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SUBJECT: Cuban Police Raid Communist Offices

Having been informed that the Communists were preparing propaganda demonstrations on May 8, the anniversary of the death of Antonio GUITERAS (student leader killed by the Army under the previous BATISTA regime), the Cuban police conducted simultaneous raids on the various offices of the Communist PSP the evening of May 7.

In the offices of the National Committee of the PSP they arrested several party officials, ex-Senator Salvador GARCIA Aguero, Representative Joaquín ORDOQUI, and Dra. Edith GARCIA Buchaca. Garcia Aguero and the others were taken to the Vivac jail for arraignment before the Urgency Court and later released. The police reportedly confiscated paint and brushes for painting slogans on the city walls, and a "large quantity of subversive propaganda, Cuban and United States flags, documents, receipts, leaflets and pamphlets inimical to public peace". The search lasted nearly all night, according to the press.

The search of the offices and printing plant of the Communist newspaper Hoy revealed nothing subversive. The police announced that the paper was free to publish that day, because the search was based on "confidential information that arms and subversive material were stored on the premises" and nothing of that nature was discovered.

Another office of the PSP, located at Calzada de Cerro No. 1754, was searched, and a quantity of "Communist propaganda and leaflets" confiscated. According to the police the leaflets were for distribution from cars which were to circulate about the city. No arrests were made at this location.

A fourth address searched surprised an "unauthorized meeting" of a large group of party members in Marianao. They were arrested and taken to the Principe jail for arraignment before the Urgency Court the following day. A list of their names is enclosed. The police also confiscated Communist propaganda at this location.

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The police announced that the entire force was being put on a "ready" basis of six hours on duty followed by six hours off, etc., called the "6 x 6" schedule, to be ready for any possible disturbance on May 8.

A clipping reporting the incident is enclosed.

COMMENT

These raids, plus a raid the previous day on a meeting in Guanabacoa in which some 30 Communists were arrested, and continuing arrests of Communist agitators in the provinces of Cuba, indicate that the Government feels some danger might be brewing from the Communist quarter and that continued preventive vigilance over Communist activities is necessary.

For the Ambassador:



Earl T. Crain
Acting Counselor of Embassy

Enclosures:

- ✓ No. 1 - List of persons arrested in police raid
- ✓ No. 2 - Press clipping

Persons arrested in police raid on Communist office in Marianao
(Luisa Quijano No. 510, between Samá and Navarrete) on May 7, 1952.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Irene GARCIA Espinosa	Borrego 13, Cerro, Habana
Rosa SUAREZ Menéndez	Cerro 1908
Eva CANEL Romero	Morera 412
Carmen GARCIA Espinosa	Cerro 1977
Antonio GARCIA Espinosa	San Miguel 158
Francisca CABRERA Santiago	Cardenas 68
Pedro FUMERO Garcia	Carmen 116, Marianao
Rafael SOTO Peña	Magnolia 208
Miguel QUINTERO Ruano	Santa Emilia y Gutiérrez, Marianao
Raimundo TORRES	Cuba 516, Habana
Marcelino CARRASU Soto	Vista Hermosa 408
Ramon SOTO Peña	Vista Hermosa 408
Ernesto MOLINA Quintana	Josefina 54, Naranjito
Onelio DURAN Sigler	Carretera de Managua y Santa Ursula, Mantilla
José CANEL Romero	Paniagua 10, Cerro
José RUESTRA Garcia	San Miguel 58
Ricardo HERNANDEZ Rodriguez	Pueblo Nuevo 10, Santiago de los Baños
Sergio QUINTERO Ruano	Agramonte 10, Santiago de los Baños
Manuel PARDO Gonzalez	18 No. 57, Vedado, Habana
Antonio FERNANDEZ Ramirez	Gutierrez y Valdes Infante, Marianao
Bernardo HERNANDEZ Hernandez	Fomento y General Lee, Marianao
Eugenio VILLAZON Nuñez	6 y 13, Almendares
Juan RUIZ Lopez	Real 118, Marianao
Francisco QUEVEDO Valdes	Angeles 113, Marianao
Felix SANTIAGO Reina	Galvez 519
Amado HERNANDEZ Lozano	Cuarta 35, Alturas de Luyano
Angel MENENDEZ Martinez	C No. 55, Habana
Guillermo VALDES Hurtado	Samá 1, Marianao