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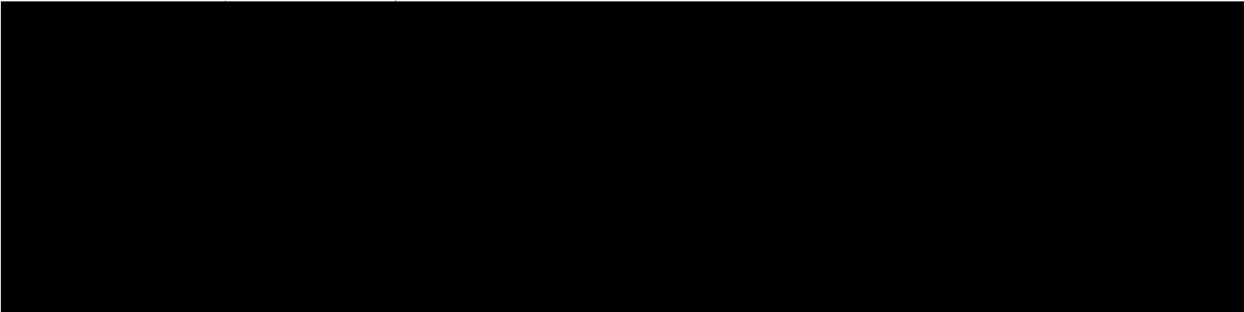
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- Several Argentine labor unions are planning to call strikes in sympathy with the current Argentine printers' strike. A bank employees' strike is expected this week and other strikes later. Over 1000 printers have been arrested by the police. Another source attests that the arrests total 3000, including many Communists and Socialists.
- The continuing tense situation centers around the army's demand that Mrs. Peron be removed from political activity. Nationalists led by Generals Oscar R. Silva and Juan Filomeno Velazco, and supported by General Humberto Sosa Molina, are insistent in this demand. Governor Domingo A. Mercante and certain other political figures are supporting Mrs. Peron. Mrs. Peron, with her brother Juan Duarte, have departed for Cordoba, Argentina.
- President Peron recently requested Vice President Hortensio Quijano to serve as President for three or four months. Quijano, who foresees a split in Peronista ranks and fears increasing unrest with possible disturbances, refused the position.

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Comment. The present serious Argentine situation is further complicated by the absence of newspapers. A deluge of fantastic rumors circulated by the political opposition to create confusion and unrest has made it almost impossible to distinguish fact from rumor.

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