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ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) (

THE HUNGER STRIKE BEGUN ON 22 MAY 1978 BY RELATIVES OF DISAPPEARED PERSONS WAS ENTIRELY PLANNED AND COORDINATED BY THE PCCH. PRESS OF 22 MAY REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF SOME 60 PERSONS HAD OCCUPIED THE SANTIAGO HEADQUARTERS: OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF) AND THREE CATHOLIC CHURCHES DECLARING A HUNGER STRIKE UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT CLARIFIES THE SITUATION OF THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. THE ACTION ALSO PROTESTS THE TERMS OF THE RECENT AMNESTY WHICH WOULD PARDON ALL CRIMES COMMITTED

THE POLICY OF THE PCCH IS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE 2.

BY GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES SINCE THE MILITARY TAKEOVER.)

VISITS OF U.S. LABOR LEADERS AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

AND THE RESULTANT INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY THE VISITS HAVE

GENERATED. COMMENTED THAT THIS IS A STANDARD

STRATEGY OF THE PARTY AND THAT ALL MANIFESTATIONS OF

INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE AGAINST THE CHILEAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT

WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SIMILAR COORDINATED INTERNAL

DEMONSTRATIONS. STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THE FACILITIES

OF THE VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY HAVE BEEN USED IN THE

COORDINATIVE STAGE OF THE DEMONSTRATION, THE IMPETUS CAME

ENTIRELY FROM THE PARTY.

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