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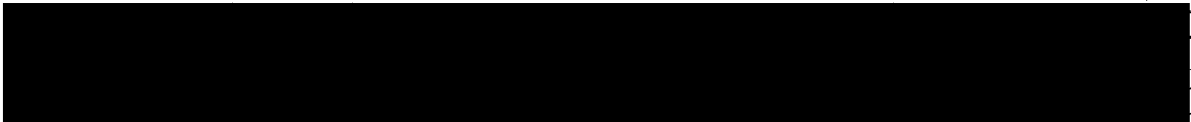
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1. Naum Lipovetski, owner of a furniture store on Avenida Brasil in Belo Horizonte, is reported to be a militant Communist and director of the activities of the Communist Party of Brazil (PCB) among the Syrian-Lebanese colonies in Minas Gerais. Lipovetski was born in the Ukraine on 10 September 1882, son of Abraham and Rachel Lipovetski. He arrived in Brazil on 18 October 1913, and resides at Rua Contagem 789 in Belo Horizonte. He has three children, Jaime, Guilherme, and Israela, all of whom are reported to be well-indoctrinated and militant Communists. Lipovetski himself is extremely reserved and careful in his connections with the PCB and carries on a great deal of his work through his eldest son, Jaime, a Party fanatic who has been arrested more than 20 times and has on several occasions been severely beaten by the police for his Communist activities. Jaime resides with his wife on Rua Para #300 in a house which is reported to be overflowing with all types of Communist propaganda.
2. Lipovetski's principal task for the Party is to insure that Syrian-Lebanese merchants throughout the state make regular contributions to the Party treasury. This group reportedly contains the most generous donors and can be counted upon for the utmost loyalty to the Party. For this purpose, the Lipovetskis have set up an organization which covers the Syrian-Lebanese colonies in Minas Gerais and also extends into Goias. Habib Chuairé, a Lebanese resident of Ucerlandia, covers the Minas Triangle and the western part of Minas Gerais on behalf of this group. He is assisted by Jose Coprosli, who is of Syrian descent and who maintains liaison with Syrian-Lebanese elements in Goias through Zaki Abraao and Abraao Jeao Abraao, residents of Goiania. Liaison between Belo Horizonte and the Syrian-Lebanese colony in the eastern part of the state is carried on by Miguel Haddad, well-known Communist. It is said that both Chuairé and Haddad are close friends of Luiz Carlos Prestes.²
3. Another Communist resident of Belo Horizonte is Nute Gelfman,³ known to be one of the leading Jewish PCB members in the state and a steady

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contributor to the Party treasury. Goifman, a Russian national born in Krasna, Russia, on 3 March 1908, son of Maskei and Sara Lea Goifman, entered Brazil on 4 November 1926 through the port of Rio de Janeiro, with his wife Luiba, then aged 18. They arrived on the German vessel, ANTONIO DELFINO, proceeding from Hamburg, Germany. A son, Jaime, was born in Rio de Janeiro in 1923, and in 1929 the family settled in Sao Paulo, where Goifman became a member of the Communist society "Brazkox"⁴ and took part in many Communist disturbances in that city. He was expelled from Brazil because of his subversive activities in 1932, and it is unknown where he went or whether his family accompanied him. The decree under which Goifman was expelled was revoked in 1937, and he was allowed to return to Brazil. He went to Belo Horizonte and opened a furniture store on Rua Guarani #55, above which he resides with his wife and two children.

4. Goifman's son, Jaime,⁵ is well known to Belo Horizonte police because of his Communist activities among student groups in Minas Gerais. Jaime and his sister both attended the Second World Youth Congress in Prague in August 1950. Jaime is one of the financial and propaganda directors of the Movimento de Ajuda a Imprensa Democratica (Movement to Aid the Democratic Press - MAID)⁶ in the state of Minas Gerais.

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