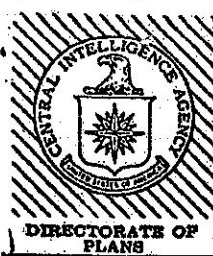


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SUBJECT Views of the Christian Democratic Party on Moves to Create Unity Movements in Opposition to the Government of El Salvador

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1. [Redacted] Comment: The following is an explanation of Salvadoran opposition unity movements [Redacted] This explanation is accepted in its main lines by PDC leaders. Concern over the unity movement issue arose with the formation of the Front for Popular Unity (FUP) and it was questioned whether the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) was succeeding in organizing a "popular front" for the 1972 national elections.)

2. During June, two unity movements in opposition to the Government of El Salvador (GOES) were instituted, each having a different composition and purpose. One movement has achieved opposition "popular unity," and the other a degree of "political unity."

3. Various PCES-sponsored groups at the University of El Salvador (UES) such as the General Association of Salvadoran Students (AGEUS) and the Front for University Action (FAU) sponsored a series of meetings during June. As a result, the Communist-controlled Revolutionary Party (PR) and the Unifying Federation of Salvadoran Trade Unions (FUSS) joined with the UES groups to form a movement of "popular unity" in opposition to the GOES. This movement is known as the Front for Popular Unity (FUP). FUP has no formal organizational structure and its original purpose was to support the strike of the Salvadoran National Teachers' Association (ANDES). (Headquarters Comment:

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4. With its strike still in progress, ANDES ~~has appealed~~ to and received rather limited support from the trade unions, opposition political parties, and student organizations. Insofar as FUP, at least in appearance, has become more active in its support to ANDES, it has given the erroneous impression of being a "popular front" which includes the legal opposition parties. Despite PCES efforts to encourage this "popular front" image, FUP does not include or represent any of the legally recognized opposition political parties.

5. [Redacted] Comment: [Redacted]

[Redacted] the FUP no longer limits its activities to support of the ANDES strike. Additional FUP goals now are the achievement of an acceptable labor code and passage of legislation permitting the formation of rural trade unions.

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6. During June the legally recognized opposition political parties, the National Democratic Union (UDN), the PDC, the National Revolutionary Movement (MNR), and the Salvadoran Popular Party (PPS), held a series of meetings aimed at the establishment of "political unity" for the specific purpose of defending opposition interests in the formulation of a new electoral law. The "political union" has no formal name nor organizational structure. This political group hoped to negotiate some form of cooperation with the PR in view of the fact that although not a legally recognized party, the PR disposes of some 2,000 trained political activists and can deliver 30,000 votes in a national election. In late June and early July Jorge Shafick ~~X H a n d a l~~, the secretary general for both the PR and the PCES, made a brief but unsuccessful effort to introduce the PR into the "political unity" group on an equal footing with the other members. While the present purpose of this group is related to electoral legislation, its members recognize that it could represent the initial stage of an electoral coalition.

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7. [Redacted] Comment: [Redacted] the

discussion currently underway among the opposition parties is aimed at exploring the possibility of a coalition for the forthcoming presidential elections.)

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