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1. Labor leaders connected with the Independent Federation of Colombian Workers (CTCI) in the Atlantic coast area wished to send a delegate to the World Federation of Trade Unions' Congress scheduled to be held in Vienna from 10 to 21 October 1953. The three candidates hoping to attend the Congress were Carlos CARDENAS, Ventura SANDOVAL, and Roberto INSIGNARES. All are members of the Federation of Workers of Atlantico (FEDETRAL), and they would ostensibly represent that organization. CTCI headquarters in Bogota was asked to decide on the matter.
2. On 20 September 1953 FEDETRAL named a committee of five members to be in charge of collecting funds to cover the expenses of sending a delegate to Vienna. This committee, whose members comprise INSIGNARES, CARDENAS, Carlos ARIAS, Jose LAPEIRA, and COBA,fnu, has been very active and has been making some progress.
3. It is considered very likely that INSIGNARES will be selected as the FEDETRAL representative. He is president of the Union of Constructors and a member of the Executive Committee of FEDETRAL. He is not affiliated with the Communist Party of Colombia (PCC), but of late the Communists connected with FEDETRAL have been exercising growing influence over him. In the hope of recruiting INSIGNARES as a member, the Party emphasized its help in his efforts to go to Vienna.

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