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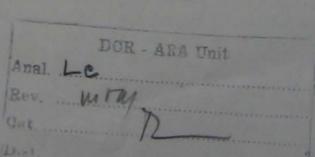
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The subject, who previously worked in the Quinine Section of the Gorporacion Ecuatoriana de Fomento, has been transferred to the Oficina de Orientacion y Oredito, an office of the Ecuadoran Ministry of Economy.

Source B advised that while working for the Corporation Ecuatoriana de Fomento, the subject was working with an American citizen, one ASCAL SANDOVAL. Source B stated that SANDOVAL was reported to have considered facilitating a visit on the part of the subject to the United States. However facilitating a visit on the part of the subject to the United States. However facilitating a visit on the part of washington. D. C., on August 14, 1945, SANDOVAL departed Quito. Ecuador, for Washington, D. C., on August 14, 1945, at approximately which time the subject was transferred to her new position. Ho further reports have been received regarding any intentions of the subject to leave Ecuador.

In view of the fact that subject is a qualified instructor in matters of demestic science, she was sent by the Ministry of Economy to Manabi, Ecuador, for the purpose of conducting a four-month course of instruction. Source C advised that MENA MARTINEZ is scheduled to return to Quito during December, 1945.

Source D advised that in connection with NELA MARTINEZ'S work with the Partido Commista del Ecuador the subject attended meetings of the Central Committee in Unito regularly up until the time of her departure for Nanabi. The subject was one of the secretaries present at the meeting of August 20. The subject was one of that meeting the letter from the Communist Party to the 1945. In the course of that meeting the letter from the Communist Party to the Scundoran Minister of Foreign Relations demanding United States release of Military bases in Ecuador was discussed. The subject took part in this military bases in Ecuador was discussed. The subject took part in this discussion and expressed horself as wholly in accord with all items in the document. Although the activity of Communist cells in Quito has been on the document. Although the activity of Communist cells in Quito has been on the decline, the subject has managed to maintain one active woman's cell in this area. This cell is known as La Pasionaria, the secretary of which is one Luisa A. Gonza DE La TORRE.

According to the official register of Equadoran citizens the subject was married to JOAQUIN GALLEGOS (LARA) at the time of her registration March

Source 3 advised that GALLEGOS (LARA) is a young writer who has been paralysed from the waist down since birth. Exploiting his crippled condition, and employing violent language in his articles he has drawn considerable attention to himself since the outset of his career. He poses as a revolutionist

and at the time of his marriage to the subject he was glosely associated with Ecuadoran Communists. According to Source E their marriage lasted a very short time. On August 24, 1942, when additional information was set forth on the official government registration of the subject, the notation was made that she had been divorced from GALLEGOS (LARA).

According to Source C the subject takes pride in the fact that the father of her two children is DR. HIGARDO A. PAREDES (ROMERO), at present Secretary General of the PCS.

The following description of the subject was obtained from the official Ecuadoran Register of Citizens:

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Birthplace
Height
Build
Complexion
Hair
Syes
Father
Mother
Occupation
Marital Status
Education

Mana Martinez (Espinosa)

Revedoran

11/1914 (Subject placed "unknown"

in space for day of month)

Cenar, Ecuador

6'

Medium

Light

Dark Brown

CESAR HARTINEZ

ENRIQUETA REPINOSA

Employee, Ministry of Economy

Divorced wife of JOAGNIN GALLEGOS (LARA)

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Secondary, with some additional

courses in demestic science

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THE OUITO OFFICE

At Quito. Equador, will follow and report pertinent activities of the subject.

Will attempt to obtain a photograph and handwriting specimens of the subject.