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1. Leaders of the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) consider the organization of a unified labor "Central" in Chile as one of their top priority projects.<sup>1</sup> The Communist aim is to enlist the support of all Chilean white-collar and labor groups, irrespective of political ideologies. PCCh leaders harbor no illusions of Communist control over such an organization. On the contrary, they believe that no one political group will be able to muster sufficient strength to control an organization of this type, and that it will most likely be built around Clotario Blest's Comando Nacional de Obreros y Empleados. The organization will be established more along the lines of the Junta Nacional de Empleados de Chile (JUNECH) with the presidency or secretary-generalship rotating among the various member organizations.
2. In the event the above plan fails to materialize, the Communists would propose a so-called "independent", such as Clotario Blest, for the leadership of the organization. Blest they qualify as a "responsible leader essentially loyal to the working class".
3. The Communists do not believe that the Popular Socialists will agree to the plan of various Ibanista leaders to organize a Peronista type labor "Central" in Chile, affiliated with the Argentine CGT. They believe, on the contrary, that the Popular Socialist adhesion to Ibanaz has been of a political nature and that in such instances as the organization of a labor central, they will be Socialists rather than Ibanistas. They qualify Wilfredo Aranda, semi-governmental employees leader, and Oscar Weiss Band, leading white-collar workers' official, as belonging to this category. They argue that the same holds true for such leaders of other parties who supported Ibanaz as Guillermo Sanchez A., vice-president of the Partido Democratico del Pueblo and an ex-director of the CTCh and CTAL.

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4. The Communists further claim that the movement for a single labor "Central" will have the support of Manuel Ovalle, leader of the Copper Workers' Confederation. A series of preliminary conferences are being held this week, designed primarily to obtain the support of Isidoro Godoy, Socialist leader of the Bakers' Union.
5. PCCh leaders have instructed the Party's cells, meanwhile, to work for the placement of as many Communists and sympathizers as possible on delegations to the various conferences and congresses, which will lead up to the final organization of a unified "Central".

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1.  Comment:  reported the concern of PCCh leaders over movement toward a "Peronista" inspired labor "Central".

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