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SUBJECT: MPD AND PCD ISSUE MANIFESTOS

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1. IN APPARENT REACTION TO LAST WEEK'S GODR CRACKDOWN ON ALLEGED PLOTTERS IN WHICH SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF COMMUNISTS ARRESTED (INCLUDING, PCD SAID, 30 ITS MEMBERS), MPD AND PCD EACH ISSUE MANIFESTO IN WHICH IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES OF ESTREME LEFT WERE SUBMERGED IN GENERALLY SIMILAR THEMES OF ATTACK ON YANKEE IMPERIALISM AND PUPPET BALAGUER GOVT AND CALL WAS MADE TO ALL POPULAR SECTORS FOR UNITY.

2. BOTH NANIFESTOS SAW HEIGHTENED CRISIS IN DR AND PRAISED RECENT STRIKE ACTIONS (STUDENT AND CEMENTWORKERS), AS WELL AS WELL AS INCREASED POPULAR PROTESTS AGAINST GOVT. REPRESSION. MPD TERMED THESE MEASURES "INTRODUCTION TO MORE COORDINATED AND EXTENSIVE ACTIONS OF POPULAR MASSES", WHILE PCD ACCEPTED THEM AS "POSITIVE" AND AS "STRENGTHENING POPULAR STRUGGLE."

3. SIMILARLY, BOTH PARTIES EMPHASIZED THAT MASSES SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED BY CLASHES BETWEEN TWO OLIGARCHIC FACTIONS--TRUJILLOISTS AND ANTI-TRUJILLOISTS (INCLUDING IMBERT)--AS BOTH FACTIONS REACTIONARY, ANTI-PEOPLE AND PRO-US. ALTHOUGH IMBERT OLIGARCHIC FACTION MAY ALSO WISH OVERTHROW BALAGUER, BOTH PARTIES AFFIRMED MASSES MUST ACT INDEPENDENTLY SEEK ING THEIR OWN OBJECTIVES. MPD DEFINED ITS OBJECTIVE AS "DEMOCRATIC-POPULAR GOVERNMENT" AND PCD REITERATED CALL FOR "GOVERNMENT SIMILAR TO THAT ARISING FROM APRIL REVOLUTION." BOTH CONCLUDED WITH CALL FOR UNITY OF UNITY OF ALL POPULAR SECTORS, HEADED BY WORKERS AND CAMPESINOS. ALTHOUGH BOTH INCLUDED SECURITY

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