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1. Although the 5 February 1949 edition of Las Noticias Graficas stated that more than 10,000 people had participated in the parade organized by the Frente Nacional Democratico (FND), it is reported that only some 400 Communists were present on the afternoon of 4 February for the parade. The Communists and others participating in the demonstration were easily controlled by an estimated 100 Carabineros, who had been given orders to disperse any paraders.
2. The FND had attempted to organize a demonstration in honor of Communists recently released from the Pisagua prison camp. On the day the rally was to take place, Juan Bascunan, the administrator of the stadium where it was to be held, advised the FND leaders that he could not permit the stadium to be used by Communists or Communist sympathizers. It is reported that pressure had been brought to bear on Bascunan by Santiago Commissioner Rafael Pacheco Sty, a member of the Bernardo Ibanez Aguila faction of the Socialist Party. Subsequently Pacheco Sty also refused permission for the proposed procession to proceed from the Estadio de Chile to the Plaza Italia. He did grant permission for the group to parade from a point outside of the stadium to Plaza Ercilla (Parque Cousino). In spite of the permission which he had granted, Pacheco Sty gave orders to the Carabineros to disperse any paraders.
3. When the 400 FND adherents gathered on 4 February in front of the Estadio de Chile, the only speaker was Cesar Godoy Urrutia, the Communist Party Parliamentary whip. The Carabineros permitted him to speak for only three minutes. The FND leaders then tried to organize the parade to the Plaza Ercilla, but they were allowed to proceed only as far as the Club Hipico, where they were dispersed by the Carabineros.

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