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- 1. A group representing Peronista interests has purchased the right to use the name Partido Laborista in Chile and is contributing large sums to its organization, as part of a well-planned political penetration project. Mario SPECTOR, newly-arrived Argentine manager of Radio Prat in Santiago, heads the Peronista organizational group, while Luis BERGER, a Chilean, is the titular head of the new Party.
- 2. The Partido Laborista has already been accepted into the ranks of Maria de la CRUZ' newly-formed Federacion de Fuerzas Ibanistas (FFI), a combination of the major independent Ibanista forces, and has been allotted the number-five spot on that organization's list of candidates for deputy from Santiago's first district. The SPECTOR-BERGER forces, meanwhile, have initiated a concentrated membership drive calculated to increase the ranks of the new Partido Laborista and are reportedly subsidizing attendance at organizational meetings.
- 3. The new Party reportedly has unlimited financial resources and plans a gradual propaganda intensification through the Chilean press and radio. The Partido Laborista may assume a relatively important role on the Chilean political scene.
- 4. SPECTOR is a close confident and collaborator of Maria de la CRUZ, and his primary mission in Chile is to take charge of the formation of the Peronista-controlled Partido Laborista. No further information is available on BERGER.

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