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- 25X1X6 1. [REDACTED] within the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) has stated that the Political Commission of the Party has recently adopted new political tactics in preparation for the congressional elections scheduled for 6 March 1949. The Party has decided to work closely with all political parties now in opposition to the present government. ( [REDACTED] Comment. The previous Party line, as reported by a different source in [REDACTED] was directed toward undermining all opposition parties.)
- 25X1A6a 25X1A2g 2. An attempt will be made to penetrate the Radical Party, and circulars are now being distributed to regional leaders recommending a pact with the Radicals. "The Radicals must not be confused with the GEN" is the slogan which will be used for the new campaign. The first step in this new program, which is expected to remove the PCCh from its voluntary isolation, will be to offer electoral aid to the Radical candidates opposed to the official Radical directorate (GEN). This offer will be extended to include the Radicales Democraticos, enemies of the PCCh since the presidential election of 1946.
- 25X1X6 3. Another [REDACTED] confirmed this information and stated that the PCCh is definitely seeking allies for the electoral fight. This search for allies has the appearance of a complete internal reorganization of the Party. The word has been given to fraternize with the "fundamental Radicals" and the parties forming the FRAS. The Political Commission has determined to eradicate what it terms sectarianism, and has ordered Party members to ally themselves with the masses, even of other parties. It warns that care should be taken, however, to prevent this new attitude from causing the development of passiveness, opportunism, and lack of discipline in PCCh ranks.
- 4. Instructions were issued to PCCh leaders setting forth measures for organizing a powerful Frente Nacional Democratico (FND). These measures included setting up committees in all areas to direct all activities such as strikes, protests, petitions, struggles against repressive laws, and mass movements. In actual practice, the FND will be directed by the PCCh, although no known Communist member will appear on the directorate.
- 5. At the same time these instructions were sent out, the Political Commission agreed on immediate action. Humberto Abarca was designated to sound out allied parties

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and parties which were possible allies. Among the allies are: The Partido Socialista Unificado, headed by Marmaduke Grove; the Movimiento Social-Laborista, directed by Armando Rodriguez Quezada; the Partido Laborista, a new Communist creation; the Socialistas Autenticos, directed by Asdrubal Pezoa; and the Alianza Popular Libertadora, led by Carlos Ibanez del Campo. Among the parties listed as possible allies are: the Partido Radical-Democratico, headed by Marcelo Ruiz Solar; the Partido Socialista Popular, whose president is Eugenio Gonzalez Rojas; the Partido Agrario Laborista, headed by Jaime Larrain Garcia-Moreno; and the Falange Nacional, presided over by Tomas Reyes. ~~██████████~~ Comment. A Chilean broadcast on 2 February 1949 indicated that no agreement had been reached between the Frente Nacional Democratico and the FRAS to arrange an electoral pact throughout the country to support a single ticket. The Falange, one of the four parties composing the FRAS, is the only party to support this pact.)

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6. Special work is to be done in connection with the Partido Radical Doctrinario, which does not figure directly in the FND.
  7. Carlos Contreras Labarca, who was reported in ~~██████████~~ to be in favor of collaboration with other groups, has expressed himself before the Political Committee as being in perfect accord with the new policy. He stated that these tactics will permit the PCCh to regain ground in the 6 March elections. The primary task of the Party is to acquire votes, which will require care to avoid repressive government measures while at the same time satisfying the workers' demands for improved labor conditions. It is not prudent for the Party to step into union struggles to the extent of bringing about illegal strikes. All movements must be kept within the confines of absolute legality, in order not to provoke the government and to protect the workers from reprisals. He stated that all pending strikes were legal. In the coal mines, a serious strike could have taken place, but it was stopped on orders from the Party. The strike vote was not won because the workers eliminated from the electoral lists by the Law of Defense were not permitted to vote, and therefore there was not a sufficient quorum. The Party refrained from instigating an illegal strike as a matter of prudence. This same policy will govern activities in all industries. Workers' petitions will be studied by Party lawyers and each step the unions take will be carefully controlled. In this manner, Contreras Labarca hoped to cause new problems for the government and to tie its hands.
  8. Humberto Abarca has confirmed the adoption of the program set forth by Contreras Labarca. Abarca is acting as Secretary General while Ricardo Fonseca is ill. The other members of the Executive Secretariat of the Central Committee are Fonseca, and Galo Gonzalez and Luis Reinoso (Reynoso) who are in hiding. Abarca said that the Party is now engaged in studying electoral formulas which will permit support for candidates who will be in the next Congress. This support cannot be open or official, according to Abarca, because there is a risk of invalidating elections, but the Communists who maintain their voting privileges will cast their votes as ordered by the PCCh directorates.

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