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Province, touted as a potential weathervane of the administration's popularity, produced ambiguous results. While the orthodox Peronist coalition von the gubernatorial and vice-gubernatorial seats, it fell short of a majority in the provincial legislature. This was the first electoral test of the government's strength at the polls since the election of the late Juan Peron in September 1973.

made a weak showing, garnering less than 10 percent of ballots cast. The surprising showing of the principal opposition party, the Radical Civic Union, deprived the orthodox Peronists of the clean sweep they had hoped for, forcing them to settle for 46 percent of the vote.

(C)NLD) Social Welfare Minister Jose Lopez Rega had pumped millions of pesos into the province in an attempt to buy votes for the government's candidates, but the returns provided neither evidence of his success nor a clear repudiation of his tactics. In any event, his numerous critics will be hard pressed to criticize his campaign performance. Meanwhile, the poor showing of the dissident Peronist parties will probably stoke extremist arguments that violence is the only road to leftist political success. (CDS 21 Dec 21)

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