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1. TODAY'S LISTIN DIARIO REPORTED 27 MEMBERS OF PRD ARRESTED AT ENSANCHE LOS MINAS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 9, DETAINED FOR FEW HOURS, AND THEN RELEASED FOLLOWING INTERVENTION OF SECRETARY OF POLICE AND INTERIOR LUIS AMIAMA TIO AND ATTORNEY GENERAL MANUEL GARCIA LIZARDO.

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2. IN SUBSEQUENT PRESS STATEMENT PRD SEC GEN JOSE FRANCISCO PENA GOMEZ ASSERTED THAT ARRESTS NOT ISOLATED ACT BUT ONE MORE PROOF OF VERACITY OF PRD CHARGES REPUBLIC FEAR AND INSECURITY WHICH MAKE IMPOSSIBLE EXERCISE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THOSE ARRESTED, HE SAID, HAD BEEN CONDUCTING INSIDE MEETING TO DISCUSS NATIONAL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION AND UNION MATTERS. HE PRESUMED THAT THEY HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

3. PENA GOMEZ SAID THAT SINCE PRD LEADERS AND MILITANTS AROUND THE COUNTRY SIMILARLY HARASSED AND PERSECUTED IT ONLY NATURAL THAT PRD UNABLE CARRY OUT NORMAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. AS A CONSEQUENCE PRD OBLIGED TO TAKE RESOLUTE AND MILITANT OPPOSITION POSTURE, REFUSING INVITATIONS TO DIALOGUE. PRD MAINTAINS, HE ADDED, THAT THERE CANNOT BE DEMOCRACY WHERE A POLITICAL PARTY CANNOT HAVE RADIO PROGRAM, HOLD MEETINGS, OR EXERCISE RIGHTS GRANTED BY CONSTITUTION OR LAW. HE EXPLAINED THAT AS PRD BELIEVES GOVT LOSING CONSTITUTIONAL CHARACTER IT HAS STATED THAT IT WILL NOT MOBILIZE ITSELF TO DEFEND PRESENT GOVT. ON OTHER HAND, FAITHFUL TO ITS CONSTITUTIONAL AND DEMOCRATIC LINE, PRD WILL NOT FORM PART OF ANY GOVT THAT ARISES FROM A GOLPE DE ESTADO. ONLY RECTIFICATION ON PART OF GOVT THAT PERMITS DEMOCRATIC COEXISTENCE WILL SAVE NATION'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS FROM DISASTER, HE SAID.

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4. PENA GOMEZ ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED INTERVENTION OF AMIAMA TIO THAT LED TO RELEASE OF THOSE ARRESTED. FURTHER, HE CONGRATULATED GARCIA LIZARDO FOR HIS ZEALOUS EFFORTS TO EFFECT THE RELEASE AS WELL AS FOR HIS OTHER "RESPONSIBLE ACTS," PARTICULARLY FOR

HAVING ASKED THAT POLICE INVOLVED IN GOMEZ CUELLO SHOOTING BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE AND FOR HAVING TAKEN STEPS WHICH LED TO DEFINITIVE EXPROPRIATION OF MARTINEZ ALBA PROPERTY.

5. APRIL 8, EL NACIONAL CARRIED FULL-PAGE 14TH JUNE MANIFESTO DENOUNCING ALLEGED TRUJILLISTA PLANS FOR "OPERATION CLEAN HOUSE" - WAVE OF TERROR DIRECTED AGAINST REVOLUTIONARIES AND ANTI-TRUJILLOIST SECTORS - DURING PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE FOR SUMMIT MEETING. FOLLOWING DAY, NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONALIST FRONT DENOUNCED SIMILAR SUPPOSED PLAN BY "EXTREME RIGHT" TO PHYSICALLY ELIMINATE MEMBERS OF REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, PARTICULARLY EX-CONSTITUTIONALIST COMBATANTS.

6. COMMENT: PENA GOMEZ' PRAISE OF GARCIA LIZARDO MAY BE RESULT OF AMB'S HAVING CHIDED HIM LAST WEEK FOR REFUSING GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF ANY OF GOVT'S ACTS OF REDRESS. IN ANY EVENT PRD HAS NOW PRAISED THREE LEADING MEMBERS OF GOVT (PEREZ Y PEREZ, AMIAMA TIO, AND GARCIA LIZARDO) BUT CONTINUES WITHHOLD CREDIT FROM BALAGUER FOR THEIR PRAISEWORTHY ACTIONS. PRD ARRESTS, IT WILL BE NOTED, OCCURRED ON SAME DAY AMIAMA TIO ORDERED POLICE CHIEF TO ENSURE THAT POLICE ACT LEGALLY HENCEFORTH AND TO REPORT TO HIM IMMEDIATELY ANY POLICE INFRACTIONS OF THIS ORDER (SEE SEPTTEL).

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