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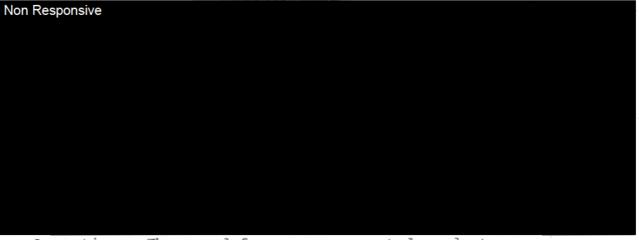
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The armed forces are apparently preparing to oust President Maria Estela Peron soon, perhaps as early as this weekend.

ices commanders have made the decision to remove Peron.

have finally overcome the longstanding hesitancy of the army commander, General Videla, and the three are now ready to move.

Military forces are said to be on alert and under orders to avoid contact with civilians "to preclude indiscretions."

The Argentine army is sending an officer to Washington to confer with the military attaché here. The officer is to pass along guidelines for dealing with the US news media "regarding events that will follow."

The armed forces would prefer to let civilians take the lead in removing the ineffectual President. The Argentine congress, however, seems unable to act.

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The Argentine armed forces apparently are continuing their preparations to remove President Peron.

An army courier arrived in Washington yesterday with instructions for the military attaché to prepare him for a takeover in Buenos Aires. The government, meanwhile, has approved a new economic plan in an attempt to head off a military coup. The plan includes a wage hike clearly aimed at preventing the threatened defection of organized labor.



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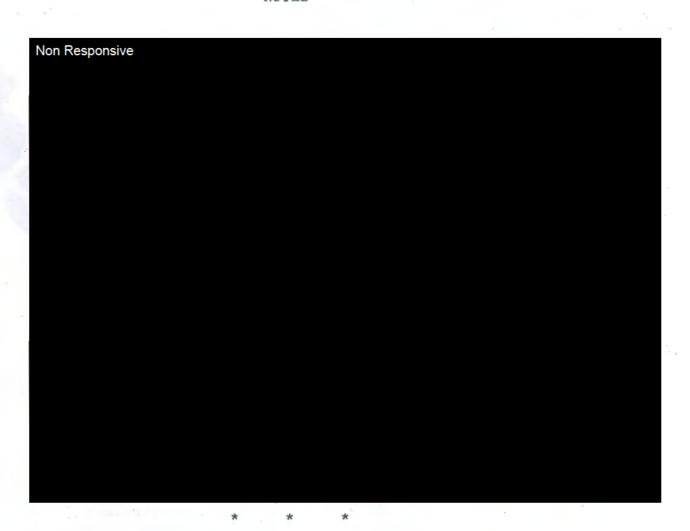
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A military coup against Argentine President Peron could occur at virtually any time.

Only the hesitancy of several key officers blocks the final decision to move.

coup preparations are complete. Naval vessels and marines have been deployed to strategic points throughout the country to control any disturbance that might follow a takeover.

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