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On 4 November 1948 at a closed meeting in the National Headquarters of the Ecuadoran Communist Party, the subject of the United States elections was discussed. At the meeting presided over by Pedro Saad, it was agreed that the victory of President Harry S. Truman and the disastrous defeat of Henry Wallace meant that war was a certainty and that the Communist Party of Ecuador should start at once to prepare for this eventuality. Comment. Although the Ecuadoran Communist leaders have been talking about the eventuality of war for several months, they have as yet made no discernible play for such an event. Source commented that had Governor Dewey won the election, the Communist reaction would have been the same.)

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