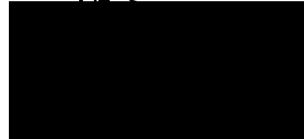


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1. The Argentine Army is split roughly into two factions. The Nationalist group is led by Generals Filomeno Velazco, Oscar Silva, and Orlando Peluffo. The Conservative faction centers around Generals Angel Solari, Ambrosio Yago, Felipe Urdapilleta, and a General (fnu)Rayo.
2. Both factions of the Army appear to be in agreement on the principal demands made of President Peron. These demands are:
 - a. Removal from the Government of all those individuals allegedly involved in scandals and graft, including any subordinates of Rolando Lafomarsino and Miguel Miranda who may be implicated.
 - b. A guarantee that Mrs. Peron will not intervene in any affairs of state and will confine her activities entirely to social and public welfare problems.
 - c. A decrease in the influence exercised in the Government by Dr. Ricardo Guardo, president of the Chamber of Deputies.
3. The Nationalist group is supporting Peron provided he meets their demands. Generals Velazco and Silva are reportedly using their nationalist and Army following to build up opposition to Peron's government policy and choice of cabinet members.
4. The conservative group (somewhat pro-democratic) is anti-Peron fundamentally but is willing to go along with the President if the requested reforms are carried out. General Solari was in charge at Campo de Mayo where a group of officers recently met to discuss the national situation. As a result of this meeting, Generals Podesta and Carosella were sent on 19 August to present the views of the Campo de Mayo officers to President Peron and to question him about such matters as the scarcity of essential commodities, the continuing migration of people from the interior to Buenos Aires because of adverse conditions in rural areas, and the scandals and mismanagement of funds in the official circle. General Podesta and General Carosella also hinted to President Peron that the officers thought some of the present cabinet ministers should be forced to resign.

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- 5. Rumors during the first weeks of August were still current that General Velazco was demanding the post of Minister of the Interior; however, on 22 August it was reported that the General had been offered the post of interventor of his native province, Corrientes. Velazco is said to have been willing to take that position only on condition that he also be given command of the Corrientes military zone.* Velazco was prepared to take over the Ministry of the Interior approximately two months ago, but the wave of assaults attributed to the nationalists supporting Velazco reportedly made President Peron reconsider this appointment.
- 6. There is considerable opposition within the Army to the naming of Gen. Silva to the post of Minister of War, as was generally rumored in mid-August. President Peron has reportedly offered Silva a diplomatic post to get him out of the way, but Silva has not accepted.
- 25X1X 7. [redacted] that unless the Army can reach an agreement on acceptable cabinet members, the President may be able to reshuffle his cabinet along less drastic lines than originally contemplated. It is believed that a partial shake-up of the present cabinet is probable, but that the President would try to delay any changes until after the Rio Conference.
- 8. The following are said to have presented their resignations to President Peron, but no action has been taken:

- Dr. Belisario Gache Piran, Minister of Justice and Public Instruction
- Dr. Ramon Coreljo, Minister of Finance
- Dr. Jose M. Freire, Secretary of Labor and Welfare

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[redacted] comment: General Velazco was appointed Interventor of the Province of Corrientes on 4 September.

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