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Edelmiro Maldonado and Camilo Chavez Melgoza, former members of the Central Committee of the Partido Comunista Mexicano (PCM - Mexican Communist Party), are now active in the Partido Comunista Bolsheviq ue de Mexico (PCBM - Bolshevik Communist Party of Mexico), and that they have succeeded to some extent in taking over the leadership of that group.

Maldonado and Chavez are now attempting to absorb other pro-Chinese dissident factions of the PCM into the PCBM, including the LLE. They are also attempting to absorb the little group of dissidents of the PCM headed by Othon Salazar Ramirez, pro-Communist leader of the Movimiento Revolucionario del Magisterio (MRM - Revolutionary Teachers' Movement). Members of the latter group were previously followers of Ruben Jaramillo, a member of the PCM who was murdered in 1962.

- The PCBM is now receiving some assistance from the Chinese Communists,
- The LLE, whose principal leader at the present time is Enrique Gonzalez Rojo, has about 50 bona fide members, but has a considerably larger number of sympathizers. Many left-wing young people, such as Silvia Tirado de Duran, a Mexican citizen and former employee of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City, and sympathizers of the LLE attend its study circles and meetings, but the majority are not formal members of the group.

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5. (On 16 January 1964 Tereso Gonzalez Acosta, a leader of one pro-Chinese dissident group of the PCM, distributed copies of his group. The booklets, Gonzalez said, were printed in China and are being distributed in Mexico in an effort to publicize the Chinese position with respect to the Chinese - Soviet ideological dispute. The three booklets, all published by Ediciones en Lenguas Extranjeras (Foreign Language Publishers), Peiping, China, are dated October - November 1963, and are entitled: (1) Apologists of Neo-Colonialism, (2) Two Different Positions with Respect to the Problem of War and Peace, and (3) The Truth About the Alliance Between the Leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and India Against China.

Comments

1. The MRM is composed of dissident members of Section 9, which was Communist-infiltrated, of the Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores de la Educacion (SNTE - National Teachers' Union).
2. On 23 November and again on 27 November 1963 Duran was detained and questioned by Mexican authorities in connection with the visit to the Cuban Embassy in September 1963 of Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of John F. Kennedy, former President of the United States. Duran finally was released by Mexican authorities on 28 November. Since that time she has not been working at the Cuban Embassy.

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