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1. A problem of maintaining unity has arisen within the Coalicion Patriotico Nacional (CPN), with Temistocles DIAZ, the CPN candidate for First Vice-President, as the point of contention. DIAZ is backed by Juan E. "Baby" JIMENEZ and Jose Daniel CRESPO, and the Remonista faction of the CPN feels, although it lacks proof, that JIMENEZ was responsible for the assassination of former President Jose REMON. Norberto NAVARRO, the leading political opponent of the present administration, is believed to be responsible for the majority of the fantastic rumors which have appeared, and will continue to appear, during the political campaign.
2. A third-position group has asked several leaders and members of the Partido del Pueblo (PDP, People's Party - Communist) for their support in an armed coup d'etat.¹ Members of the group said that they have \$75,000 available for the purchase of arms,² and that in return for PDP support they would give legality to the Party and freedom of action to its members. Party leaders subsequently rejected open support of a coup and said that it would be contrary to PDP policy, but they plan a long-range policy of strengthening ties with the third-position group, since this group appears to be more acceptable to PDP orientation than the other political groups.³

Comments.

1. The Panamanian press has reported that a new political organization known as the third-position group is believed to be the instigator of student and youth agitation and openly calls for violence and revolution.
2. These funds were possible provided to the third-position group by the family of Jose Ramon GUIZADO, who was convicted of being involved in the assassination of President REMON.
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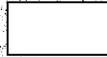
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