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Abbreviations

AEMNA  Association d’Étudiants Musulmans Nord-Africains – Association of North African Muslim Students  
        Student association founded in 1927, dominated by Tunisians and Moroccans

AGEI  Association Générale d’Étudiants Indochinois – General Association of Indochinese Students  
        Vietnamese student association founded in 1927

AGELA  Association Générale d’Étudiants Latino-Américains – General Association of Latin American Students  
        Anti-imperialist Latin American student organization founded in Paris in 1924.

AMI  Association Mutuelle des Indochinois – Mutual Association of Indochinese  
        Mutual aid society for Indochinese in Paris founded by French state in 1920, then became politically radicalized

ANERC  Asociación de Nuevos Emigrados Revolucionarios Cubanos – Association of New Cuban Revolutionary Emigrants  
        Diasporic association of Marxist Cuban students in Mexico City and Paris, founded in 1928 by Julio Antonio Mella

AOF  Afrique Occidentale Française – French West Africa  
        Federation of French colonial territories in Africa, including Senegal, Dahomey, French Guinea, and others; founded in 1895

APRA  Alianza Popular Revolucionaria Americana – American Popular Revolutionary Alliance  
        Latin American Peruvian-led anti-imperialist political group founded in Mexico City in 1924
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<td>Service de Contrôle et Assistance aux Indigènes des Colonies – Service for the Control and Assistance of Colonial Natives</td>
<td>Police and social service created by the Ministry of Colonies in 1923</td>
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<td>CDIRN</td>
<td>Comité de Défense des Intérêts de la Race Noire – Committee for the Defense of the Interests of the Black Race Reformist breakaway organization of the CDRN in 1926, headed by Maurice Satineau</td>
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<td>CDRN</td>
<td>Comité de Défense de la Race Nègre – Committee for the Defense of the Negro Race</td>
<td>Communist political group founded by Lamine Senghor in 1926 out of the UIC.</td>
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<td>CGTU</td>
<td>Confédération Générale du Travail Unitaire – General Confederation of Unitary Labor</td>
<td>Communist trade union federation founded in 1922.</td>
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<td>LAI</td>
<td>League against Imperialism (or Ligue contre l'impérialisme et l'oppression coloniale in French)</td>
<td>Comintern-funded anti-imperialist organization led by the German communist Willy Münzenberg, widely known after the inaugural Brussels Congress in 1927</td>
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<td>LDH</td>
<td>Ligue des Droits de l'Homme – Human Rights League</td>
<td>Left-leaning human-rights group founded in 1898 by dreyfusards</td>
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<td>LDRN</td>
<td>Ligue de Défense de la Race Nègre – League for the Defense of the Negro Race</td>
<td>Political group succeeding Senghor's CDRN in 1927</td>
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<td>LFADCIM</td>
<td>Ligue Française pour l'Accession aux Droits du Citoyen des Indigènes de Madagascar – French League for the Attainment of the Rights of Citizen for the Natives of Madagascar Reformist political group demanding French citizenship for Malagasies founded by black World War I veterans in 1919 or 1920. One of the constitutive groups of the UIC.</td>
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<td>PAI</td>
<td>Parti Annamite de l'Indépendance – Annamite Independence Party</td>
<td>Political party inspired by the Guomindang, founded by Nguyen The Truyen in 1927 out of the UIC</td>
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<td>PCF</td>
<td>Parti Communiste Français – French Communist Party</td>
<td>Founded at the Tours Congress in 1920 as a split-off from the SFIO</td>
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<td>PPA</td>
<td>Parti du Peuple Algérien – Party of the Algerian People</td>
<td>Successor organization of the Étoile Nord-Africaine from 1937 onwards</td>
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<td>Police and welfare service for North African Muslims in the metropole, gradually built in the mid-1920s by the Interior Ministry</td>
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<td>SFIO</td>
<td>Section Française de l'Internationale Ouvrière – French Section of the Workers’ International French Socialist Party, founded in 1905</td>
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<td>SLOTFOM</td>
<td>Service de liaison avec les originaires des territoires français d'outre-mer – Liaison Service for the Natives of French Overseas Territories. Organization that after World War II succeeded the CAI</td>
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<td>UFE</td>
<td>Union Fédérale des Étudiants – Federal Union of Students</td>
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<td>Student federation close to the French Communist Party</td>
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<td>UIC</td>
<td>Union Intercoloniale – Intercolonial Union</td>
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<td>Communist anticolonial group founded in 1921</td>
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<td>UNIA</td>
<td>Universal Negro Improvement Black Association nationalist organization founded by Jamaican Marcus Garvey in New York City in 1917</td>
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<td>UTN</td>
<td>Union des Travailleurs Nègres – Union of Negro Workers</td>
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<td>Anticolonial trade union for black workers founded in 1932 by Kouyaté and the PCF</td>
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<td>VNQDD</td>
<td>Việt Nam Quốc Dân Đảng – Vietnamese Nationalist Party, also called Việt Quốc or “Vietnamese Guomindang”</td>
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<td>Vietnamese political party advocating independence and following ideologically the Chinese Guomindang. Founded in 1927, sometimes confused with the PAI by French bureaucrats.</td>
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