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SUBJ: PDC REACTION TO SUMMIT

1. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) MADE ITS FIRST PUBLIC REACTION TO SUMMIT CONFERENCE WITH OFFICIAL PARTY STATEMENT MADE PUBLIC YESTERDAY. RELATED EDITORIAL COMMENTARY TODAY IN GOVERNMENT'S LA NACION MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AS REFLECTING CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC OPINION.

2. BOTH STATEMENT AND EDITORIAL USE RESULTS OF CONFERENCE TO ASSAIL MARXIST PARTIES IN REBUTTAL TO LATTER'S RECENT BITTER PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST CONFERENCE. THEY POINT OUT HOW COMMUNISTS HAD MALICIOUSLY PICTURED CONFERENCE AS US SHOW WHERE OTHER HEMISPHERE NATIONS WOULD DOCILY AGREE TO CREATION OF INTER-AMERICAN PEACE FORCE AND WOULD MEEKLY SUPPORT US POLICY IN VIET NAM. PARTY STATEMENT POINTS OUT WITH PRIDE THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO CONFERENCE THAT NEITHER SUBJECT WOULD BE RAISED AND NEITHER WAS RAISED. "WOULD THIS HAVE OCCURRED AT A CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS WHO WERE MERE PUPPETS?" EDITORIAL ASKS RHETORICALLY.

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3. PDC CHARACTERIZED PUNTA DEL ESTE MEETING AS A BRILLIANT FOREIGN POLICY SUCCESS FOR CHILE. EDITORIAL NOTED THAT ALL OF CHILEAN THESES WERE ACCEPTED IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE. PARTY STATEMENT STRESSED THAT BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER VALDES AND PRESIDENT FREI HAD PUSHED HARD FOR INTEGRATION AND STATED THAT COMMITMENT MADE AT PUNTA DEL ESTE WAS A BIG STEP IN DIRECTION OF CONTINENTAL COMMON MARKET. EDITORIAL LAUDED REALISM THAT EXISTED IN DISCUSSION OF COMMON PROBLEMS AND CALLED THIS NEW SPIRIT OF REALISM AND WILLINGNESS TO FACE UP TO TASKS AHEAD "GREATEST OF THE VICTORIES." IT STATED THAT CHILE EMERGED FROM CONFERENCE "UNITED WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, IN INDEPENDENT POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE US AND IN PRIVILEGED POSITION AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES WHO ARE STRIVING FOR AMERICAN UNION".

4. BOTH EDITORIAL AND PARTY STATEMENT CLAIMED THAT CONFERENCE DEMONSTRATED LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY BEHIND CHILE AND OPPOSED TO BOLIVIA. AS EVIDENCE OF THIS SOLIDARITY, EDITORIAL POINTS OUT THAT BOLIVIAN NOTE IN WHICH PRESIDENT BARRIENTOS DECLARED THAT HE WAS NOT GOING TO ATTEND CONFERENCE WAS NEITHER READ NOR CIRCULATED AMONG PRESIDENTS. "THIS ATTITUDE EMBRACES PATENT RECOGNITION OF GENEROSITY WITH WHICH OUR COUNTRY HAS FACED BOLIVIAN PROBLEM" EDITORIAL ADDED. (TRANSLATION OF BOTH PARTY STATEMENT AND EDITORIAL ARE BEING FURNISHED TO DEPT.)

5. COMMENT: PDC'S STATEMENT CONSTITUTES FIRST OFFICIAL REACTION OF NON-MARXIST PARTY. PROBABLY WILL ELICIT REACTION FROM OTHER NON-MARXIST PARTIES AS WELL AS FROM MARXISTS. DUNGAN
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