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1. On 21 November 1949 the Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh), on the recommendation of Galo Gonzalez as head of the Party's Control Commission, ordered the expulsion of Dr. Jose Garcia Tello and Dr. Mario Contreras Villalon for not having given proper medical assistance to Ricardo Fonseca, former Secretary General of the PCCh, now deceased, during his illness and operation.
2. The expulsion of these two men has increased the unrest among the lower-ranking Party members, who had earlier criticized severely the PCCh Executive Committee for permitting the 7 November 1949 demonstration which culminated in a shooting fracas in the Plaza de Armas of Santiago and the consequent adoption by the government of severe repressive measures against the Communists. The Party's rank and file are coming to believe that Carlos Contreras Labarca has been given unfair treatment and that the expulsion from the Party of Contreras Villalon was mainly due to the fact that he is a close collaborator and former secretary of Contreras Labarca.
3. Both Garcia Tello and Contreras Villalon are regarded as outstanding surgeons whose recognized professional skill has been regarded by the Communist rank and file as a credit to the Party. Contreras Villalon is one of the assistants to Dr. Alfonso Ansejo, head of the Neuro-Surgery Clinic of the Salvador Hospital of Santiago.

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