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1. [REDACTED] the Party is urgently in need of funds, both for the Conference of the Confederacion de Trabajadores del Ecuador (CTE), to be held in Cuenca on 1 May, and for the PGE Congress scheduled for June 1949 in Guayaquil.
2. The Quito area of the Party is responsible for raising 8,000 sucres for the Party's participation in the CTE conference. It was seriously doubted if Quito would be able to provide more than half its quota. Although the National Headquarters of the CTE will provide the actual funds for the Congress, the PGE is in need of its own funds in order to carry on its propaganda and organizational work at the Congress.
3. The National Treasurer of the PGE will collect funds for the CTE Congress from other provinces as well as from the Quito area. She plans to initiate action to collect dues in arrears from other provinces and to start a program of voluntary contributions from the general public, particularly from small businessmen. The Party openly regards its campaign for funds from merchants as a matter of "riot insurance", and many nonsympathetic merchants in both Quito and Guayaquil contribute small amounts each year to the Party to protect their shops.
4. [REDACTED] the Treasurer of the Central Committee of the Province of Pichincha reported to Maria Luisa Gomez de la Torre that the collection of the monthly quotas (dues) from members and sympathizers has fallen off sharply. Only about one-third of the 400 quota payers have paid up to date and many of the remainder are as much as three months in arrears. Although Quito is within the Province of Pichincha, the finances of the PGE city organization are handled separately. In the Quito area there are about 1,000 paying members or sympathizers who contribute an average of five sucres a month.

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