

# Ambush in Argentina-- Top Labor Leader Slain

## Buenos Aires

Submachine gun bullets fired from ambush yesterday killed Jose Rucci, Argentina's top labor leader and a strong supporter of President-elect Juan D. Peron.

Rucci's chauffeur also was killed and at least one of his bodyguards was reported wounded in the shooting outside a home in a residential area.

Rucci, 47, was general secretary of the General Workers Confederation.

Rucci's death, the fifth of a labor leader this year, came two days after Peron was elected to a third term in a landslide victory and one day after a new national police chief was sworn in pledged to bring "peace and order."

Rucci occupied a position in Argentinian similar to that



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**JOSE RUCCI**  
**Peronist is killed**

of AFL-CIO President George Meany in the U.S. Asked recently if he

feared assassination, Rucci said he was not worried about it, but added: "If anything happens to me, I want it to be very clear the it was (done by) the Trotskyists and Marxists."

The ERP was outlawed Monday in a decree by the government of Interim President Raul A. Lastiri, and new police chief Miguel Angel Iniguez was ordered to wipe it out.

The CGT, considered too bureaucratic and conservative by more leftist labor leaders, is one of the pillars of support for the Peronist movement.

Police said Rucci's body, covered with blood from multiple bullet wounds, was found lying in the entryway of the house. The house was believed to be one of several Rucci used as retreats.

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