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3. (C) COMMENT: CONSERVATIVES AND SECURITY FORCES HAVE
 LONG CHAFED AT WELL FOUNDED PEOPLE WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE
 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY. BOTH THE GARCIA
 AND BELAUNDE GOVERNMENTS HAD REFRAINED FROM TAKING
 CORRECTIVE ACTION THAT COULD PRODUCE A NEGATIVE RESPONSE
 FROM THE LEFT, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF RADICAL
 STUDENT GROUP VIOLENCE. PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT TERRORISM
 HAS RISEN SHARPLY IN RECENT WEEKS, HOWEVER, AND THE POP IS
 NOT LIKELY TO FACE AN ADVERSE REACTION FROM THE PUBLIC AT
 LARGE. THE LEFT CAN BE EXPECTED TO REACT SHARPLY AND WILL
 PROBABLY SEE IN GARCIA'S ACTION FURTHER EVIDENCE OF A
 DESIRE TO RESTRICT INDEPENDENCE OF NON-EXECUTIVE BRANCH
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