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**AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE**

Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 5, 1939.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mr. W. C. Simons,  
c/o Daily Journal-World,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Sir:

The Honorable Arthur Capper, United States Senator, has informed this Consulate General of your desire to obtain copies of social security legislation enacted in Argentina during the past ten or fifteen years, as well as information and legislation concerning the reported practice of the Argentine Government of financing the construction of new highways and streets by the purchase and resale of bordering property.

The Consulate General has requested the material desired concerning the first subject from the Argentine National Department of Labor (Departamento Nacional del Trabajo) and will forward it to you as soon as it is received. It may be mentioned, however, that this office has reported from time to time to the Department of State concerning social insurance systems and wages in Argentina, and it is suggested that you might wish to communicate with that Department respecting the availability of material concerning the subjects in which you are interested.

With regard to the second of the two subjects, a member of the staff of this office has just been informed verbally by an official of the National Highway Commission (Dirección Nacional de Vialidad) that the Argentine Government does not follow the practice referred to and that there is no legislation concern-

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