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SUBJECT: Report of Meeting of the Central Bureau
of the Third International and Communist
Directors on the "Movement" in America

at Mexico City as members

of the labor union, Alberto DURAN

on behalf of the Mexican Government

in Trade DEPARTMENT OF STATE

In connection with the nomination of

Reyes as the Government representative and his statements

at Mexico City, the San José daily newspaper LA RAZON pub-

lished an editorial on February 27, 1941, a copy of which

is enclosed, which points out that this man was at one time

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very pro-totalitarian. It is known that as recently as

six months ago he read German news bulletins over a local

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

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Washington.

Axis programs over the same station.

Sir:

TRABAJO, the local newspaper of the Communist Party,

I have the honor to enclose a translation of a report

has recently advocated the establishment of diplomatic re-

of the meeting of the Central Bureau of the Third Inter-

lations between Russia and Costa Rica, in recognition of

national and Communist Directors on the Communist "move-

the valiant struggle of the U.S.S.R. in defense of democ-

ment" in America, which was furnished to the Legation by

racy", which coincides with the last paragraph of the

Dr. Emil Schaale, leader in Costa Rica of the "Free Austria"

report submitted.

movement. This report was sent to Dr. Schaale by the head

A copy of this despatch is being furnished to the

of the Free Austria movement in Mexico, who apparently

American Embassy at Mexico City.

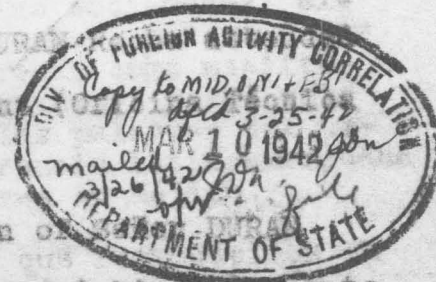
prepared it, since the copy furnished to this Legation

bears the seal of that organization.

According to this report, the meeting of the CONGRESO

DE TRABAJADORES DE AMERICA LATINA (C.T.A.L.) held at Mexico

City



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City in November, 1941, was merely a pretext for assembling in that city the Communist delegates from the United States, the various countries of Latin America, and from Moscow. It may be recalled that two members of the Communist Party of Costa Rica, Rodolfo GUZMAN and Arnulfo FERRETO, attended the Conference at Mexico City as members of the labor element, while Alberto DURAN Rocha attended on behalf of the Costa Rican Government (Oficina Técnica de Trabajo). *... porque ... personas, porque ... pueblos y de las sociedades; ex- ... como manifes- ... hoy las palabras del de- ... la Conferencia Latinoamericana del Trabajo que hoy ha variadas labores en México.*

1/ In connection with the nomination of Señor DURAN Rocha as the Government representative and his statements at Mexico City, the San José daily newspaper LA RAZON published an editorial on November 27, 1941, a copy of which is enclosed, which points out that this man was at one time very pro-totalitarian. It is known that as recently as six months ago he read German news bulletins over a local radio broadcasting station, and this fact is often recalled by anti-Axis Costa Ricans when Duran now broadcasts anti-Axis programs over the same station. *... que reproducimos en ... que el mencionado representante hace una mani- ... Estados ... que Estados ... de la exterminación del nazi-fascismo. Estimamos ... Costa Rica no ha tenido sino una sola actitud: ... esa estructura ... fuertemente unida a aquellas*

TRABAJO, the local newspaper of the Communist Party, has recently advocated the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia and Costa Rica, in recognition of the valiant struggle of the U.S.S.R. "in defense of Democracy", which coincides with the last paragraph of the report submitted.

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Respectfully yours,

Arthur Bliss Lane
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Article appearing in LA RAZON, San José, Costa Rica, on
 November 27, 1941:

DURAN ROCHA Y EL SENTIR DE LOS COSTARRICENSES

No es nuestro deseo ir contra las personas, porque estimamos que éstas no son sino a manera de accidentes en la existencia de los pueblos y de las sociedades; examinamos sus actuaciones y sus pensamientos, porque éstas si pueden nifluir o se podrían interpretar como manifestaciones de los grupos entre los que actúan. Desde este punto de vista queremos examinar hoy las palabras del delegado de nuestro gobierno a la Conferencia Latinoamericana del Trabajo que hoy ha terminado labores en México.

Un cablegrama de la UNITED PRESS que reproducimos en esta misma edición recoge las palabras del señor Durán Rocha en las q'el mencionado representante hace una manifestación categórica al expresar que "Costa Rica siente los mismos ideales y principios democráticos que Estados Unidos, Gran Bretaña, China y Rusia y que por consiguiente, luchará por la exterminación del nazi-fascismo". Estimamos que la apreciación del señor Durán Rocha es exacta. El pueblo de Costa Rica no ha tenido sino una sola actitud: la del afianzamiento de sus instituciones democráticas y procurar por todos los medios posibles que esa estructura o sistema sea patrimonio también de otros pueblos y por consiguiente, mantenerse fuertemente unida a aquellas naciones que luchan por esos caros ideales.

Decimos esto, porque aun cuando el señor Durán Rocha hubo en épocas anteriores de defender el falangismo y ser franquista y estimar que los regímenes totalitarios que acuerpaban ese movimiento eran buenos, y no sabemos si ha cambiado totalmente su manera de estimar los regímenes y las ideas que poseía o si en su fuero interno aun mantiene su mismo ideario, al hablar en nombre del gobierno y pueblo de Costa Rica no le cabía otra actitud que la de hacer manifestación clara del fervor democrático de los verdaderos costarricenses.

... Congreso de Trabajadores de América Latina, working with the international organization of communists provided by the Mexican LEONARDO TOLMADO and which has been given the name of "CONFERENCIA DE TRABAJADORES DE LATINO AMERICA".

copied meg ... congress no comment need be made for it is not worth the trouble and because the press took care of giving it the necessary publicity.

6. The purpose of this report is to give information on the meetings of the Central Bureau of the Third International, and on the decisions unanimously agreed upon and adopted by secret suggestion of Moscow.

At the Central Bureau of the Third International

The following have taken place in this capital from

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