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Subject: Honduran Public Opinion
Favors Strikers

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1. It is reported that there exists little sympathy for the United Fruit Company among Honduran businessmen or politicians. The company has practically no friends because it has made no efforts to adjust its wages to the rising cost of living and the generally improved living standards throughout Honduras. Furthermore, the company has given none of its business to small merchants on the north coast, and many of these people are members of Congress. Regardless of personal feelings President GALVEZ is not able to support United Fruit in the face of strong adverse feelings on the part of the public. Despite their lack of sympathy for United Fruit the majority of Honduran businessmen are aware of the Communist danger, and they realize that the Communists are ready to take advantage of a continuation of the strike.
2. The strikers on the north coast are stated to be orderly. There is little drinking evident, and there appears to be an unusual amount of discipline. The workmen have shown respect for local police and Army authorities. Most residents of the area have given their tacit support to the striking workers and have expressed a belief that the latter's demands should be met. One load of material for local merchants and the government was recently handled, but the workers refuse to touch United Fruit cargo. The strikers are confident, but the business community is worried that the Communists will take advantage of the situation if a settlement is not reached shortly. It is generally felt that the company should have taken the initiative in the matter of wage increases, but company officials counter this argument with statements that any settlement would only have been met with demands for further raises.

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