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1. On 10 January 1949, a Nicaraguan revolutionist who had participated in the movement by Honduran exiles against the Carias regime in Honduras in October 1948, reported to Juan Bosch his views on why the movement failed.
2. According to the Nicaraguan, Honduras General Rufino Solis was the only leader who could have successfully overthrown the Carias regime. Instead of Solis, General Moises Gomez led the revolt and bungled the job completely. The Nicaraguan specifically pointed out Gomez' mishandling of aid secretly offered by the Guatemalan government. Gomez and several of his officers, Gen. Carrasco, Gen. Aguilus and a lawyer named Miralda, were so indiscreet in their public discussions of the Guatemalan offer that it was withdrawn before any effective aid was transmitted.
3. Source also blamed the selfish actions of the Liberal leader of Honduras, Angel Zuniga Huete, in withholding his support from the anti-Carias movement for fear of losing the Presidential elections himself.
4. According to source, the other factor which contributed to the downfall of the Honduran revolt was the interference of the United Fruit Company, which favored the maintenance of the Carias regime. Source attacked United Fruit as having organized a conspiracy to thwart the revolutionists at every turn, but admitted that he had been unable to uncover any proof of this alleged interference.

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