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SUBJECT ~~A~~ New Official Publication of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES), ~~X~~ "Tribuna Popular"

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SOURCE

1. Leaders of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) have replaced the Party's official propaganda organ, "La Verdad," with a new, eight-page weekly newspaper called "Tribuna Popular." Jorge Shafick ~~X~~ H a n d a l, the PCES secretary general, has personally supervised the preparations for the new publication. "Tribuna Popular" is printed under PCES supervision at the printing shop of the National University of El Salvador (UES). The Party has set aside the equivalent of \$6000 (U.S.) to finance the newspaper's first year of publication. It is hoped that 2000 copies can be printed each week and sold at the equivalent of 4 U.S. cents per copy.

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2. The Directors of the "Tribuna Popular" are Communist leaders Jorge ~~X~~ A r i a s ~~X~~ Gomez and Mario ~~X~~ A g u i n a d a. They in turn answer directly to Shafick Handal, who maintains a close supervision over the publication. Party leaders decided not to mention in print that the "Tribuna Popular" is the official PCES propaganda arm as they had done in the past on each issue of "La Verdad." They decided this in the belief that the newspaper therefore can be sold anywhere in the country without interference from government authorities.

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