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AS OF NOON TODAY, PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TURNOUT IN SANTIAGO APPEARED TO BE VERY LARGE AND WITHOUT INCIDENT. GOOD HUMOR OF CROWDS IN LONG LINES BEFORE POLLING STATIONS MATCHED GOOD SPRING WEATHER. SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF HOSPITAL CASES BROUGHT TO POLLS ON LITTERS, SOME APPEARING TO BE INDULGING IN THEIR LAST RITE, A FURTHER INDICATION OF BIG VOTE. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED FROM ANYWHERE YET WITH HELMETED CARABINEROS IN EVIDENCE AT ALL STRATEGIC POINTS AND AT POLLS. BULK OF ARMY IS IN BARRACKS (TROOPS HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GUARDING POLLS INSIDE POLLING PLACES). JEFE DE PLAZA GEN. VALENZUELA HEAD-QUARTERED AT MILITARY ACADEMY WHERE SPECIAL FORCES PARATROOPS NOW BIVOUACED.
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