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Explosion of a bomb in the Merced Church:Reports the --, resulting in considerable material
damage, and explosion of a second bomb under the
dwelling of "Chepe" Esquival, and third similar act
in one of the largest coffee farms of this district.

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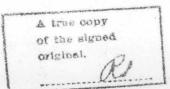
I am obliged to entertain some doubt on this score, though it is still my uppermost desire that Costa Rica will be able to avoid permanently impairing its traditional political stability.

There have occurred during the last four days Who was a way three events of unprecedented nature for Costa Rica and I am not in a position to lay the blame therefore to any source. I refer to the explosion of a bomb several days ago in the Merced Church, where considerable material damage resulted; to the explosion of a that ar in line har but of a the aboles of designates will second bomb two nights ago under the dwelling of 100 440 M S AS MOY reserved a "Chape" Esquivel, a wealthy San José merchant; and time will be sepret and claborate contag contribto a third similar act last night at one of the lartions igolating the Sizes in which the Congress gest coffee farms in this district. These bombs have been laid at the door of Communism, although without sufficient proof to convince me. One thing is certain, however, and that is that the perpetrators of these attempts were plainly encouraged by the disorganized state of affairs in the country, although the distinction between cause and effect is not entirely clear.

The directors of the Ricardista party and the twentyfour Ricardista Deputies to the new Congress have held
several meetings during the past few days to draw up
a plan of action for the opening session of the Congress.
They have all decided unanimously in fevor of the Candidacy of don Ricardo Jimenez for First Designate, but

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they have not yet settled the duestion of choices for Second and Third Designates. Press statements have been issued by the Ricardista party leaders admitting that they have not yet decided on their candidates for thesetwo posts but giving assurences that all the twenty-four Deputies of the Party have solemnly pledged themselves to remain united in this respect.

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It is probable, however, that party unity on the choice of designates will materialize before Congress meets on May 1st. The session at that ** time will be secret and elaborate zoning restrictions isolating the block in which the Congress building is situated have been made. This is one of a number of presautions taken by local authorities to attempt to guarantee order in the city of May first, which, in my opinion, will be the critical moment during this pariod. If the May first hurdle can be cleared safely, the worst should be over.

Respectfully yours,

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