

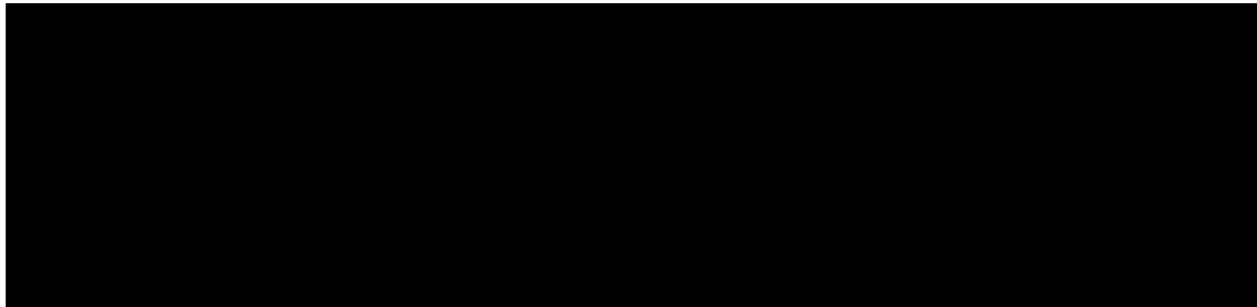
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The following background information has been obtained on the Frente Nacional Democrático (FND), Communist-front organization through which the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) is hoping to elect deputies and senators sympathetic to Communism.

1. The FND was organized 20 April 1948 and its offices are located at Calle Merced 815 in Santiago. At the time of its establishment, it was stated that its aim was to fight against hunger, speculation, and imperialism. The FND has held forums and meetings among all types of people in groups composed of labor leaders, members of student federations, intellectuals, merchants, and women's organizations. The meetings were used to express the discontent of all classes of people and to criticize the government on various topics of the day such as light rationing during the winter, high prices, the extraordinary powers of the president, and prosecution of Communists.
2. In June 1948, its formal political program was adopted. This program included recommendations for municipal control of utilities, exploitation of Chilean resources for and by Chileans, industrialization of Chile and destruction of monopolies, agrarian reforms, reductions in taxes and in tariffs affecting Argentina, Peru, and Bolivia, and various labor measures.
3. The FND is composed of the Partido Socialista Unificado, the Partido Socialista Autentico, and the Communist Party. There are also other groups, such as the Partido Liberalista, the Movimiento Social Laborista, the Partido Democratico del Pueblo, and the Partido Radical Doctrinario.
4. In August 1948, the Political Committee of the PCCh made attendance at the FND meetings obligatory for all militants. The Executive Committee of the FND formally adopts the various resolutions of the organization, but in practice the decisions are made by the Communist Party Political Committee. Militants of the PCCh control the FND, so that resolutions contrary to the Party line have no chance of being passed.
5. The members of the Executive Committee of the FND are listed with their titles and their party affiliations:

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- a. Marmaduke Grove Vallejos, President. Grove is a Senator and also the President of the Partido Socialista Unificado.
 - b. Elias Lafertte G., Vice President. Lafertte is also President of the Chilean Communist Party and a Senator.
 - c. Carlos Vicuna Fuentes, Vice President. Vicuna Fuentes is a lawyer of considerable prestige, who has consistently throughout his political life in Chile defended the cause of the underdog, both Communists and Conservatives.
 - d. Armando Rodriguez Quezada, Secretary General. He is head of the Social-Laborist movement, having been expelled from the Radical Party. He was civil aide-de-camp of ex-President Pedro Aguirre Cerda, and is now the national President of the Boy Scouts.
 - e. Carlos Rosales, Director, and member of the Communist Party. Rosales acts as liaison between the FND and the Communist Party. He was elected Deputy in 1939 as member of Socialist Party. This became the Socialist Workers Party and in 1944 amalgamated with the Communist Party.
 - f. Santiago Wilson, Director. President of the Partido Democratico del Pueblo (The Democratic People's Party). He is Vice President of the Spanish-Chilean Commission of Help to the People of Spain.
 - g. Angelina Matte Hurtado, Treasurer of FND and a member of the Socialista Unificado Party.
 - h. Daniel Acuna, Director and Socialista Autentico member.
 - i. Asdrual Pezoa, Director, and head of the Socialista Autentico Party.
 - j. Luis Videla S., Director, and Socialista Autentico member. He is Vice President of the "Comite Nacional de Solidaridad y de Defensa de las Libertades Publicas".
 - k. Santiago Aguirre, Director. Aguirre is an Independent and pro-Communist. He is Treasurer of Partido Socialista Unificado, and Secretary of "Comite Nacional de Solidaridad y de Defensa de las Libertades Publicas."
 - l. Juan B. Arredondo, Socialista Autentico member.
6. When meetings of the FND first began to be held in August 1948, they were attacked by the Accion Chilena Anticomunista (ACHA), which however has been reportedly inactive in recent months. At that time, the government suspended one of the meetings which was to be held in a large theatre in Santiago. It has not since taken legal action to prevent the group from holding public meetings. A meeting was held on the occasion of the anniversary of the Russian Revolution, and in December 1948 a large mass meeting of the FND, attended by approximately 4000 men, was held in the Estadio Chile.

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