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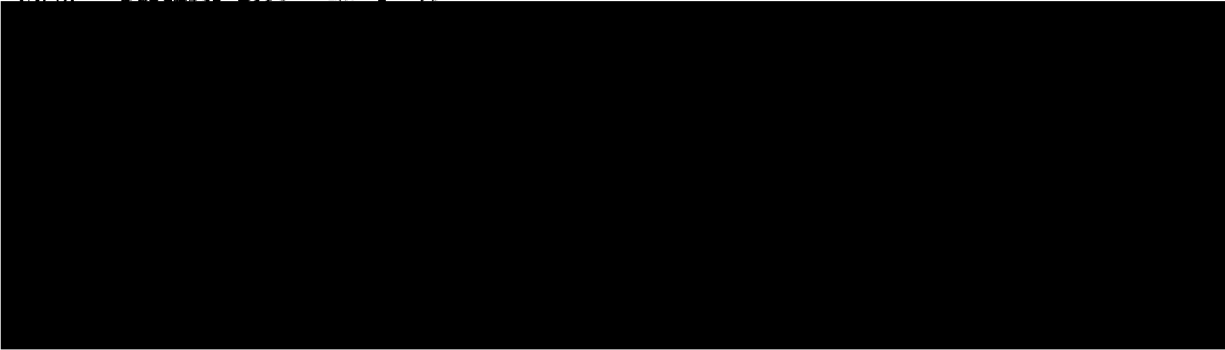
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1. Juan R. Solis B., who was elected president of the new Directive Council of the Federacion de Trabajadores Bananera (FETRABA) on 1 January 1951, stated that FETRABA had requested to be incorporated into the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU). On instructions from Serafino Romualdi, according to source, the banana workers have broken with the Confederacion Costaricense de Trabajadores (CCT-Rerum Novarum). The motion, supported by all delegations at the meeting, was made by the Quepos syndicate at the extraordinary General Assembly of FETRABA, which convened in Colfite on 17 December 1950. The Rerum Novarum was criticised for maladministration and for retaining Father Benjamin Nunez on the National Directory Counsel in spite of his lack of responsibility in the management of affiliated syndicates. According to Solis, the separation from the Rerum Novarum was to be conducted so as to attract as little attention as possible, with only a short announcement in the newspapers.

2. The other members of the new Directive Council of FETRABA were listed as follows:

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| Vice President | Luis Perez Madriz |
| Secretary | Alfredo Acuna B. |
| Sub-Secretary | Vezalio Valverde B. |
| Treasurer | Manuel Chavez Salas |
| Secretary of Organization | Mario Rojas A. |
| Secretary of Propaganda and
Public Relations | Carmen Bojorge G. |

Although FETRABA wishes to be considered an anti-Communist organization, there is record of Carmen Bojorge Guzman's having been a member of the Communist Party around 1948. Source believes that this may mean that FETRABA has been penetrated in its directorate by at least one Communist.

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