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1. Chilean Investigaciones made a technical examination of the fuses on the bombs which had been discovered at La Radio Nuevo Mundo on 30 January 1949, and came to the conclusion that the incident did not reveal a Communist-inspired attempt at sabotage. The police therefore advised the newspaper La Opinion to refrain from carrying sensational stories that a plan of Communist terrorism was under way.*
2. The radio station and La Opinion belong to Juan Bautista Rossetti, Socialist deputy. Source believes that the incident of the alleged attempt at sabotage was invented by members of the Socialist Party to arouse anti-Communist sentiments and to attract more persons to the public meetings held by Rossetti and Bernardo Ibanez, who are Socialist candidates in the 6 March elections.**

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Comment. La Opinion carried a sensational story on 31 January 1949 covering an alleged attempt of the Communist Party to blow up the radio station, La Radio Nuevo Mundo. At 7:00 A.M. on Sunday morning, 30 January, a laborer of this radio station found two bombs, one at the transmission station and one at the base of the antennae. The police were notified and La Opinion denounced the attempt as a plan of Communist terrorism. The paper took advantage of this opportunity to point out the government's error in suspending its Extraordinary powers, and stated that henceforth the country would be at the mercy of the Communists. Several newspapers followed La Opinion's lead the following day.

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Comment. There were only 250 persons in attendance at the Act of Proclamation of Ibanez and Rossetti, and on 3 February, Ibanez had to cancel a meeting in the Casa del Pueblo because of lack of an audience. Only a dozen people came to hear Ibanez tell of his recent trip to Europe.

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