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1. The Partido Accion Revolucionario (PAR) has set up a complete organization, headed by its National Committee, and with provincial and local committees all over the island. In Habana as well as in other important cities, the committees are organized down to the "barrio" (ward) level.
2. In spite of the excellent organizational work that has been accomplished, it is not expected that the PAR will be successful in obtaining sufficient popular support to establish itself as a legal political party. Dr. Miguel Suarez Fernandez is continuing to back the PAR, but this backing is now mostly moral and no longer financial. Fernandez continues to hope that the PAR and other revolutionary groups will give him their support as a presidential candidate.
3. Due to his resignation of some weeks ago as president of the Senate, Suarez Fernandez has lost an income of approximately \$20,000 a month. He has, therefore, withdrawn his support of the PAR daily newspaper, La Voz, whose editor is Jesus Gonzalez Cartas. It is expected that La Voz will cease publication soon.
4. Within the PAR/ARG (PAR/Accion Revolucionaria Guiteras), there now exist three distinct groups with the chiefs of each group in considerable discord among themselves. These three chiefs are Eufemio Fernandez y Ortega, Jesus Gonzalez Cartas, and Marco Antonio Hirigoyen. Gonzalez Cartas continues to follow a very personal and opportunistic policy. He is afraid of losing his prestige within the new party to Eufemio Fernandez and Marco Hirigoyen. As the president in name, Eufemio Fernandez wishes to act as president, but he has no real authority. Hirigoyen is trying to promote himself to become Secretary General of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Cuba (CTG) at the VII National Congress in April 1951. He continues to enjoy the support of most of the militants of the PAR/ARG, and is trying, with little success, to bring anti-communist syndicates into the PAR/ARG fold.
5. The only recent development in any way favorable to the PAR/ARG has been a campaign carried on in the province of Las Villas by Conrado Rodriguez, a sugar leader of considerable prestige, and a fanatic militant of ARG. Rodriguez is Secretary General of the Federacion Regional Azucarera de

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Sagua La Grande (Las Villas) which belongs to the Federacion Nacional de Trabajadores Azucareros (FNTA). He has organized almost all of the PAR local and ward committees in the province of Las Villas and is the true chief of the PAR in that province.

6. The murder of Narciso Rodriguez (known as "Chicho") on a street corner in Habana on 14 October 1950 is commonly believed to have been committed by members of the ARG who, according to newspaper reports, were arrested after they had left the house of Marco Hirigoyen. The men accused of the killing are being held in jail pending trial. "Chicho" Rodriguez was a member of the Autentico Party, active in labor matters, who at one time had worked closely with Eusebio Mujal. However, for several months prior to the killing, Rodriguez and Mujal had seen little of one another although remaining on friendly terms. It is said in many quarters that Mujal's recent efforts to obtain the support of Hirigoyen and the ARG are meeting with some success.

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