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1. During the last days of February and the early days of March 1953, several important political changes were made at the National University in San Salvador. Dr. Francisco Roberto LIMA was appointed Dean of the School of Economics, to succeed Dr. Rudolfo JIMENEZ Barrios, long-time Salvadoran Communist; and Dr. Jose Maria MENDEZ, was appointed Business Manager. Dr. Julio Fausto FERNANDEZ, recently discharged Counselor at the Salvadoran Embassy in Chile,¹ was named Vice Dean of the Humanities Faculty.²
2. The appointments of LIMA and MENDEZ were backed by the Vaca Llerenista,³ composed predominantly of Salvadoran lawyers, loosely joined together for political unity and power; the clergy; and the Partido Democrata (PD), a new and unknown political group which appears to have the backing of the Vaca Llerenistas.
3. Dr. LIMA, who has been a member of the Vaca Llerenista group for many years, stated that his appointment was the first step in removing Communists from the Department of Economics, where there are still many pro-Communists and sympathizers.

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2. [REDACTED] the appointment of FERNANDEZ was secured through the assistance of Reinaldo GALINDO Pohl, Minister of Culture.
 3. It is believed that the Vaca Llerenista, the Partido Democrata, and the representatives of the coffee wealth of El Salvador have been brought together by GALINDO Pohl in an effort to gain political strength for his presidential campaign in 1956.

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