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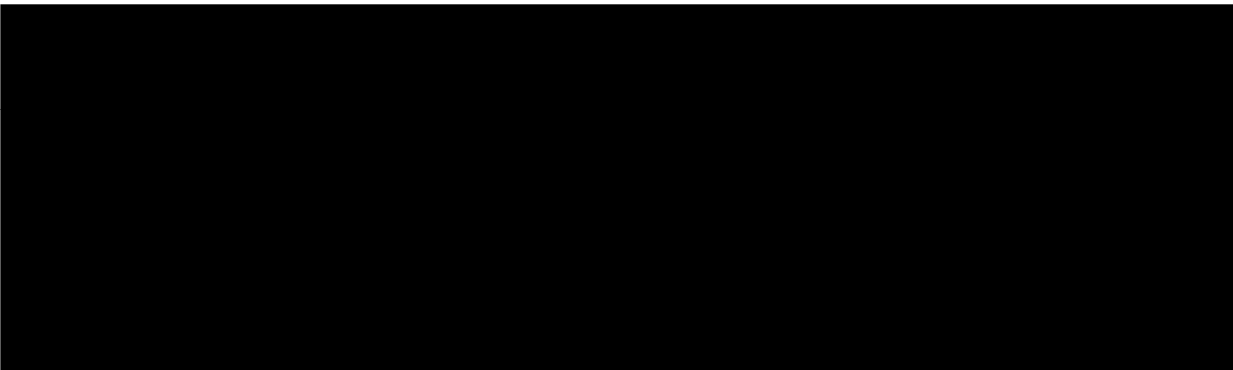
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1. As a result of the government investigation into Communist activities in Nicaragua, the Partido Socialista de Nicaragua (PSN) has continued to suspend barrio or sectional committee meetings, although the executive committee of the PSN has continued to function regularly. PSN leaders are taking the investigation calmly and looking to the future with confidence.\*
2. PSN activity in the field of labor has continued in full force. In view of the possibility that the PSN-controlled Confederacion General del Trabajo (CGT) may have its charter cancelled by the government, the present plan is to infiltrate the Federacion Sindical Nacionalista (FSN), in order to control it, if necessary, but preferably to undermine it at a later date, after the present furor has died down. In implementing this plan, the PSN has advised its members in the syndicates of Ticomo and Crucero (farm workers' syndicates) to support the movements to affiliate with the FSN; all of these are new or relatively new syndicates which the PSN did not control completely. At the same time, the PSN has instructed its membership in these syndicates to concentrate on securing positions in the judicial offices of the syndicates, in order to place representatives on the Junta de Vigilancia of the Casa del Obrero, which in turn controls the actions taken against members for disciplinary reasons. In addition to the plan to infiltrate the FSN through syndical membership, the PSN is also planning to place individual FSN members within the PSN. Jose Antonio Flores, a PSN member, has recently joined the FSN, and there is a movement under way to place Matilde Barreto in a position of importance with the FSN.
3. The Third National Workers' Congress, which was scheduled for 14 October 1951, did not materialize because of the opposition of the Junta de Vigilancia of the Casa del Obrero. In its place the PSN organized a meeting of departmental delegates. Although the invitations sent out indicated that the session was to be more in the nature of a social gathering than a business meeting, actually it was held for the purpose of bringing together the PSN departmental chiefs and drawing resolutions favorable to the PSN, such as unity, condemning the inquisitorial investigative committee of the Ministry of Labor, and establishing more effective meetings for the PSN fractions in each department. With

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regard to the latter, departmental meetings have been scheduled for Granada in November, Leon in December, and San Juan del Sur two Sundays before the National Congress which is expected to be held in January 1952. The syndicates which were invited to the session were those of Ticomo and Crucero, the Zapateros, Carpinteros de Bancos y Similares, Carpinteros Albaniles y Similares, Picapedreros, Domesticos, Industrial del Vestido, Electricistas y Fontaneros, Cines y Teatros, Licoreros, Choferes, Carreteras, Graficos, and fraternal delegations from Masaya, Granada, Leon, Matagalpa, Jinotega, Esteli, Corinto, and Chontales.

4. PSN leaders still hope to reinstate the five expelled leaders of the CGT, and, if they cannot, they hope to make martyrs of them. The Sindicato de Zapateros, a PSN-controlled syndicate, expelled Orlando Morales, secretary general of the Zapateros, for not defending the five expelled leaders. However, when the syndicate advised the Ministry of Labor of the change, the Ministry refused to recognize it and advised the Zapateros that Morales would continue to act whether they liked it or not. Since that time, Morales and the PSN leaders have composed their differences.
5. Orientacion was published each week during the month. There was a question whether the last issue would be published because of financial difficulty, but the PSN succeeded in raising the money. A high army official advised source that the government is going to prohibit the publication of the weekly.
6. Source advises that Manuel Perez Estrada, currently regarded as the active leader of the PSN, stated that the government would not be able to interfere effectively with the PSN, and that actually the investigation made by the government resulted in an increase in membership for the PSN, as the misery among the poor still exists, and the publicity given to the investigation helped the PSN. Perez stated that the most that would result is that the PSN would have to operate clandestinely.
7. President Anastacio Somoza has ordered Ramiro Sacasa Guerrero, Minister of Labor, to assign funds from those allotted to the Ministry of Labor, for the publication of a weekly newspaper of this Ministry to combat Communist doctrines. Arnaldo Blandino will be the director of this weekly newspaper, according to information received. Guillermo Cajina, Humberto Gabuardi, and Agustin Loaisiga stated that they have information that Somoza is preparing an offensive against the Communists of two types: one based on a publicity campaign to be handled by the three newspapers he controls, La Nueva Prensa, La Estrella and Novedades, and in addition the creation of a new workers' newspaper; the other type to be direct action. Informants state that the report rendered by the government's investigative tribunal in which it was recommended that violent measures should not be taken against the Communists was simply a trap to bring them out in the open.\*\*

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: As of the date of this report, the Nicaraguan Government has taken no direct action against the PSN as such, although it has suspended some labor syndicates and one federation.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: Arnaldo Blandino is sympathetic to the aims of the PSN. Manuel Perez Estrada states that Blandino is a member of the PSN and has many times furnished them with information from the Ministry of Labor. With regard to the direct action being taken by the government, La Prensa of 1 November 1951 carried a story that the charters of the following organizations have been cancelled by the Ministry of Labor: Sindicato de Zapateros, Sindicato de Trabajadores Graficos, Sindicato de Carpinteros, Albaniles y Similares, Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Industria del Vestido, and the Sindicato de Trabajadores Domesticos; the Federacion de Trabajadores de Managua also had its charter cancelled.

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