

~~Top Secret~~Bolivia

The officers' revolt against the military leaders appointed by President Gueiler apparently ended yesterday, but only after she agreed to replace her choice for Army commander. After intensive negotiations with General Meza, leader of the recalcitrant officers, armed forces commander Reyes consented to select General Rocha, as Army commander; he reportedly was suggested by the officers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Gueiler acted adroitly in keeping the issue an intramilitary conflict, and its rapid resolution is another plus. The affair nonetheless is symptomatic of the country's high degree of political instability and the continuing divisions among its military leaders. [REDACTED]