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1. THE RALLY AT SANTA ANA PLAZA ON 17 JANUARY 64 WAS COMPLETELY DOMINATED BY THE PARTIDO DEL PUEBLO (PDP PEOPLES PARTY - COMMUNIST) AND WAS ATTENDED BY A CROWD ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE. AGITATORS WERE WELL SPRINKLED THROUGHOUT THE GATHERING TO INCITE THE PEOPLE TO APPLAUSE AND TO CHANTING ANTI-U.S. SLOGANS. SPEAKERS INCLUDED CESAR CARRASQUILLA, BOLIVAR CERRUD, HUMBERTO HARRIS, CEFERINO TORRES, SERGIO OTERO, RUBEN REYNA, ADOLFO AHUMADA, ELIGIO SALAS, AND VICTOR AVILA. IN ADDITION TO ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES AND DEMANDS FOR CANAL ZONE SOVEREIGNTY, THE SPEAKERS MADE VEILED THREATS

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AGAINST ANY RETREAT BY PRESIDENT CHIARI AND AGAINST FURTHER REPRESSION, SUCH AS THE ARREST ON 17 JANUARY OF FELIX DIXON AND ANDRES GALVAN OF COLON. AFTER MEETING, CROWD MARCHED TO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AND WERE JOINED EN ROUTE BY APPROXIMATELY TWO THOUSAND ADDITIONAL PERSONS. THE PURPOSE, AS STATED BY AVILA WAS TO TELL THE PRESIDENT THAT HE WILL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE FOR AS LONG AS HE HOLDS TO HIS PRESENT POSITION. AT THE PALACE, PRESIDENT CHIARI ASSURED THE CROWD THAT HE WILL STAND FAST.

2. A SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT ^{WAS} MADE DURING ADDRESS BY SALAS, WHO SAID THAT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS HAVE DECIDED TO GO OUT ON THE STREETS TO ORGANIZE THE PEOPLE TO TEACH THEM HOW TO FIGHT IN THIS STRUGGLE, "THE LAST DEFINITE ONE." [REDACTED]

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