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Summary: The Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) is going through an extremely difficult period in that, short of funds and unable to pay salaries to Party functionaries as liberally as in the past, its Secretary General has embarked upon an effort to tighten up internal discipline. Since July 1972, the PCES has either expelled or suspended from membership a large number of its members who allegedly have failed to follow or support the Party's current policies which appear to have undergone a degree of radicalization. Most of the members affected are experienced leaders in the trade union area the loss of whose services the PCES can ill afford. It is expected that most of these people will rehabilitate themselves with the PCES and will ultimately return to positions of leadership within the Party. End Summary.

1. During the period approximately since July 1972, there has developed an increasingly aggressive attitude with respect to policy within the PCES which has translated itself into a degree of radicalization of PCES policies and a demand for greater internal discipline. As a result of these developments, the PCES has taken a hard line with respect to those of its members, particularly labor leaders, who have not adhered to established PCES policies and has either expelled or suspended from membership in the Party a goodly number of persons who have thus far been among its most experienced and most prominent leaders mainly in the trade union area.

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2. The following two persons have been expelled from the PCES:

a. Rosario Luna - a woman who has long been prominent within the PCES leadership and who is reported to have taken a very radical stand during the June-July 1972 crisis at the National University of El Salvador (UES)

b. Jorge Mendosa Santos - a leader of the PCES-dominated Union of Workers in the Radio, Theater and Television Industry of El Salvador (STIRTES), elected Secretary of Education, Propaganda and Press of the PCES-dominated Unifying Federation of Salvadoran Trade Unions (FUSS) in 1968.

3. Membership of the following persons in the PCES has been suspended:

a. Pedro Perez Cruz - long time leader in the Union of Railroad Workers (UTF).

b. Jose Funes Gallegos - long time leader in the UTF.

c. Juan Martinez Angel

d. Hipolito Calles - until recently Secretary General of the UTF and Secretary of Finance of FUSS, currently a member of the UTF Directorate.

e. Jose Henriquez Herrera - Secretary General of FUSS and UTF in 1966, currently Secretary General of UTF.

f. Alfredo de Leon - Secretary for Organization of the PCES-dominated General Union of Workers of the Construction Industry of El Salvador (SGTICES) in 1968.

g. Transito Pineda - Member of the FUSS Directorate in 1966.

h. Miguel Angel Sosa - long involved in worker and peasant affairs for the PCES, was in Cuba in 1963, may have received training in the Soviet Union in 1965.

i. Miguel Angel Ortega

j. Miguel Martinez Flores

k. Jorge Alberto Quijano - long time Communist labor leader, currently de facto leader of the PCES-dominated Federation of Unions of Workers in the Food, Clothing, Textile, and Similar Industries of El Salvador (FESTIAVSCES).

l. Pedro Duran - Communist labor leader

m. Medardo Lopez

n. Alejandro Montano - long time Communist labor leader who received guerrilla training in Cuba in 1962-63.

o. Guadalupe Recinos Beltran

p. Mario H. Estrada

q. Carlos Alberto Hidalgo - recently ousted Secretary General of FUSS, Secretary General of the Union of Workers in the Graphics and Related Industries of El Salvador (STIGCES)

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r. Pedro Antonio ~~Rojas~~ - a leader of STIGCES, Secretary for Youth Affairs in FUSS in 1968.

s. Jorge Alberto ~~Hernandez~~ - FUSS Secretary of Finance in 1968.

t. Antonio ~~Costanza~~

u. Alfredo ~~Torres Lopez~~

v. Pedro ~~Soriano Alvarado~~ - travelled to Moscow in 1971 Russia

w. Baltazar ~~Villalta~~

x. Manuel de Jesus ~~Marinero~~ - long time UTF leader

y. Teodoro ~~Molina Chicas~~ - Secretary for Organization of the Enterprise Union of Workers in the Salvadoran Sugar Refinery (SETRAS) in 1967, FUSS Secretary of Finance in 1968.

4. While it is not known exactly why each of the persons listed above was either expelled or suspended from membership in the PCES, it appears that the chief reason for these actions was their failure to support and adhere to the latest policies of the PCES. Most of the persons listed are more or less outspoken opponents of ~~Jorge Shafick Handal~~, Secretary General of the PCES.

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the PCES has long suffered from a lack of internal discipline, and that Shafick Handal appears to have chosen the present moment to enforce Party discipline. Expulsions and suspensions of PCES members have been attended by no publicity within the Party, and it is extremely difficult for most PCES members to get any indication of the extent to which disciplinary action is being taken by the PCES leadership. However, it is expected that many of the PCES leaders now suspended from membership in the Party will rehabilitate themselves in due course and will resume prominent positions of leadership. In the meantime, the PCES has lost the services of many of its most capable leaders - a loss which it can ill afford. A leader of the National Democratic Union (UDN) at the departmental level who is a fairly reliable source reports that the salaries of many PCES functionaries, and of many PCES members who were employed by the UES before the latter was closed by the Government of El Salvador (GOES), have been discontinued. The PCES has been forced, because of a lack of funds, to follow a very parsimonious line where Party salaries are concerned.)

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