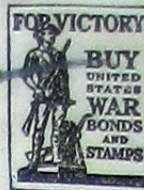


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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Dr. Ricardo Paredes
Communist Activities - Ecuador

Please refer to a communication from this Bureau dated April 20, 1945 regarding the captioned individual who was said to have been active in certain Indian uprisings in Ecuador.

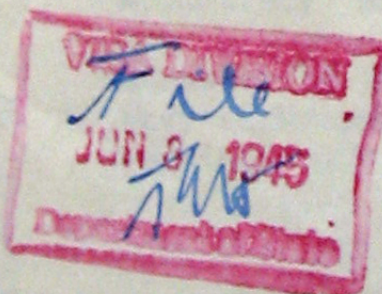
As of possible further interest there is enclosed a copy of an additional memorandum submitted by a confidential reliable source indicating that Dr. Paredes is presently practicing medicine in Quito, Ecuador and carrying out his duties as Secretary General of the Ecuadoran Communist Party.

This information has been made available to the American Embassy in Quito, Ecuador.

Enclosure

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

cc - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
War Department, Washington, D. C.
Attention: Brigadier General Carter W. Clarke



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RE: DR. RICARDO PAREDES -
Ecuador

Reliable and well-informed Source C has advised that following the closing of the Constitutional Assembly on March 10, 1945, DR. RICARDO PAREDES, Secretary General of the Ecuadoran Communist Party and a Functional Representative of the Indians to the Constitutional Assembly, began to practice his profession as a medical doctor at Quito. DR. PAREDES resides in Quito at Calle Gonzalo Pizarro #9. His medical office is located at Pasaje Miranda #4. His telephone number is 7153. This source reports that prior to the convening of the Constitutional Assembly in August, 1945, Dr. PAREDES resided at Esmeraldas, Ecuador. He pointed out that since this time, DR. PAREDES has been elected to the position of Secretary General of the Ecuadoran Communist Party and possibly he has decided to reside in Quito in order to better fulfill his duties. ?

DR. PAREDES is reported to occupy his time during the day with his medical duties, but at night, is known to frequently contact other leading members of the Communist Party in Quito. He is known to be a close associate of PEDRO A. SAAD, JOSE MARIA ROURA, and PRIMITIVO BARRETO, all leading members of the Communist Party.

Reliable Source D has advised that Communist activity in Quito has declined since the closing of the Constitutional Assembly. He reports that leading members of the Party, such as Dr. PAREDES, usually gather in small groups to discuss Party activity. This source reports that at the present time, no regular meetings of the Party are being held in Quito, but that occasionally DR. PAREDES calls the leading members together in order to pass on some resolution or program.

Assistant Chief of Staff,
War Department
Washington, D. C.
Attention: Brigadier General [illegible]

Director of Naval Intelligence
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