

Slaying Protest

A Giant Strike In Argentina

Buenos Aires

Striking workers brought Argentina to a standstill yesterday as the funeral procession of murdered labor leader Jose Rucci filed through streets of the capital.

Thousands of workers walked behind the flag-draped coffin, carried on shoulders behind 33 carloads of flowers and two dozen helmeted motorcycle police.

Holding Peronist banners and cheering the "Peronist fatherland," the mourners walked five miles from the headquarters of the General Workers Confederation to the Chacarita cemetery.

STRIKE

The five-million-member confederation called a 30-hour strike, which began Tuesday at 6 p.m., to protest the assassination of Rucci, its secretary general. Several millions of workers stayed off the job.

President-elect Juan D. Peron joined mourners yesterday at the confederation headquarters where the Rucci's body lay in state.

SLAYING

Rucci was a staunch supporter of Peron and an anti-Communist. Leftist Peronists had called him a traitor to the working class and guer-

rilla groups had announced he was "sentenced" to death.

A member of the leftist Peronist Youth, Enrique Grinberg, was killed yesterday by four men who walked into his apartment and shot him point blank, police said. It was not known if the killing was politically motivated.

Police said anonymous callers claiming to be members of the Marxist "People's Revolutionary Army" had claimed responsibility for the killing of Rucci only hours after the guerrilla group was outlawed.

Interim President Raul Lastiri in a nationwide television speech Tuesday night warned that "wherever violence comes from — from the left or the right — it will be met with the same violence." The government, however, denied rumors that Peron might be sworn in as president before the inauguration date October 12.

The strike affected the entire nation, appearing to cut Argentina off from the world. All international flights were canceled, no newspapers appeared and long distance telephone operators refused calls. There was little movement in the streets and no buses or taxis.

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