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Juan Lorio, Secretary General of the Partido Socialista de Nicaragua (PSN) has proposed to the Executive Committee the formation of a new party bearing the name "Popular Democratic." Lorio pointed out that the present title "Socialist" is too restrictive in its implications and not convenient for the fight against imperialism. Lorio felt that a reorganized party under a new name would attract some of the present members of the Liberal Independent Party, university students, and Central American Unionists.

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Comment: The constitution currently being written by the Somoza-dominated Constitutional Convention contains a clause forbidding political parties to have international affiliations extending beyond Central America. Under a similar ruling, the PSN has been refused legal status since 1939.

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