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1. According to articles appearing in Ultimas Noticias on 12 September 1951, El Nacional on 13 September, and El Heraldo on 16 September, invitations have been extended to prominent businessmen and economists in Venezuela to participate in the General Economic Conference scheduled to be held in Moscow in the latter part of 1951. The invitations were sent out by the Venezuelan Committee for Peace and Democracy on behalf of the World Council for Peace.
2. The press reports indicate that the topics of the conference will be:
  - a. "The possibilities of a betterment of living conditions among the populations in the middle of the Twentieth Century, on condition that the peace be safeguarded." This will include a study of war economy and its influence on the present situation of the nations.
  - b. "Possibilities of international economic interexchange between nations." The political repercussions that a wartime economic policy has on the increase of prices and the availability of raw materials will be discussed.
3. The first invitations to the conference were reported sent to the following persons:
  - Dr. Miguel Acosta Saignes, professor of anthropology at the Central University, intellectual, pro-Communist.
  - Dr. Angel Cervini, president of the Venezuelan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
  - Dr. Hector Cuenca, president of the Flota Gran Colombiana.
  - Dr. Manuel R. Egana, lawyer, former Minister of Fomento.
  - Alfonso Espinoza, lawyer, economist, former Minister of Finance.
  - Dr. J. J. Gonzalez Corronдона, managing director of the Banco Central.

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Alejandro Hernandez, industrialist, reported pro-Communist.

Dr. Miguel Herrera Romero, secretary of the Banco Union, member of the National Economic Council.

Luis Gonzalo Marturet, customs broker.

Agencio Mendoza, prominent industrialist and businessman.

Herricue Otero Vizcarrondo, owner of the leftist newspaper, El Nacional.

Feliciano Pacarins, vice-president of the Banco de Venezuela.

Rodolfo Rojas, insurance company president, former Minister of Finance and of Agriculture under Medina.

Salvador Salvatierra, president of the Banco Union.

Dr. Hector Santaella, economist.

Dr. Enrique Tejera Paris, lawyer and economist.

Dr. Arturo Uslar Pietri, historian, economist, former dean of the School of Economics of the Central University, cabinet minister under Medina.

Pedro Vallenilla, president of the new Venezuelan match factory.

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