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ON JANUARY 6, FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED CENTRAL CAMPESINA INDEPENDIENTE (CCI) HELD MEXICO CITY. ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT CCI WILL SEEK ALLIANCES WITH OTHER GROUPS LOOKING TOWARD FORMATION NEW POLITICAL PARTY TO TAKE PART IN STATE AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS. INDICATIONS FROM SPEAKERS IS THAT CCI HOPES TRANSFORM ITSELF INTO POLITICAL PARTY BY MAY 1.

PARTICIPANTS IN ORGANIZING CONVENTION CCI INCLUDE MANY PROMINENT COMMUNISTS AND PRO-COMMUNISTS. THREE LEADING OVERT ORGANIZERS APPEAR TO BE BRAULIO MALDONADO, ARTURO CRONA AND ALFONSO GARZON. BOTH MALDONADO AND CRONA MLN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHILE GARZON IS MLN BACKED AGRARIAN LEADER. PRESENT ON THE SPEAKERS PLATFORM WAS LAZARO CARDENAS WHO GAVE ADDRESS SUPPORTING THE CCI. ALSO AT HEAD TABLE WAS GENERAL CALESTINO GASCA, LEADER OF AN ABORTIVE REVOLT AGAINST GOVERNMENT IN 1961 INDICATING THAT HIS REAL BACKING WAS FROM LNT.

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MLN, HAVING BEEN PREVENTED BY GOM FROM FORMING POLITICAL PARTY IN 1962, HAS DETERMINED CREATE CCI TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AGRARIAN PROBLEM EMBARRASSING TO PRI TO FORM NEW COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED POLITICAL PARTY. WITH THIS TACTIC, CARDENAS AND THE MLN PROBABLY BELIEVE THAT, SHOULD GOM MOVE AGAINST CCI AS DIRECT THREAT TO PRI, MLN WILL BE LEFT UNTOUCHED. AFTER CCI ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING CARDENAS TOLD REPORTERS THAT CCI IS NOT MEMBER OF MLN AND THAT MLN CAN NOT BECOME POLITICAL PARTY BECAUSE IT IS A HEMISPHERE-WIDE ORGANIZATION.

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