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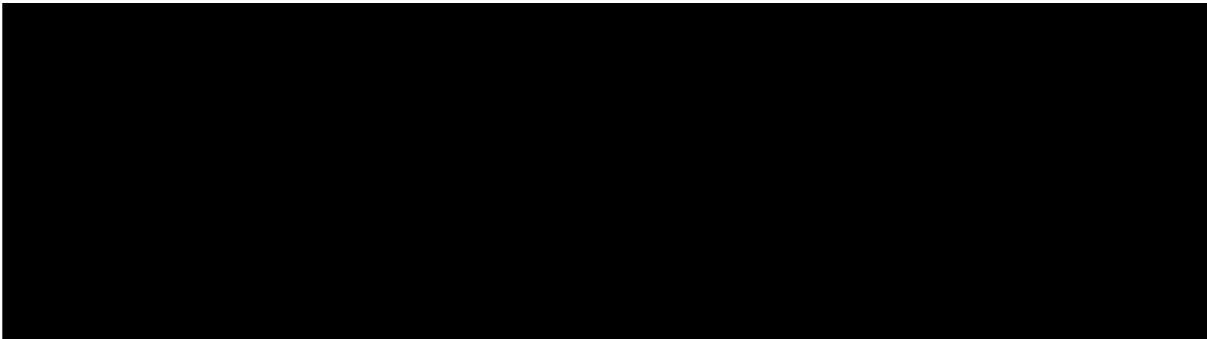
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1. Communist infiltration of the Comissao Mixta Brasil-Bolivia (Joint Brazil-Bolivian Commission), which was set up with headquarters in Corumba, Mato Grosso, Brazil, to plan and build a railroad between the two countries, has reportedly reached serious proportions. The Communist Party of Brazil (PCB) is reported to be using the Commission as a means of liaison between Brazilian and Bolivian Communists operating on the frontier, and as a means of distributing propaganda throughout the area traversed by the railroad.
2. Communist infiltration of the Commission was aided by Dr. Luiz Alberto Whately and by Dr. Antenor Nascimento Filho, his son-in-law, who acted as superintendent until his recent resignation. Communist infiltration was unimpeded during Nascimento's administration, and extended to all levels of the Commission. Communists remaining in the Commission in Corumba include Joao Batista Leite, who has replaced Nascimento as superintendent; Jose Vieira, secretary of Leite's office; Eduardo Maia, chief accountant; and Clovis de Almeida Santos, also in the accounting department. Santos, who recently entertained Jose Maria Crispim,¹ Communist leader, frequently holds Communist meetings at his home. Habib Metran, an intelligent and important member of the local committee of the PCB, is in the technical section of the Commission. The brothers Gumerindo and Hugo Fonseca, both Communists, work in the telephone service of the Commission and are able to use it for Party communications between the towns of Laderio and Almojarifado (sic), in Brazil, and Matacucito (sic),² Yacuces, and El Carmen, in Bolivia.
3. Important PCB workers in the Commission office in Laderio, one of the Communist centers of activity, are Paulo Pereira Mendes; Romulo Barbero, a carpenter; Jose Pires, in charge of traction material; and (fnu) Coelho, a guide. The dispatching unit of the Commission maintains an unloading service in Porto Esperanca directed by Otavio Bomsucesso, a fanatical Communist.
4. In Bolivia, the Communist leader in Yacuces is Elio Rosa, an aide in the supply depot, while the leading Communists in Matacucito are Zacarias Bezerra and Ricardo Bezerra. There is also a great deal of Communist activity in El Carmen, where approximately 17 Communists are strategically placed among the railroad workers.

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