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1. Juan Philips, former aide to Juan Vega, a Calderon supporter exiled in Nicaragua, stated on 8 April 1949 that a Calderonista uprising would take place in Costa Rica soon. However, he furnished no details. Vega in the meantime has reportedly left for Mexico.
2. Captain Federico Starke, who fought throughout the recent Calderonista invasion of Costa Rica as an aide to Rafael Calderon Guardia, left on 5 April 1949 for Lima, Peru, on board the Peruvian ship Mantaro, as an aide to Peruvian Army Marshal Eloy G. Ureta, former candidate for President of Peru.*
3. According to source, Rafael Calderon Guardia appears to have abandoned politics for the time being, and any new revolutionary attempt would be made by Francisco Calderon Guardia in conjunction with ex-President Teodoro Picado. Source believes that the Calderonistas are grasping at any straw available.
4. The amount of arms available to the Costa Rican exiles is dependent largely on the attitude of Somoza, according to source. There appeared to be the same amount as when the December invasion was started.

Comment. Starke's trip to Lima may involve an attempt to procure some help for the Calderon group, for Starke is a bitter enemy of the present regime in Costa Rica.

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