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On Aug. 2, the Broad Socialist Party of the Left (PAIS) announced a decision to join a coalition of parties known as the Rally for Democracy supporting Christian Democrat leader and presidential candidate, Patricio Aylwin. After the 1973 coup, PAIS and many other leftist parties broke with the Christian Democrats because some party officials had supported the military takeover. PAIS president Luis Maira said, "This marks an instance of reconciliation and democratic hope," and that the party's support for Aylwin would be "unconditional and active." He added, "By supporting Patricio Aylwin, we also bury any historic complaint which may have come between us." With the backing of PAIS, Aylwin has the support of all opposition parties for the Dec. 14 presidential election. PAIS is a coalition of socialist "tendencies," including the Christian Left and supporters of Clodomiro Almeyda. (Basic data from Notimex, AFP, 08/02/89)

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