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25. Largest opposition party in Argentina demands government support Guatemala: The executive committee of the Argentine Radical Party, which polled over 2,500,000 in the April election, has issued a resolution proclaiming "solidarity" with Guatemala. The resolution demands that Argentine representatives in the Organization of American States defend Guatemala's right to "democratic self-determination."

The Radicals state that the recent receipt of Orbit arms by Guatemala is being used as a pretext for American intervention to defend the United Fruit Company. The United States is accused of reviving "big stick" policies to overthrow the "democratic" Guatemalan government while arming "dictators."
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Comment: The resolution appears designed not only to reflect traditional Radical views on foreign policy, but also to intensify political pressure on Peron, who is already seriously

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concerned over labor unrest. Since the principle of noninter-
vention is fiercely defended by all Argentines, the Guatemalan
problem presents Peron with the dilemma of possibly antagonizing
public opinion at home or appearing to be un-co-operative with
the United States. The Radicals apparently believe that either
of these two possibilities would be advantageous to their efforts
to undermine his regime. .