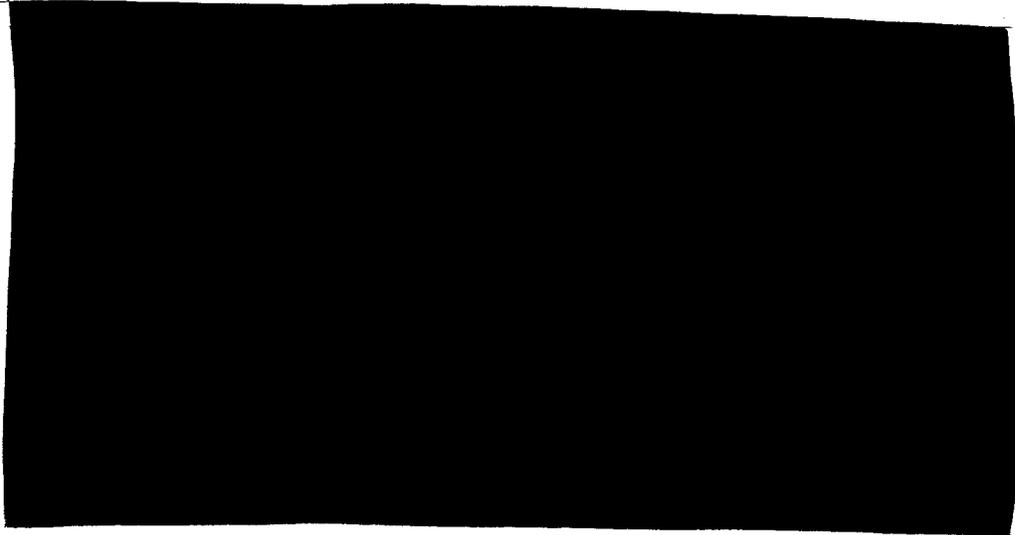


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BOLIVIA: Military Failure

The disturbances on Tuesday in Santa Cruz, which led to the burning of the US Consular Agency, reportedly were ordered by inveterate plotter General Hugo Echeverria, Commander of the 2nd Army Corps headquartered in that city. Echeverria had hoped the riots would cause similar disturbances elsewhere and create public support for a military takeover. An almost complete lack of response, however, has forced the rebels to abandon their efforts at least for now, and Santa Cruz is returning to normal. The military had expected that a repeat of last year's electoral impasse would provide rationale for a coup, and the plotters are concerned that a new mood of political accommodation has improved the prospects for a successful presidential election.



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