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1. A number of leaders of various labor unions met [REDACTED]
2. Low salaries and the high cost of living were discussed, and it was decided to demand an increase in wages. If this was refused, a general strike would be called. It was believed that this strike would be supported by the Communist Party.
3. Union leaders also believed that the police force and the army would cooperate with the strikers as several members of the Communist Party are police or army men. It was felt that they might join the strike because of their low salaries, as they have been refused increases several times by the government.

Washington Comment: It has been previously reported that [REDACTED] claimed that his labor syndicate included 65% of Lebanese labor, that the remaining 35% was not all anti-Communist, and that only the 13% who work in Catholic establishments were considered "hopeless".

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