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SEIZURE OF MILLS

Textile Manufacturers Protest
They Cannot Operate Under
His Price-Wage Plan

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Textile manufacturers who had protest­ed they could not operate under newly established price ceil­ings and must lay off workers have been warned by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry that the Government will seize and run all plants where production is stopped or workers are dismissed.

The Government action, which was prominently displayed in all newspapers, was the boldest an­nouncement the Government had made in its program to see that the maximum price scale it set last Saturday to halt an inflationary spiral was maintained.

A Government press commu­niqué said that several manufac­turers had approached the Min­istry saying they could not con­tinue production at the frozen prices and at the same time give their workers the wage increases that had been set by the Govern­ment.

The Ministry replied that this was nothing less than "sabotage" of President Juan D. Perón's eco­nomic plan for this year. All that the manufacturers needed to do, it said, was to eliminate all unneces­sary middlemen. Should any plant dismiss its workers or diminish production, the Government will seize it and continue full production, paying no attention to the in­terests of the owners, but only to those of the workers and the pub­lic, the Ministry declared.

On another sector of the eco­nomic front, the Minister of Fi­nance, Alfredo Gomez Morales, an­nounced a new credit plan for ag­riculture. It was hoped that under the new plan the next grain crop would exceed that of 1950 by 20 per cent. Drought, and the Gov­ernment's agricultural policies in the past two years, have reduced Argentine production to the point where this once great granary this year raised hardly enough to meet the country's domestic require­ments.

Credits are to be given to farm­ers in such a way as to encourage the most profitable use of the land. To obtain a loan a farmer possess­ing land judged most fitted for the production of wheat would not be eligible for credits to graze cattle. Government agents would direct what type of crops were to be raised by successful applicants.