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SUBJECT

Internal Document of the Communist Party of El Salvador Entitled "Annual Balance Sheet for 1971: Youth Work in the University"

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Summary: In an internal document of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) dated 25 November 1971 and entitled "Annual Balance Sheet for 1971: Youth Work In the University", the PCES describes the efforts which it has made to re-establish Party influence and power within the University of El Salvador (UES) during the past year after having been reduced through internal factionalism to a position of impotence. The document recounts PCES efforts to establish a base within the UES through the creation and expansion of its University Action Front (FAU); it also describes the PCES struggle with extreme leftists. In conclusion, the document states that the PCES has achieved all of its goals for 1971 and that it now has a base within the UES. End of Summary.

1. In an internal PCES document dated 25 November 1971 and entitled "Annual Balance Sheet for 1971: Youth Work in the University", the following was concluded:

a. As a result of a decision arrived at by the PCES Executive Committee in August 1970, work aimed at the reestablishment of the Communist Youth Movement in the UES was begun at the end of 1970, following a period of factionalism which had reduced the movement to the point of virtual non-existence. The objective was to reconstruct the Communist Youth Movement within the UES, to win the confidence of the student masses, and to raise the prestige of the PCES and of the PCES youth movement.

b. Initially the youth movement limited itself to the preparation of 500 copies of one issue of a publication called "Disyuntiva".

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c. In January and early February 1971, the movement's activities consisted mainly of planning and the establishment of a "center" made up of four PCES members in the UES Faculty of Law.

d. In the middle of February 1971, with UES elections impending, it was decided that the youth movement should not appear as an overt PCES organization. Work was started on the establishment of a small nucleus at the UES University Center of the West at *San Salvador*

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e. In the UES elections of February 1971, the anti-PCES forces of the extreme left were led by Jorge Federico *Bairre* Turcios, but the PCES won out.

f. In March 1971, only one PCES member was appointed to an important UES administrative post; all other UES executives were known as members of the "left of all colors".

g. The FAU was formed in March 1971 and was generally recognized as an organization of the PCES.

h. During the period April through June 1970, the PCES devoted itself to the following activities within the UES: it gave much attention to the work of the University Revolutionary Movement (MUR), which was finally abandoned for lack of results; work was initiated with secondary students; the FAU set up a nucleus at the University Center of the West, which was called the Revolutionary Student Movement of the West (MERO).

i. When the strike of the Salvadoran National Teachers' Association (ANDES) began in July 1971, it was hoped that an opportunity had presented itself to strengthen and expand the FAU. However, the FAU was not in a position to exploit the situation. The PCES, then, together with the General Association of Salvadoran University Students (AGEUS), founded the Association of Secondary School Students (AES). At the end of July 1971 the PCES virtually dominated AES.

j. By the end of July 1971, the ultra-leftists had consolidated their position in the UES and had recruited thirteen dissident Christian Democrats. The AGEUS had become strong and was the determining force within the UES.

k. During the first week of August, the AGEUS organized a seminar for students who were brought in from all parts of El Salvador. The seminar, which became a political curse, devoted itself in part to attacking the PCES. The AGEUS failed in an effort to displace PCES influence within the AES.

l. At the end of the ANDES strike, the extreme leftists and "eternal enemies of the PCES" accused the party of having betrayed the strike, but the PCES survived this attack. During the ANDES strike the PCES was prominent, and its policies became well known.

m. In September 1971, the PCES launched an offensive which sought to explain its activity during the ANDES strike. Also in September the PCES made a determined effort to strengthen and expand the FAU, assuming that students knew that the FAU was an organization controlled by the Party and by the PCES Youth Movement. The FAU cooperated quite closely with the Revolutionary Front for Engineering and Architecture (FRIA).

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n. In September and October 1971, the FAU established a nucleus in the University Center of the East at San Miguel.

o. In November 1971, the FAU participated in the formation of a student committee to obtain electoral support for the National Opposition Union (UNO). The committee was to operate primarily within the UES but would also engage in activity in the countryside.

p. Student electoral work has already begun, and the student committee has won the support of students in the interior of the country who had previously supported the AGEUS. The committee has worked closely with the youth of the Christian Democratic Party (PDC). Activity during the month of December 1971 will be devoted to the electoral campaign.

q. A few PCES members have been assigned the tasks of preparing the FAU political program, writing the FAU statutes, and outlining PCES policy with regard to the upcoming national elections. The three documents which will result from this work must be ready before January 1972.

r. All PCES youth work has been directed by the executive committee of the PCES youth organization. At times the FAU main center in the UES directed certain activities. Recently a central organism made up of six PCES members was formed within the UES as a coordinating body.

s. The immediate objective for 1972 will be to form a "Federation of Fronts". The year 1972 will be devoted to consolidation of PCES gains, and no effort will be made to take over the AGEUS.

t. FAU centers currently in existence:

- (1) Faculty of Engineering 3 members
- (2) Faculty of Law 6 members
- (3) Faculty of Medicine 8 members
- (4) Faculty of Agronomy 5 members
- (5) Faculty of Economics 3 members
- (6) University Center at San Miguel 4 members

u. Fronts operated by the PCES:

- (1) FAU
- (2) MERO - located at Santa Ana
- (3) San Miguel - No name
- (4) University Student Action (AEU)
- (5) FRIA

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The central organism made up of six PCES members referred to in para 2r above is identical with the University Coordinating Committee (CCU).

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5 [Redacted] Comment: a. A movement  
4 called the National Opposition Youth (JNO) was recently formed to  
3 lend electoral assistance to the UNO. However, because of the  
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fact that the PDC departmental organization in San Salvador refused to cooperate with the JNO, the latter has become virtually non-operative. b. Despite the statement in para 2s above that no effort will be made by the PCES to take over the AGEUS in 1972, such an effort would be made if a particularly favorable opportunity should present itself. Since the writing of the document, which is the subject of this report, the FAU nucleus at the Eastern University Center at San Miguel has been named Student Revolutionary Action of the East (AERO).)

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