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1. The Bolivian police have been continuing their roundup of Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) members and have arrested and deported to Arica, Chile the following:

- Oscar Arce
- Carlos Montellano
- Humberto Cataldi

2. The following have also been arrested:

- Dr. Alvaro Perez del Castillo
- Francisco Dabdoub
- Luis Pelaez Rioja

3. The search continues for these principal leaders who are in hiding:

- Mario Diez de Medina
- Federico Alvarez Plata
- Hernan Siles Zuazo

4. Two MNR members, Humberto del Villar and Carlos Daza Lavadenz, have surreptitiously returned to Bolivia from Chile.

5. During the last part of February 1949 three Peruvian citizens were arrested on the Altiplano near La Paz. They had entered Bolivia illegally by truck and had a quantity of money in their possession. These individuals were:

- Marcelo Agramonte Zabala
- Francisco Saroli Castellanos
- Jesus Ontiveros Luna

6. Agramonte had in his possession the sum of 40,000 soles in cashier's checks of the Arequipa branches of the Banco Popular del Peru and the Banco Inter-nacional del Peru. He also had two blank checks signed by himself. He claims to be an importer of automobiles and to have come to Bolivia on business. The police suspected the three of being involved in conspiracy against the Bolivian government and planned to deport them to Peru.

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- 7. It is reported that the police and army have prevented the shipment of arms from the Peruvian border into Bolivia, but that some arms are believed to have reached the border port of Puerta Acosta.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Newspapers in La Paz have begun to ask the government to justify the state of siege by producing proof that a revolt was planned for carnival time.

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