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1. In a year-end analysis reported in leftist-nationalist El Nacional December 31, the Fourteenth of June Revolutionary Movement (MR-1J4) called 1967 a "transcendental year" for the movement. If it is true that a harsh sacrifice is being paid with lives of martyred heroes Orlando Mazara, Luis Parris, Reyes Saldana, and Carlos Castillo, it declared, the party is today a solid, consolidated organization, ready, it implied, for the year of struggle ahead.

2. The statement particularly attacked the National Police, declaring that because of the "innumerable abuses" perpetrated by the police against the people, the former is experiencing a greater loss of prestige than during the days of the Triumvirate. It cited the blacker aspects of the situation during the year as "trade unions destroyed, revolutionary students expelled; many deaths; great crimes and multiple abuses; no protests allowed; all public manifestations broken up and impeded with night sticks and bullets; arbitrary imprisonments and searches; journalists beaten or menaced; a thousand cases more of high truculence and dictatorial impudence." With regard to economic conditions it listed scarcities of products, including food; hunger; and poor business generally.

3. However, the MR-1J4 finds some good signs in the situation with regard to the military. Their analysis sees a "supposed

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slippage of military support" of the Balaguer regime -- "the premise for a coup d'état." The alleged loss of support to Balaguer was attributed to a division within the Armed Forces, the product of "inter-oligarchical contradictions" and of the "tense situation" which exists between diverse military groups. "Imperialism" controlled these contradictions until now, it was added, but influenced by the "apogee of the people's revolutionary sentiment" ample sectors of the Armed Forces had been won over by the "revolutionary and democratic movement". Nevertheless, it claimed that the Armed Forces had undergone reorganization at the hands of officials of the Pentagon, explaining that all during the year intense training courses were conducted by the "green berets" among the Armed Forces, and that military exercises under "yankee supervision" frequently took place in the hills of the country.

4. The Dominican people know, the 14th said, that those responsible for their plight are Balaguer and Yankee imperialists. The latter's penetration grew during the year, with a rise in the US Embassy's personnel to 600 in order to increase the Embassy's vigilance over the national political activity. Accused of involvement in this "imperialist penetration" were such institutions as the "Office of Community Development" and the "Institute of Social Promotion" [redacted] which joined the Peace Corps in its "diabolical work". It said that the Peace Corps had doubled its size during the year and was "swarming today over all the rural zones of the country".

5. Nevertheless, the MR-LJ4 concluded, the national situation is seriously critical for imperialism and the native exploiters and particularly for the lackey regime of Balaguer. The Yankees are blocked from consolidating Balaguer in 1968 by the situation at the end of 1967. And in spite of blows suffered, the people have achieved success in their battles and 1968 will be, the 14th predicts, a year of great struggles on the part of the people; in the coming campaigns, the people will emerge victorious, roundly defeating their enemies and the Balaguer government, which represents the latter.

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