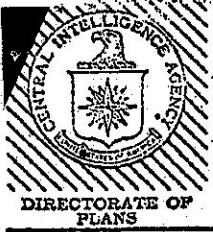


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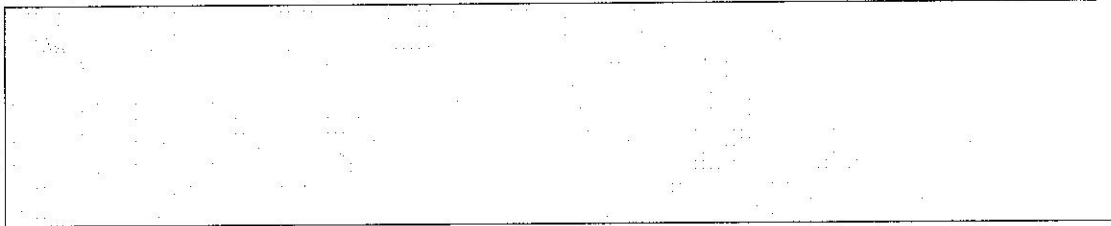
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SUBJECT Leadership Patterns within the Communist Party of El Salvador

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1. The leadership of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) has been seriously affected by the differences between those who support the Soviet line and those who favor immediate violent action. These differences have caused the PCES to lose the support of many younger people, especially at the National University of El Salvador (UES). The traditional leaders of the PCES continue to follow the Soviet line but their number has been reduced somewhat and several talented PCES leaders have left. Those who remain are noted more for their blind loyalty to the traditional leaders rather than their individual abilities.

2. The leadership pattern is described as follows: Jorge Shafick Handal is the most powerful single person among PCES leaders. He is involved in all major activities and decisions of the PCES. Raul Castellanos Riqueroa, who formerly was considered the de facto leader of the PCES, is now second to Handal. Castellanos is still powerful but he is spending much of his time as head of the Journalism School at the Faculty of Sciences and Humanities of the UES. Salvador Cayetano Carpio, the de jure leader of the PCES, favors a more violent PCES posture and has lost control to Handal. There are recurrent indications that Carpio may possibly break with the PCES to form a more extreme party.

3. There has been considerable diminution in the lower echelon leaders. Jorge Arias Gomez has been expelled from the PCES.

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The responsible reason for this expulsion was immorality; however, the real reason was his harsh criticisms of PCES leadership. Roberto ~~Kais~~ ~~de~~ ~~la~~ ~~llanos~~ Salvo still remains but is less active because he is teaching at the San Miguel branch of the UES. Miguel ~~Mar~~ ~~mol~~ and Daniel ~~Cast~~ ~~añeda~~ ~~Castro~~ are both old and no longer very active. Jose Roberto ~~de~~ ~~a~~ ~~Canas~~, Jose Manlio ~~Arg~~ ~~ueta~~ ~~Canas~~, and Aristides Augusto ~~Mar~~ ~~in~~ have all drifted away because of disillusionment with the traditional leaders. Miguel Angel ~~Pa~~ ~~ra~~ ~~da~~ and Jose Napoleón ~~de~~ ~~la~~ ~~Torre~~ ~~Quiz~~ remain but limit their activities to attendance at meetings and preparing literature.

4. The remaining second-echelon leaders who remain active and who are loyal to the present PCES leadership are as follows: Miguel Angel ~~Sa~~ ~~enz~~ ~~Varela~~, Carlos Alberto ~~M~~ ~~ald~~ ~~al~~ ~~go~~, Rafael ~~Ag~~ ~~uina~~ ~~da~~ ~~Barraza~~, Virgilio ~~Gu~~ ~~erra~~, Raul ~~Ad~~ ~~illa~~ ~~de~~ ~~la~~ ~~Torre~~ and Roberto ~~Ar~~ ~~m~~ ~~il~~ ~~o~~ ~~Navarrete~~. Roberto ~~Go~~ ~~che~~ ~~z~~, Gil and Victor Rene ~~Ma~~ ~~rro~~ ~~guin~~, both of whom have studied in the USSR, continue active in the PCES. However, they are viewed with a certain reserve by the PCES leaders who feel that these two have designs on taking over the leadership because of their knowledge and experience in the USSR.

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