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1. The Partido Comunista Argentino (Argentine Communist Party; PCA) has now returned to the line, previously advocated in vain by Rodolfo Puiggras,¹ that it can co-operate with Peron. Rodolfo Ghioldi, PCA leader, has fallen into disgrace with his Party. Although Ghioldi has not yet been expelled from the PCA, he has been relegated to a secondary position, and his place within the Party is uncertain. Ghioldi's fall from power apparently is an indication of the new official PCA policy.
2. Towards the middle of November some members of the Central Committee of the PCA visited Angel Borlenghi, Argentine Minister of Interior, in what was described as a very cordial meeting. These men requested less police persecution toward the PCA in general and fewer restrictive measures by the Argentine police in regard to Communist public meetings and the publication of Communist booklets. In return, the delegates offered the full co-operation of the PCA in supporting the program of President Peron. The Argentine Government has taken no action as yet, however, concerning their offer.
3. Borlenghi has been advised by the Oficina de Coordinacion Federal, Federal Police counterespionage agency, that the PCA intends to increase the circulation of its official newspaper, Nuestra Palabra, from 20,000 to 45,000. Juan Jose Real is in charge of administration for Nuestra Palabra.
4. In mid-November Coordinacion Federal intercepted mail which showed the Central Committee of the PCA to be in contact with Victor Manuel Gutierrez, Guatemalan Communist labor leader, and Manuel Fortuny, an important Guatemalan Communist leader. The PCA Central Committee is also in touch with a labor group in El Salvador called "El Comite Pro-Defensa de Derechos Laborales" (The Committee for the Defense of Labor's Rights); an intellectual group called "El Cisne" (The Swan), also in El Salvador, but with cells in Panama and Guatemala; and a student organization called "El Grupo Estudiantil" (The Student Group).

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5. Copies of the Central American Communist publication, Opinion Estudiantil (Student Opinion), have been found in the possession of Argentine students. This publication has apparently been mailed to Argentine Communists for approximately two months.

1.  Comment: Puiggros leads a group of dissident Argentine Communists which split with the PCA over the issue of co-operation with Peron.

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