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On Aug. 17, commander-in-chief of the armed forces, Gen. Edwin Peredo, and Interior Minister Guillermo Capobianco said Bolivia is quite capable of dealing with drug traffickers, and requires no assistance from US troops. They were responding to a draft plan made public in Washington this week that may involve sending US military advisers to Bolivia, Colombia and Peru to assist local authorities. (See Chronicle, 08/15/89.) In recent years US troops have been sent to Bolivia to participate in engineering projects, and what were described as military maneuvers. Many Bolivian politicians have asserted that the US soldiers were in reality engaged in raids on cocaine laboratories or exercises to intimidate drug traffickers. Others, mainly leftist legislators, have argued that foreign troops should not be permitted to conduct operations of any kind in Bolivia. They claim that the presence of foreign troops is unconstitutional, and a violation of Bolivian sovereignty. (Basic data from Chronicle back issues; AFP, 08/17/89)