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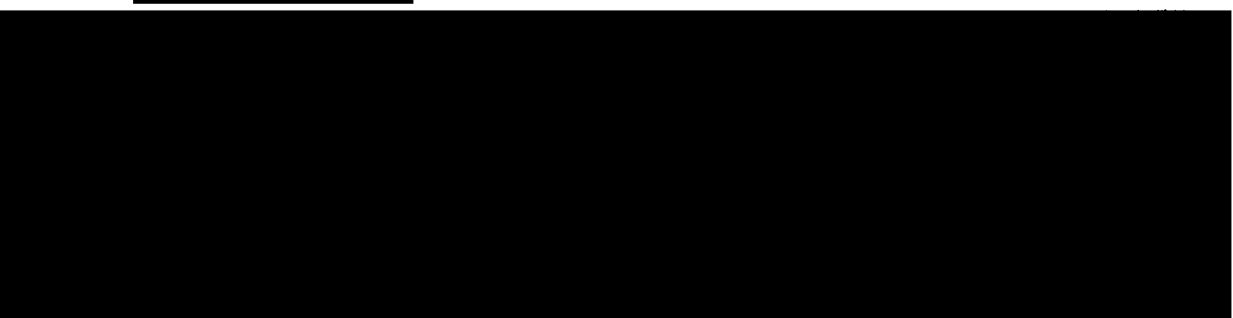
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1. Although the Chilean press had reported that Carlos Ibanez del Campo had initiated the proposal for a political pact of all opposition parties in the Santiago senatorial campaign,* sources reported that the Political Commission of the Communist Party was actually responsible for proposing the alignment of all forces in opposition to the government. Miguel Concha and Humberto Martones were active in this endeavor in behalf of the Communists. As soon, however, as the proposal appeared to be favorably received by the other opposition groups, the Communists who had engineered it stepped aside and made it appear as though the incentive had come from the other parties. The Communists allegedly then awaited an expected invitation to join the opposition group. This maneuver reportedly failed when the Popular Socialists called an immediate meeting and decided not to accept any political pact with either the Liberals or the Traditional Conservatives. The Communists then decided that they could not act independently of other leftist groups.
2. The Communist Party is not interested in which candidate is elected to the vacancy left by the death of Arturo Alessandri Palma on 24 August. It is anxious, however, to take advantage of the election as a propaganda vehicle and it wants to effect political pacts which may be influential later on in the 1952 presidential election. The Communist Party is reported to feel that Alessandri should be replaced by a senator representing either the Socialist Party of Chile, the People's Democratic Party, or an independent backed by Carlos Ibanez del Campo.
3. It is estimated that the Communist Party controls about 15,000 votes for the senatorial election in Santiago, which makes it an important factor in any political combination. The Communists have therefore been approached by several political factions but no definite agreement has been made with any of them since the non-Communist groups will not agree to the repeal of the Law of Defense of Democracy which the Communists demand in exchange for their votes.

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[Redacted] Government. The Santiago press reported that Carlos Ibanez del Campo, former President of Chile, had proposed a political pact joining all the opposition parties, ranging from the rightmost Liberal Party to the Communists, in an effort to deprive the government coalition of this opportunity to gain another seat in the Senate.

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