace Congress scheduled for 13-19 November in London.
2. Collection of signatures against atomic warfare continues, with an all-out effort which includes the assistance of all cells, the Union de Mujeres Carmen Lyra (UMCL), the Communist-controlled labor syndicates and the Liga Juvenil Revolucionaria (LJR). The Peace Committee in San Jose has designed and presented the original draft of a flysheet entitled "Give Your Signature Against the Atomic Bomb", a woodcut depicting a bombed city, to the Political Commission of the Vanguardia Popular, which in turn has contracted the printing of three thousand copies at the Imprenta Elena in San Jose, to be pasted on walls and posts. Orders have also been placed with the same printing shop for five thousand peace forms, the original of which was received from the Paris Pro-peace Committee.
3. On 8 September 1950, the Committee of the World Congress of the Defenders of Peace in Paris, through the Pro-peace Committee of San Jose, instructed all delegates from Costa Rica to the Second World Peace Congress in London\* to obtain visas from the Costa Rican Consulate in Paris.
4. About the middle of September, Alvaro Montero Vega of the LJR, then at the Second Congress, International Union of Students in Prague, contacted Arnaldo Ferreto, Secretary General of the Vanguardia Popular (whose pseudonym is Oscar Vargas), requesting either money (\$90) to continue to London or instructions to return to Costa Rica. Montero is also reported to have sent a personal note to Senora Margarita Benavides, stating that she should have no fear of war, since in his opinion Europe and the entire world were against it.

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comment: According to the press in late September, the British Government will refuse visas to delegates to the Peace Conference.

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