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1. It is reported that Marcelo Ruiz Solar, leader of the Chilean Radical Democratic Party which is a member of the FRAS coalition, has been authorized to accept the Communist proposition for alliance.*
2. The Agrarian-Labor Party, another member of FRAS, allegedly does not favor a formal agreement with the Communists. It is noted that Jaime Larrain Garcia-Moreno, the president of the Agrarian-Labor Party, did not attend a meeting held after the middle of January in which the proposed unity with the Communists was allegedly discussed.
3. Serious differences concerning the proposed political union with the Communists are also reported to exist among leaders of the Falange Nacional. Many Falange leaders allegedly feel that any official electoral agreement with the Communists would seriously endanger unity within their party, since a great number of Falangists are ardent Catholics and would be unwilling to accept a formal alliance with the Communists, even to gain political advantage. Tomas Reyes, the president of the Falange, has personally expressed neither approval nor disapproval, but has claimed that it would be necessary to consult the National Executive Board of the party before such a decision could be taken. It is believed that he is stalling for time and waiting to see what decision will be made by the other components of FRAS.
4. Although Eugenio Gonzalez Rojas, the Secretary General of the Socialist Party, has personally expressed his approval of the Communist proposal for the formation of a National Democratic Front, the majority of the members of the Central Committee of the Socialists are opposed to such an alliance. In view of the attitude of these members, Gonzalez Rojas is reportedly delaying the calling of a Central Committee meeting until the political situation becomes clearer.

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Comment. [REDACTED] reported that the Communist Party of Chile was attempting to gather all anti-government parties into a Frente Nacional Democratico.

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