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1. GENERAL RICARDO PEREZ GODOY, CHIEF OF THE MILITARY JUNTA, AND JULIO VARGAS PRADA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE JUNTA, APPEARED ON A NATION WIDE RADIO AND LIMA TELEVISION PROGRAM THE EVENING OF 18 JULY '62 TO EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR THE COUP AND THEIR FUTURE PLANS. THEY SAID THAT THE MILITARY HAD ASSUMED POWER TO PRESERVE PERUVIAN DEMOCRACY, THREATENED BY ELECTORAL FRAUD. THEY ANNULLED THE ELECTIONS AND DISSOLVED THE NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL ELECTORAL BOARDS. THEY SET THE SECOND SUNDAY IN JUNE '63 FOR NEW ELECTIONS, PROMISED A NEW VOTING REGISTER AND SAID NO JUNTA MEMBER WOULD BE A CANDIDATE. THEY BID FOR HELP FROM THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS. PEREZ AND THE THREE ARMED FORCES

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MINISTERS FORM THE PRESIDUM OF THE JUNTA.

2. ACCION POPULAR^(AP)/HAS EXPELLED FIVE SENATORS AND TWENTY EIGHT PARTY CONGRESSMEN WHO DEFIED PARTY ORDERS AND WERE SWORN IN AT CONGRESS ON 17 JULY. AP SUPPORTS THE JUNTA AND HAS CALLED FOR SEVERE PUNISHMENT OF THOSE GUILTY OF ELECTORAL FRAUDS. AP LEADERS ATTENDED THE JUNTAS SWEARING IN CEREMONY. CONGRESS HAS BEEN CLOSED. APRISTA PARTY OFFICES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS PREFECTURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE MILITARY. THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT HEADQUARTERS IN LIMA HAS BEEN CLOSED. MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL BOARD, THE CHIEF OF THE GUARDIA CIVIL, GENERAL HUMBERTO QUEA, AND THE CHIEF OF THE ASSAULT GUARD OF THE GUARDIA CIVIL, GENERAL HUMBERTO QUINONEZ, AS WELL AS SOME NEWSPAPERMEN, ARE UNDER ARREST. LA CRONICA REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT PRADO IS BEING HELD ON THE CRUISER GRAU. GUARANTEES ARE SUSPENDED FOR THIRTY DAYS.

3. SMALL MOBS OF APRISTAS ATTACKED PROPERTY IN THE CENTER OF LIMA SEVERAL TIMES ON 18 JULY AND POLICE USED GAS AND WATER HOSES TO REPULSE THEM. POLICE FINALLY RESORTED TO FIREARMS WOUNDING THREE. THE PRESS FEDERATION HAS PROTESTED THE ARREST OF NEWSPAPERMEN AND THE OCCUPATION OF LA TRIBUNA. SAN MARCOS STUDENTS HAVE GONE ON STRIKE AGAINST THE WISHES OF STUDENT FEDERATION LEADERS. THERE ARE NO SIGNS THAT APRISTA EFFORTS TO MOUNT A GENERAL STRIKE ARE SUCCEEDING YET.

LA PRENSA OPPOSES THE COUP WHILE EL COMERCIO AND EXPRESO APPROVE OF IT.

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