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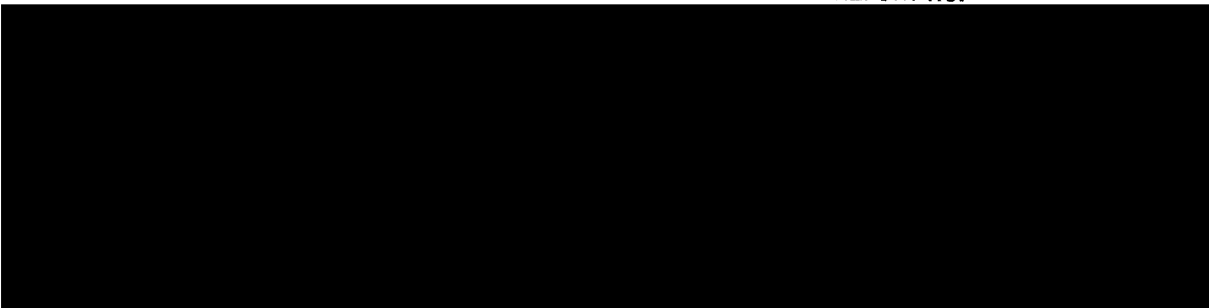
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1. An executive meeting of Nationalist Party leaders of the Province of Santiago, Chile, was held on 29 March at party offices at Calle Huerfanos 1164. Orlando Espinoza presided over the meeting, and 24 sector leaders were present. The meeting was called to discuss recent political activities and to prepare suggestions for presentation to the Party's National Executive Council.
2. One of the principal points brought out was the growing Nationalist Party distrust of the Agrarian Labor Party. Several of those present at the gathering complained that the Agrarian Labor Party leaders have lost their sense of proportion since their surprising electoral gains in the 6 March elections. It was agreed that exceedingly leftist elements, including Communists, have joined that Party. It was felt that the Communist influence was responsible for the Agrarian Labor policy of blind opposition to the government. Even the more fanatic Nationalists condemned the open invitation to revolution contained in recent public declarations made by such outstanding Agrarian Labor Party leaders as General Carlos Ibanez del Campo and Jaime Larrain Garcia Moreno.

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Comment. The views of these lower ranking provincial leaders of the Nationalist Party are at variance with that of the members of the National Executive Council of the party. While the lesser leaders are condemning the Agrarian Labor Party for its present stand, Hedilberto Bizama Merino and other important national leaders are in favor of close collaboration with the Agrarian Laborites. Bizama Merino and his group believe that the presence of many Nationalists within the Agrarian Labor Party offers an excellent chance to influence and eventually to dominate this party. However, the decided opposition on the part of the lower ranking Nationalist leaders may tend to change the opinion of the members of the party National Executive Council.

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