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1. The Union Chilena de Mujeres (UCM), Chilean Communist feminine movement, has been set up as one of the so-called "mass" organizations of the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh), rather than as an organized controlled movement such as the PCCh itself, the Communist youth movement, or the Frente del Pueblo.
2. The UCM is comprised in reality of a small group of leading Communist activists who produce Communist propaganda, including an occasional news bulletin, and arrange and direct periodic meetings of leftist women members. The current Communist line is transmitted at these meetings. The activist group includes Gloria RODRIGUEZ, Chela ALVAREZ, Berta VOLOSKY, Sara WEITZMAN, Raquel WEITZMAN, Ema CUEVAS, Julieta CAMPUSANO, Luisa VICENTINI, and Elena CAFFARENA (de SILES), Chilean Communist women leaders. CAMPUSANO, as a member of the PCCh Political Commission, transmits instructions from that directive body to the UCM activist group, and Gloria RODRIGUEZ, feminine correspondent of El Siglo, directs the activities of the UCM group itself. None of these women is a member of the nominal UCM directorate.
3. The UCM, meanwhile, has sponsored a number of gatherings of women at which the principal themes have been repeal of the Defense of Democracy Law and of the U.S.-Chilean Military Aid Pact, with emphasis on how both "affect the lives of husbands and sons of Chile's women." The meetings to date have been of a passive nature and have involved little organizational procedure, other than solicitation of contributions, which bring in a total of about 300 pesos per meeting. The meetings are generally confined to speeches by one or more of the activists, in which they outline PCCh policy with regard to specific matters and impart the Party line and instructions. Occasionally these meetings are on a fairly large scale, but they usually consist of small groups in the various villages or union headquarters, which are visited periodically by the activist group.

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