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SUBJ: STUDENT SITUATION

1. AUGUST 20 RALLY AT UNIVERSITY CITY ORGANIZED BY NATIONAL STRIKE COMMITTEE (CNH) AND TEACHERS COALITION ATTRACTED 15,000. NON-ATTENDANCE OF ANY SENATORS OR DEPUTIES AT SCHEDULED DEBATE PROMPTED DECLARATION BY RALLY LEADERS THAT NEXT MAJOR DEMONSTRATION ON AUGUST 27 WOULD CARRY THE STUDENT DEMANDS TO LEGISLATORS. PARTICIPATION OF IPN AND UNAM STUDENTS IN "INFORMATION SQUADS" ATTEMPTING ELICIT FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT TO BE INCREASED THIS FRIDAY. RALLY ORATORY DOMINATED BY HARD LINE; REITERATED REFUSAL PARTICIPATE IN CORONA DEL ROSAL'S TRIPARTITE COMMISSION, NO CHANGE IN DEMANDS.

2. EXCELSIOR THIS MORNING CARRIED HALF-PAGE AD CALLING FOR NEW POLITICAL PARTY APPEALING TO YOUTH. FIRST ASSEMBLY OF "PARTIDO NUEVA PATRIA" TO BE HELD IN D.F. LATE SEPTEMBER. ACCORDING TO CAS, SIGNERS MAINLY TROTSKYITE AND OTHER COMMUNIST. SEPARATE AD PLACED BY DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS AND OTHER INTELLECTUALS/ARTISTS DENOUNCED DANGERS OF ANTI-COMMUNISM AND CALLED FOR RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, NOT JUST THOSE RESULTING FROM JULY 26 EPISODE. AMCONSUL MERIDA REPORTS DEPARTURE SOME PCM MEMBERS FOR CAPITAL, ONI ORDERS FROM CENTER.

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3. AGAINST GROWING EVIDENCE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN STRIKE MOVEMENT THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED INDICATIONS IN AFTERNOON PAPERS THAT CRACKS IN STUDENT LEADERSHIP WIDENING. EL SOL REPORTS MOVE TO OUST TWO OF SPEAKERS AT YESTERDAY'S RALLY FROM

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LEADERSHIP OF TEACHERS COALITION. ULTIMAS NOTICIAS REPORTED
DENUNCIATION BY FNET LEADER OF THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO IMPEDE
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
IPN PROFESSORS AD IN SAME PAPER CALLS UPON ALL ELEMENTS TO
ADOPT CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE. FREEMAN

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