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- 1. The Chilean government has ordered the newspapers to present the 5 June riot in Santiago as part of a plot to overthrow democratic governments throughout America. The principal newspapers have complied with this order and have stressed this theme in reporting the incident.
- 2. [] the 5 June meeting* was a part of a plan of the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) to hold a series of flash meetings, but the Communists were completely unprepared for the events which occurred. They plan, however, to take full advantage of the incident and use it to intensify their agitation for unification of the workers and the reconstruction of the old Confederacion de Trabajadores de Chile (CTCh). No further unrest is yet apparent.

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Comment. Although government statements accuse fascists as well as Communists, the meeting had been planned by the Communist-dominated group of the CTCh. When permission to hold their meeting in the Santiago auditorium was denied the group at the last minute, Communist and Frente Nacional Democratico (FND) leaders in the crowd organized a march to a nearby plaza where orators attacked the Gonzalez Videla government. The crowd numbering approximately 3000 began insulting and throwing rocks at the Carabineros who had been summoned to preserve order. In the ensuing panic and fights approximately 30 persons were injured and one soldier was killed.

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