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among the youth the cry has assumed much greater proportions.

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Both German and American observers have commented that the lack of intensive political training and youth cadres might direct this drift to the left. Frei and Caldera have specifically asked the West German CD party's Institute for International Solidarity to increase its support in the student training field. However, the Germans, who have long been proponents of organizational programs in Latin America, appear inclined to the position that the youth and student field in the party leaders have permitted the situation to deteriorate too long for even a massive training program to produce a moderating trend.

Several CD leaders, most notably Frei in Chile, and Caldera in Venezuela, have expressed considerable concern over the growing radicalization of party youth wings. In several countries the positions assumed by CD youth groups (or important wings) are almost indistinguishable from those of pro-Communist youth elements. In Venezuela, the wing of the COPEI youth headed by Marta Sosa is so "far out" it has earned the sobriquet "the Astronauts." Chilean President Frei reportedly told a German Christian Democrat that his youth wing is moving dangerously far to the left. In Panama, the assumed positions of the CD youth has radical as often at least as those of the Communists. And in the Dominican Republic the Social Christian group in the National University, while differentiating itself from the Communist students on certain issues, has frequently taken a parallel line.

The Labor Arm

The great concern of responsible party leaders is that these students, as they progress from campus to party ranks, will swell the ranks of the radical wings and push other parties further left. Other observers, however, except the "radicals" to mellow once they participate directly in party life and cope with hard political reality. Both views can be defended. Some mellowing is inevitable, but in the past ten years the demand for revolutionary (even non-violent) change has mushroomed -- and

A major influence in the development of the Christian Democratic movement will be the actions and attitudes of its labor organization, the Latin American Confederation of Christian Trade Unionists (CLASC). So far, as an organizer force, it has been a dismal failure except among the campesinos. Its only impact and size-populous up to this time has been as a political action instrument with primary appeal to the working classes. In this role, it has earned a reputation for independent action and irresponsibility that has reflected negatively on the whole movement despite CLASC's vigorous claims that it is not subservient to the Christian Democratic political leaders.

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