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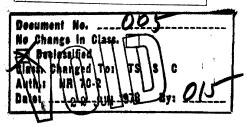
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- 1. Anti-government demonstrations on 23 July 1950 were marked by four known deaths when police or palace guards fired into the crowd. The anti-government strike is spreading with professional groups joining the students. Many commercial and industrial establishments have closed, and the situation is growing more serious with more and more possibility of violence from Communist-controlled forces, including labor groups.
- 2. The home of General Miguel Ydagoras Fuentes, opposition candidate for the presidency, was broken into on the night of 23 July 1950, and looted by pro-government elements. Pro-government forces called for another rally for 24 July 1950, and the general fear is that the situation will become as serious as the rally of 21 July, in which many persons were killed or wounded.

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