Guatemalan army ousts Serrano

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GUATEMALA CITY - Guatemala's powerful army ousted President Jorge Serrano on Tuesday and appointed his vice president in charge temporar-The takeover came a week after Serrano dissolved parliament and imposed one-man rule.

Initially, lawmakers said Defense Minister Gen. Jose Domingo Garcia Samayoa took over the government Tuesday morning, and was negotiating with members of the dissolved Congress to elect a successor.

Late in the day, a government communique said Vice President Gustavo Espina Salguero would assume presidential duties until new elections could be called

It said Congress and the Supreme Court, disbanded by Serrano last week when he declared emergency rule, would remain dissolved.

The communique said Serrano was, "separated from his responsibilities in an action invoked by the army, private enterprise and political parties."

There were no reports of violence in the capital.

Linares and several other deputies said the military was meeting with deputies to prepare for an ex-

traordinary session of Congress on Wednesday and elect a provisional successor.

The mass opposition to Serrano's May 25 declaration of one-man rule underlined widespread support among Guatemalans for democracy and a refusal to accept a return to dictatorship.

That pressure may have prompted the military to take over, though Linares said the threat of an economic embargo by the international community was what prompted the army to take action.

Hundreds of deputies, business and civic leaders and military officers mingled in the three-story palace, holding meetings in government offices. They included several deputies and officials who had been in hiding since last week.

Outside, hundreds of people massed in the main plaza, chanting, "Serrano has fallen, Serrano has fallen." They tore up newspapers for confetti and set off firecrackers across the broad plaza.

The ousted president's whereabouts weren't immediately known. Amid the chaos, Serrano and his chief of staff, Col. Francisco Ortega Menaldo, left the palace and sped away in a car to an unknown desti-

Jose Fernando Lobo Dubon, who was the head of Congress before it was banned, said Garcia Samayoa would assume interim power until a president is found who is, "more representative of the people." He didn't elaborate.

Linares said the military wants to stay out of politics, "but it cannot because the crisis is very grave. The country's official human rights investigator Ramiro de Leon Carpio also confirmed that Serrano

had been ousted and the defense minister took over.

Parents of UCLA

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made plans Monday to meet with

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tablishment of a Chicano Studies department, but we fear desperately for their health," said Bertha

Lara, mother of hunger striker

Chancellor Charles Young's office

Tuesday, whether he agrees to a

meeting or not, said Jorge Mancil-

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The strikers are in danger of suffering permanent kidney and liver damage, Mancillas said.

They include five UCLA students,

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Alcohol washes out anti-cancer effects from fruits, vegetables, researchers say

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WASHINGTON - The anticancer benefit of eating lots of fruits and vegetables will be lost if you wash them down with more than two drinks of alcohol, researchers say

In a study of 16,000 women and 9,500 men who underwent a medical screening for precancer-ous polyps in the colon, researchers said they found that people with high levels of folate, a nutrient common in fruits and vegetables, were much less likely to have polyps.

The exception, said Dr. Edward Giovannuci, was among heavy drinkers. They were at increased risk of the polyps despite a good diet high in folate, he said Tuesday.

"We speculate that alcohol may have an effect on folate me-tabolism," said Giovannuci, a researcher at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and the Harvard Medical School.

A report on the study is to be published Wednesday in the Jour-nal of the National Cancer Institute.

Giovannuci said the study used people who had undergone medical tests that searched for the presence of polyps. These polyps, called colorectal adenomas, are associated with the development of colorectal cancer.

Some of the people who had this medical test had polyps and some did not. By examining the dietary differences between the group, Giovannuci said he and his researchers were able to determine a link to colon cancer and diet.

The researchers divided the people into five groups depending on their consumption of folate. The study then compared the incidence of adenomas in the top 20 percent of folate consumers and the bottom 20 percent.

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Giovannuci said that among women, the group with the high-est level of folate consumption had a 34 percent lower incidence of polyps when compared to women with the lowest level of folate consumption. For men, there was a 37 percent lower inci-

This changed when alcohol was factored in, he said. Women who drank more than 30 grams of alcohol daily were at an 84 percent increased risk of having polyps. Men were at a 64 percent greater risk.

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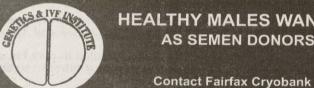
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