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1. The political situation here has become more tense in recent weeks. Newspaper stories have implied that "Toto" Remón knows who killed his brother [President Remón] but for reasons of self-interest has chosen not to take any action.
2. More and more people are beginning to believe that Guizado was railroaded for the Remón assassination, and Guizado has said he would offer what he describes as proof of his innocence to any impartial committee the government will send to the prison to hear his story. The government has not indicated any interest in his offer.
3. It was hardly coincidental that the 21st and 22nd of July were chosen for the meeting of the Chiefs of American States here. The 22nd, a Sunday, also is the opening date for a new Panama racetrack and doubtless the distinguished visitors will be invited to help make the opening a banner event. Not being versed in North American politics, Panamanians would see nothing questionable in a President attending a race meet, even on a Sunday.

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