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1. PARTIDO UNIFICACION ANTICOMUNISTA FOUNDED JUST PRIOR TO 1950 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND SUPPORTED CANDIDACY GENERAL YDIGORAS FUENTES PRIMARILY BECAUSE HE ONLY AVAILABLE ANTI COMMUNIST CANDIDATE.

2. PUA CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH ASOCIACION GENERAL DE AGRICULTORES, ULTRA CONSERVATIVE LANDOWNER ORGANIZATION, AND SOME INDIVIDUALS ARE LEADERS IN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. NOTE: ASOCIACION GENERAL DE AGRICULTORES UNLIKE PUA HAS NO LEGAL STATUS AS POLITICAL PARTY.

3. OUTSTANDING PUA LEADER AND FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL, LUIS VALLADARES AYCINENA, WAS ARRESTED 15 JULY 53 FOLLOWING PRESENTATION ANTI COMMUNIST DOCUMENT SIGNED BY SOME 60,000 GUATEMALANS TO 10 JULY 53 MANAGUA MEETING OF ODECA. HE RELEASED IN SEPT 53 WHEREUPON TOOK REFUGE NICARAGUAN EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA. SUBSEQUENTLY HE TOOK REFUGE IN NICARAGUA AND ALLEGEDLY STILL THERE.

4. SINCE THAT TIME PUA HAS HAD A "DIRECTIVA DE TURNO" OR CONSTANTLY CHANGING LEADERSHIP. PRINCIPAL LEADERS HOWEVER ARE FOLLOWING: JORGE LUIS ARENAS BARRERA, A PUA DEPUTY IN CONGRESS; LUIS WELTRANENA VALLADARES, A COUSIN OF VALLADARES

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AYCINENA AND A LOCAL LAWYER; AND ABRAHAM CABRERA CRUZ, A LAWYER. HUMBERTO VIZCAINO LEAL WAS ELECTED TO CONGRESS ON PUA TICKET. IS OUTSTANDING SPOKESMAN OF OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS, BUT DOES NOT SEEM TO BE COMPLETELY IDENTIFIED WITH PUA WHICH HAS 2 OUT OF 5 OPPOSITION DEPUTIES IN 56 MAN CONGRESS.

5. PUA IS KNOWN TO HAVE AFFILIATES THROUGHOUT GUATEMALA BUT STRENGTH NOT YET KNOWN. PRINCIPAL DRAWBACK IS KNOWN ARCH-CONSERVATIVE NATURE OF ORGANIZATION, CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH CHURCH AND PLATFORM LIMITED SIMPLY TO ANTI-COMMUNISM IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT WHICH PREVENTS PUA FROM GAINING LABOR AND OTHER SUPPORT.

6. ON 29 DEC 53 PUA AND CEUA FORMED FRENTE ANTICOMUNISTA NACIONAL AND HAVE AGREED TO CONDUCT THEIR PROPAGANDA UNDER NAME OF LATTER ORGANIZATION. FORMATION OF FAN STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION BUT PUA LEADERS CONSIDER CEUA AS TOO IMPULSIVE. DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN PUA AND CEUA LEADERS IN FAN EXPECTED BUT FORMATION LATTER ORGANIZATION AFFORDS CEUA SEVERAL ADVANTAGES.

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