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To heal the wounds of three years
of partisan strife, the parish priest
of Urrao organized a collective
Catholic burial of Liberal and
Conservative casualties of *la*
Violencia. The priest kept careful
notes in the parish registry of
deaths that were the direct result
of *la Violencia* and after the
military coup of June 13, 1953,
instructed his parishoners to
collect the remains of their dead
relatives scattered outside the town
limits. The coffins are child-sized.