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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS



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Buoyed by last week's election results, Chilean President Allende plans to drop military officers from his cabinet because they are no longer necessary. *(Page 2)*

Argentina's president-elect, Hector Campora, is taking an initially moderate stance and talking about including non-Peronists in his government. *(Page 3)*

Turkey's parliament will try again today to elect a new president. *(Page 4)*

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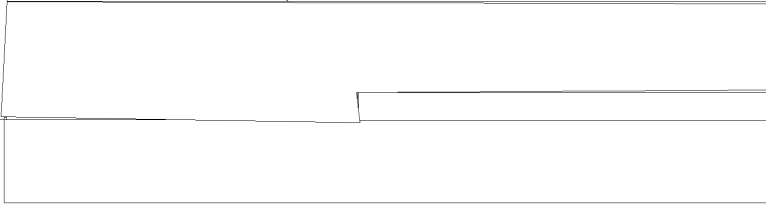
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CHILE

Encouraged by the strong showing of his Popular Unity coalition in last week's elections, President Allende plans to retain military officers in his cabinet only until the final returns are officially posted in late May. [redacted] he intends to keep officers in lower administrative posts.

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Allende evidently believes that he no longer needs such visible military support. Reducing the officers' political influence would also mollify the radical Socialists, whose strong electoral showing--ahead of the Communists--gives them renewed influence.

Among his other plans, Allende intends to increase government controls over the economy and will start by issuing rationing cards to consumers. He also plans to draft legislation to further the process of socialization.

Allende presumably calculates that these measures will steal some thunder from the extremists. He also assumes that the election-sobered Christian Democrats cannot afford to oppose some further socialization in view of their renewed interest in proselytizing among low-income groups.

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ARGENTINA

President-elect Hector Campora has adopted a moderate approach. Although he claims he has no specific cabinet members in mind, he has announced that his government of "national conciliation" will include political leaders from outside Peronist ranks.

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[redacted] no changes in the armed forces hierarchy are planned, and [redacted] efforts will be made to keep extremists within Peronist ranks in line.

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Campora's government will lean toward increased state control over basic sectors of the economy and toward restrictions on foreign investment. It will also try to orient foreign policy further away from the United States toward greater cooperation with Western Europe. Argentina will strive for leadership within Latin America and will move to renew relations with Cuba.

President Lanusse and the army general staff appear to have accepted the Peronist victory. Lanusse will stay on as president until Campora is inaugurated on 25 May

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NOTES

Turkey: Parliament will resume voting to elect a new president this afternoon. In the four ballots cast yesterday, Faruk Gurler, the candidate of the military high command, lagged far behind the Justice Party's Tekin Ariburun, although in the last vote Gurler was picking up some additional strength. The election is being held in an atmosphere of heavy military preparedness, with the possibility of a move against parliament one of the major considerations.

Laos: Chief Communist negotiator Phoumi Vongvichit claimed in a recent speech that US reconnaissance flights are in direct violation of the Vientiane peace agreement. Phoumi's statement could be the opening shot in a major propaganda campaign, and the Communists could also be preparing to use the issue as another excuse to delay implementation of the Vientiane agreement. Communist news commentators have accused the US of flying reconnaissance and bombing missions in violation of the agreement, but this is the first authoritative statement on recent US air activity.

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