

BELAUNDE FAILS IN BID TO RETURN

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Ousted Peruvian Leader
Flies to New York

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Ousted Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry flew Tuesday night to New York after failing in a dramatic attempt to return to his country and confront the military leaders who overthrew him last Thursday.

Belaunde left aboard a non-stop Pan American flight.

Argentine air force soldiers had pushed and half-dragged him off a Lima-bound Braniff Airline plane three hours earlier.

Belaunde had boarded the Braniff aircraft after stating he was returning to his capital city to fight the Army leaders who sent him to exile in Buenos Aires.

"They won't let me go back to Lima," Belaunde screamed as he tried to stop the soldiers from taking him off the plane. "They are afraid of the truth."

Braniff Airline officials said they asked the Argentine authorities to take Belaunde off the plane because the Peruvian government had advised that the aircraft would not be allowed to land in Lima if Belaunde was aboard.

The Argentine government had warned Belaunde Monday night he would be expelled if he did not stop issuing political statements while in exile here.