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To the Bureau.

Dear Comrades:

The present report deals with the origin of the parties of Guatemala and El Salvador. Their work and problems.

The Communist Party of El Salvador was established out of the struggle against opportunism, reformism and betrayal. Towards the end of 1929 (in November), it was necessary to ~~begin~~ begin the formation of coteries in order to win over the young elements of the membership of the Federacion Regional de Trabajadores de El Salvador who were of a revolutionary temperament and who might be determined to struggle for their class. This was carried out due to the fact that on the one hand a Communist Party had not as yet existed, and on the other, that the only organization of our working class was deformed governmental mutualist organization. It is necessary to recall that the FRT received 2,000 colones ~~per month~~ (1,000 dollars) every month ~~per month~~ from the government for its sustaining. Its leaders were accustomed to this system of work and in practice it was a completely reformist-governmental organization.

In the struggle against this type of organization, against the traitorous leaders, who incidentally were beginning to push the FRT into the hands of the later presidential candidate and now president; Arturo Araujo.

The non-existence of a CP or YCL motivated this form of recruiting in order to know which elements would constitute our base in order to be able to begin our revolutionary trade union work.

Under these conditions the YCL was organized, and received courses in trade-union activity and in the ABC of Communism. During all this time not only were courses given, but the immediate problems of our FRT were discussed and solved in the most practical and revolutionary way possible. Under these conditions, with two Secretaries in the Federal Executive Council (Secretary of the Interior, and of Finances, in other words, the control of the organization, since all others did no work) we began direct work with organizations on the F.E.C. of the FRT; either sending delegates to the trade union organizations of the near-by villages at first and then later to all organizations; or ~~giving~~ giving written instructions on all the problems of our FRT. In practice, ~~we had completely nullified the~~ ~~traitorous leaders.~~ in our daily work, we had completely nullified the traitorous leaders.

It was in these struggles, that at the arrival of Comrade Jacobo Hurwitz, work towards the ~~establishment~~ establishment of the CP was prepared, and it was established, still during his permanence. That is, the CP was born out of the heat of the struggle against opportunism and betrayal.

The CP and the YCL worked actively in the preparation of the special Congress of the FRT of February 9, 1930; during the same Special Congress, the Congress fraction functioned. The practical result was the expulsion of the traitor Luis Felipe Recinos ~~by one vote over their total.~~ by one vote over their total. This ~~was~~ ~~brought~~ brought despair and provoked defeatism among the traitors, who ~~since~~ since the very Special Congress left us the field. Later the traitors demanded posts in the FEC of the FRT, which were not given to them, nor were they acceded to for two fundamental reasons; first, because they were traitorous elements, second, because they did not have the majority of the organization, and because a Congress had been elected by the ~~FEC.~~ FEC. The struggle against opportunism became stronger and we can say that it crystallized throughout the organization; the old traitorous leaders were expelled from all the trade unions.