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1. During the latter part of December 1952, leading members of the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) in Valparaiso were called to Santiago and instructed to form an investigative committee called a Comision de Censura. This committee is to study the expulsion from the PCCh of various unnamed members. The Santiago meeting was reportedly attended by PCCh leaders from all parts of Chile. Instructions were given to purge the PCCh of certain unnamed members who failed to obey orders regarding registration as members of other political parties. Specific individuals who have not been excluded from electoral registration were instructed to register under certain political parties in order to insure political support when needed in various unions. However, many individuals who were not so instructed have registered as members of political parties. These individuals are being accused of political deviation and will be purged from the ranks of the PCCh.
2. On 5 January 1953, Communist leaders in the second commune in Valparaiso held a meeting in a room in the rear of the restaurant called "El Azul", located on Galle Gerampague 22 and owned by Juan PARRA. This meeting was presided over by Salvador YANEZ, who led the discussion of two principal matters, (1) support for the Communist daily, El Siglo, and (2) the purchase of U.S. dollars. With respect to the second item, YANEZ informed the members present that instructions had been received from the Central Committee of the PCCh to make contact with persons who could be trusted to buy dollars for the Party. Rosario ROSALES was appointed to select an individual in Valparaiso for this work. He reported later that he had chosen Alfonso CERDA. CERDA works on the waterfront as stevedore foreman, and he will contact foreign seamen from different ships for the purpose of obtaining dollars from such individuals. It is reported that this method of acquiring dollars will be used in all Chilean ports, but it is unreported what use the Party intends to make of the U.S. currency.
3. Communist union leaders in Valparaiso were preparing for the Party-sponsored Congreso de Unidad Sindical, scheduled to be held in Santiago 12-15 February 1953. The work of organizing the maritime and affiliated waterfront unions for

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the purpose of selecting and controlling the delegates was being handled by the Asociacion Jose Mariano Valenzuela. A preliminary congress of maritime workers from all over Chile was scheduled to be held in the port of San Antonio 23-25 January 1953. The PCCh in Valparaiso has appropriated 55,000 pesos towards the expenses of this preliminary congress, 15,000 of which came from the Asociacion Jose Mariano Valenzuela. The following number of delegates was expected at the San Antonio congress: Valparaiso, 16; Antofagasta, 3; Tocopilla, 3; Coral, 3; Iquique, 2; Coquimbo, 2; Talcahuano, 2; and one each from Arica, Puerto Montt, Lota, and Punta Arenas. Plans for the San Antonio congress were worked out during a series of meetings from 12-14 January held at the headquarters of the Communist-controlled Sindicato de Panificadores (Bakers' Union) at Calle Bustamente 62 in Valparaiso. These meetings were attended by Caupolican AGUIRRE, Communist leader employed in the customs section of the Santiago airport, who acted as technical advisor.

4. The Communists in the second commune in Valparaiso have named a committee of three to select a suitable office for the headquarters of the regional office of the Frente de Pueblo in that city. This committee is composed of Medardo CHAPA, Adam RAMIREZ, and Juan ENCINA. It is planned to use this place as a regular meeting place of the PCCh and to set up there an "escuela de quadre" (political school) if the Law of Defense of Democracy is abrogated.

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