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the talks yesterday between representatives of the military, the congress, and the Bolivian Labor Central produced no apparent progress in resolving the impasse over what sort of government, if any, can replace Colonel Natusch. Labor spokesmen now appear more fearful that the military will again close down the congress and possibly exile the more recalcitrant among the labor leaders.

The Foreign Ministers of the other four Andean Pact states--Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, and Venezuela--yesterday issued a statement in Lima expressing "profound concern" over the developments in Bolivia and calling for the current talks there to ensure "the continuity of its democratic process." Reacting to a previous declaration by that group, Colonel Natusch earlier yesterday had threatened to withdraw Bolivia from the Andean Pact if the Foreign Ministers made a further statement he regarded as antagonistic toward his regime.

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