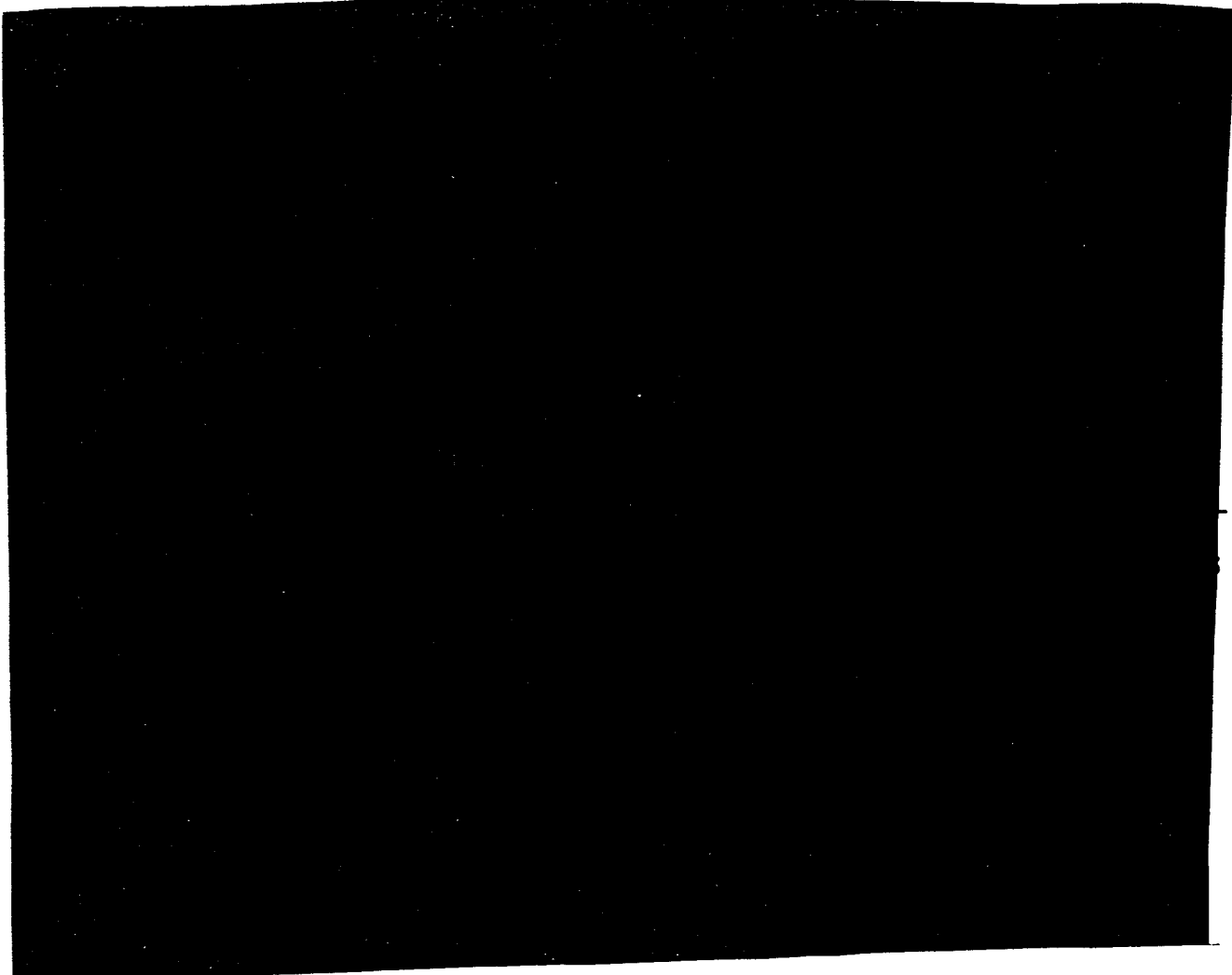


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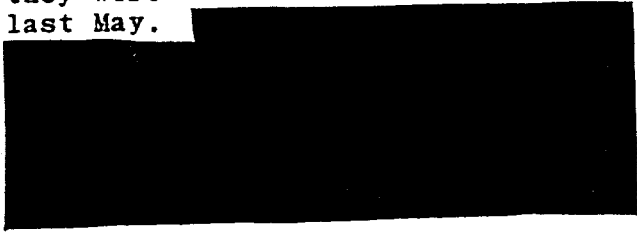


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PAZ-BARRIENTOS FEUD THREATENS BOLIVIAN STABILITY

During the past week, Bolivian Vice President Rene Barrientos has been under heavy pressure from his military and civilian followers to lead a coup against President Victor Paz Estenssoro. Barrientos is undecided, claiming that he does not want to overthrow Paz. He is doing little, however, to calm his supporters.

Paz and Barrientos have been drifting even farther apart than they were before their election last May.



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a climate of rumor and gossip damaging to the prestige of the armed forces.

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[REDACTED] scolded Barrientos for his attitude. He said that he could not understand the relationship between censorship and the prestige of the armed forces and accused Barrientos of placing his personal interests above those of his country.

In another letter published in the press, Barrientos claimed that press censorship imposed under the state of siege was creating

On the power front, little has changed. Barrientos can initiate an insurrection, but seems to be in a weak position at the moment to mount a successful coup since the bulk of the military and police forces are loyal to Paz. [REDACTED]

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