

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

VIA: AIR DISPATCH NO. HSS-W-12
 SPECIFY AIR OR SEA POUCH
 CLASSIFICATION
 TO: Chief of Station, (San Salvador) DATE: NOV 1947
 FROM: Chief, WH 16-26
 SUBJECT: GENERAL -
 SPECIFIC: Eunice ODIO

- 22
- Reference is made to your cable (SALV) 624, concerning Eunice ODIO. TCG 96, 1 October 1947 stated that among the various prizes given by the Guatemalan Government for prose and poetry, one prize was awarded in the last week of September to a young Costa Rican woman named Eunice ODIO.
 - During her stay in Guatemala City after receiving the award, Señorita ODIO gave two recitations of her poems. One was given in the CTG assembly hall, and the second was given before the Faculty of Humanities of the San Carlos University. There, she was presented by the Guatemalan poet, Miguel Angel ASTURIAS.
 - Miss ODIO's style is distinctly Nerudian. This is not strange, as she is a very active Communist in Costa Rica, being a member of the famous Communist literary cell - Eugenio Maria de Hostos--to which Corina Rodriguez also belongs.
 - Eunice ODIO was described in 1947 as being about twenty-five years of age, white, with black hair and black eyes, about five feet five inches tall, and weighing approximately 118 pounds. She is of attractive appearance and wears her hair long, which extends half way to her waist. Her platform personality is pleasing, and her voice, which is the most attractive feature, easily captivates her audiences, because of its low soothing tone.
 - Her fanaticism for the cause of Communism and her work and efforts were fully appreciated by the so-called Politburo of the Partido Vanguardia Popular in Costa Rica.
 - SANJ-133, IH-22963, 21 November 1947, mentioned a letter written by Joaquin GUTIERREZ Mangel, ~~son~~ of the Costa Rican Ambassador to Washington, addressed to Eunice ODIO in which he speaks highly of Corina RODRIGUEZ, well-known Costa Rican Communist. The source continued by saying that young

9198

RELEASING OFFICER
 J. J. KING
 for J. J. KING

COORDINATING OFFICER
SECRET
 CLASSIFICATION

281-22306
 AUTHENTICATING OFFICER
 U. M. DE...
 GPO 1953-39733

REPRODUCTIONS
 AND
 REPRODUCTIONS

