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(boiling with suppressed fury)

What's new, Buenos Aires? Your nation, which a few years ago had the second largest gold reserves in the world, is bankrupt. A country which grew up and grew rich on beef is rationing it. "La Prensa", one of the few newspapers which dares to oppose Peronism, has been silenced, and so have all other reasonable voices! I'll tell you what's new, Buenos Aires!

(He exits R, in total despair. Lights come up on PERON, standing on the upper platform. During the song, he weaves through the OFFICERS, coaxing, cajoling, persuading. They remain stone faced throughout)