

New Bolivian Regime Is Recognized by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UPI)—The United States extended recognition today to the new military government of Bolivia, headed by Col. Hugo Banzer Suarez.

A State Department spokesman, Robert J. McCloskey, said the United States ambassador in Bolivia, Ernest V. Siracusa, had delivered a note to the Foreign Ministry in La Paz.

"The United States note states our wish to reciprocate the Bolivian Government's intention expressed in its note [of Aug. 23] to continue friendly relations and cooperations with the United States," Mr. McCloskey said.

The United States was the 20th nation to recognize the Banzer government, which took power on Aug. 21 in a coup that toppled President Juan José Torres.