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CONGRESS DEFEATS IMPEACHMENT CALL.

~~(C/NOFORN)~~ The Argentine Chamber of Deputies defeated a motion last night calling for Mrs. Peron's impeachment.

~~(C/NOFORN)~~ The congressional action may have moved the country closer to military intervention unless Mrs. Peron's political opposition can muster sufficient votes to declare her unfit to govern. According to press reports from Buenos Aires, the country's largest opposition party will present a petition today calling for a legislative assembly wherein Mrs. Peron could be removed from office on grounds of unfitness by a simple majority. Such a move would probably gain more support than the impeachment effort since many Peronists would consider the President's ouster by impeachment as a severe defeat for their political movement. Moreover, a declaration of unfitness -- for health reasons -- would save the President and some of her loyal party members from being exposed to alleged wrongdoings that could surface during impeachment proceedings.

~~(S/NOFORN/WHINT)~~ On the other hand, last night's impeachment failure may have been a result of an agreement between the President and opposition Peronists. An arrangement could have been made whereby Mrs. Peron agreed to resign or take an extended leave of absence in return for not being subjected to impeachment proceedings. In any event, military pressure for her removal is growing. It appears certain that should current congressional attempts to oust the President fail the military will move against her. ~~(S/NOFORN/WHINT)~~

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