

# Barrientos Says Military Court Should Try Ex-Aide

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LA PAZ, Bolivia, Aug. 19—President René Barrientos Ortuño declared today that Antonio Argüedas Mendieta, the former "Interior Minister who sent a copy of the Guevara diary to Cuba two months ago, should be tried for treason by a military tribunal.

Mr. Argüedas arrived in La Paz Saturday to face trial after a month of travel to Chile, Britain, the United States and Peru. He made a long statement to reporters on his arrival here, asserting that he had been an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency for the last three years.

President Barrientos declined to discuss Mr. Argüedas's statements about the C.I.A., but he said, "as far as I am

concerned, Argüedas has died."

At one time the two men served together as air force officers and had been friends.

Highly placed Government sources said earlier that Mr. Argüedas probably would be tried by the Bolivian Congress, which is scheduled to reconvene Thursday. A trial by Congress would give him an

opportunity to make further revelations.

The maximum sentence he could receive under the constitution is 30 years in prison.

The Central Intelligence Agency has declined comment on Mr. Argüeda's disclosures, which drew a picture of intense C.I.A. involvement in Bolivia's internal politics. The charges have created an uproar in Bolivia.

Newspapers reported that a number of families had informed them of the arrest of various politicians in the last few days, notably from the outlawed National Revolutionary Movement, the left-wing party of former President Victor Paz Estenssoro, who is in exile.

At 1 P.M. several hundred youths, most of them university students, tried to start an anti-Government demonstration

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along 16th of July Avenue, the main downtown boulevard in La Paz. Whistling at policemen and arming themselves with rocks, they occupied several key intersections.

But helmeted civil guards with gas masks and tear-gas guns moved in swiftly, marching abreast down the avenue, politely asking passers-by to stand aside and firing tear-gas projectiles.

Within 20 minutes downtown La Paz was blanketed with tear-gas and the demonstrators were dispersed. Civil guard officers, still wearing gas masks, apologized to some of the many American and French tourists left weeping and gasping at sidewalk cafes and in side streets.

There were apparently no arrests.