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1. The PCB National Committee ¹ drew up a plan for Party members to incite the workers throughout Brazil to demand a Christmas Bonus. If this bonus were denied, the workers were to commit acts of sabotage; if this was not possible, they were to cause slow-downs to decrease production.
2. During November Communists in the State of Sao Paulo concentrated on the metallurgical, textile, rubber, and transportation industries to increase their activities in the labor field. The regional labor office received many complaints that persons not belonging to the unions attended their meetings in attempts to influence the workers to strike for higher wages.
3. In November strikes broke out in the Industria Textil Santa Mafalda, Companhia Municipal de Transportes Coletivos (Municipal Transportation Company - CMTC), Empresa Vizeu & Cia., Tinturaria e Estamparia de Tecidos Fernandes S/A, and Ceramica-Tecno. Members of the Sindicato dos Graficos de Santos (Santos Union of Graphic Artists) also went on strike.
4. On 4 November 1951 Rio Branco Paranhos ², Herondina Arruda, Severino Jose Tavares, and Porfirio da Paz ³ attended a meeting of the Sindicato dos Trabalhadores Texteis (Textile Workers' Union) and attacked the government labor policy, strongly urging the workers to go on a strike for a wage increase. The union voted in favor of a 50% wage increase. On 6 November 1951 the Sindicato dos Construtores (Construction Workers' Union) met to discuss wage increases. Milton Pereira Marcondes, president of the Bank Clerks' Union attended, but Porfirio da Paz was denied admittance. Other groups demanding wage increases were employees of the Estrada de Ferro Santos-Jundiai (Santos-Jundiai Railroad), Fabrica Pirelli in Santo Andre, and members of the Sindicato dos Trabalhadores na Industria de Fiacao e Tecelagem de Sorocaba (Sorocaba Spinning and Weaving Workers' Union).
5. On 15 November 1951 Roberto Morena ⁴, Communist Federal Deputy, left Brazil to attend the meeting of the General Council of the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) held in Berlin from 15-20 November 1951.

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