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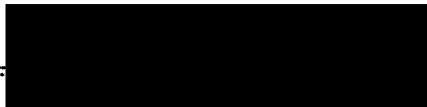
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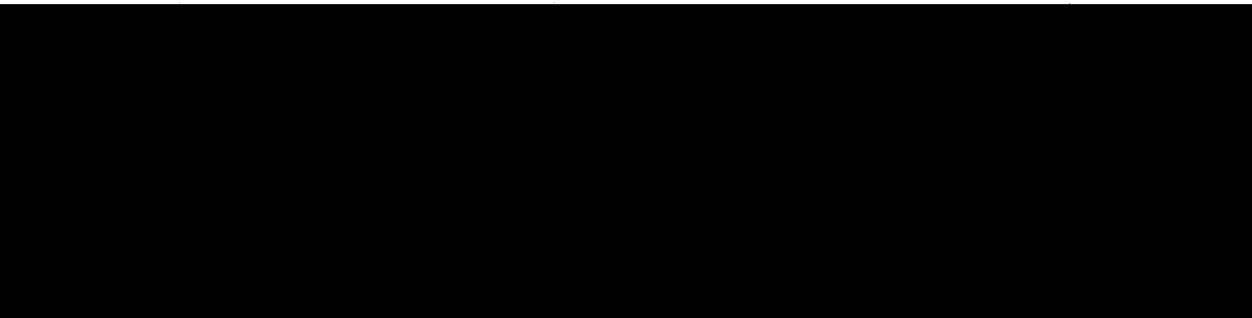
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1. A new division has taken place within the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) which has resulted in the elimination of Humberto Abarca and Pascual Barraza. Abarca, who reportedly has failed in his task of uniting the parties within the Frente Nacional Democratico (FND), has been replaced in the executive secretariat by Luis Valenzuela Valenzuela, who is also known as Luis Valenzuela Moya. Valenzuela is a former railroad union leader who at one time was in charge of Administration for the Political Committee of the Party, and maintained Party correspondence with Communist Parties in other countries.
2. The Political Committee recently met and censured Abarca for his failure in his political maneuvers in behalf of the FND. The Central Committee joined in voting to eliminate him from the Secretariat, which now consists of the following:
 - Ricardo Fonseca, Congressman, Secretary General of the Party, who is now gravely ill;
 - Luis Valenzuela Valenzuela, Congressman, in charge of Administration and Congressional matters;
 - Galo Gonzalez Diaz, in charge of Control and cell matters, and also acting as Secretary General during Fonseca's absence; and
 - Luis Reinoso, also known as Reynoso, in charge of Organisation.
3. Pascual Barraza was held in Pisagua with other Communists, but because of illness, he was released by former Minister of Interior Alfonso Quintana Burgos. When Barraza was released, Galo Gonzalez ordered that he be watched closely since it was feared that Barraza might have made some deal with the government. He was finally removed as Secretary General of the Regional Committee of Santiago.
4. Raul Barra Silva has been named chief of the Political Committee of the Santiago Regional Committee. The appointment was a surprise to most Party members, since Barra was outside the executive group of the Central Committee.
5. Valenzuela and Gonzalez have emerged as the strong men of the Party. It is believed that additional changes will be made in Party leadership, but the changes will not

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be apparent on the surface. ~~Marca will continue to act in a liaison capacity with other parties, since he has the personality for this type of work while Valenzuela does not. Valenzuela leads a very quiet life, and keeps in the background of Party activities.~~

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