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of members are listed as:

- 1. Attendance at assemblies and civic acts organized by the PRI
- 2. Obedience to the decisions of the Party
- 3. Support and diffusion of the Party's principles and political platforms
- 4. Support for the Party's candidates in elections
- 5. Loyal execution of assignments given by the PRI
- 6. Punctual payment of regular and extraordinary dues levied by the Party
- 7. Report changes of domicile

Members who fail to meet their obligations are subject to various sanctions, which are listed in the statutes as 1) admonition, 2) temporary suspension of rights, 3) removal from post (for Party officers), 4) expulsion from the Party, and 5) expulsion with statement of treason.

The severity of the sanction is established by the following standards:

Admonition - for failure to attend Party assemblies and civic acts; and for deficiency in carrying out Party assignments.

Temporary Suspension - for refusal to carry out assignments; and for repeated failure to pay dues.

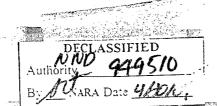
Removal from Post - for negligence in execution of political, social or administrative duties; for violation of the Statutes; for misuse of Party assets; and for profiting from Party position

Expulsion - for divisive activities among members; for advocating principles contrary to those of the Party or departing from the Party's political policies; for acting against the Party's candidates; for lack of probity in carrying out public duties; and for indiscipline towards the Party's decisions.

Expulsion with Statement of Treason - for connivance with other political parties.

As a founding member of the original political organization which is today the PRI, Cardenas! membership in the Party was never questioned before he announced his non-affiliation with any party. However, a review of Cardenas! political activity during the past eighteen months shows that if it had wished, the PRI would have found ample justification for expelling Cardenas by the strict application of the statutes. When he said in Apatzingan last year that Mexico was not immune from another revolution, he in effect said that the PRI was failing to achieve the purposes of the Mexican Revolution. His emotional espousal of Fidel CASTRO's

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cause runs contrary to the Government's more cautious expression of sympathy for the Cuban Revolution tempered by a policy of non-entanglement. Finally, Cardenas's sponsorship of the Latin American Peace Conference showed beyond a doubt that he was more of the stripe of the Partido Popular Socialista (PPS) than of the PRI, which tried to smother the Conference under a blanket of silence. Any of these activities, and undoubtedly many others, could have been adduced as a reason to oust Cardenas from the PRI had not other political considerations inhibited such drastic action. Foremost among these considerations is probably the desire for President Lopez Mateos to appear as the leader of all Mexicans united in the PRI. Expulsion of Cardenas would havecreated a significant breach in the Party in view of the large following that he commands. It might also have encouraged Cardenas to create a new party which would have posed a challenge to the PRI's supremacy. In short, it must have appeared preferable to the PRI to maintain a semblance of party unity by ignoring Cpardenas' deviations from national policy than to create an open break with one of its most outstanding members.

By his political actions, Cardenas showed that he was becoming increasing independent from the present PRI leadership. His isolation during the Peace Conference may have convinced him that the PRI no longer had room for him and he may have chosen to effect the break not by any formal act of resignation but rather by quietly disassociating himself from the Party — or any party — in a public statement.

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