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MEXICAN ELECTIONS

Mexican voters, three million strong, go to the polls throughout the country to cast their votes for President. General Comacho is backed by the present government but soldiers are on duty everywhere to guard against violence. The conservative candidate General Almazan favoured close co-operation with the United States and he also has strong support. Almazan has suggested the possibility of a revolution if the official count goes against him. In Mexico City troops patrol from one polling station to another and election feelings flare into riots. Outside the polls excited voters address the crowds and tell the candidates where to get off. At some booths soldiers close the polls and bar the voters from entering. In the rioting 50 people are killed and several hundred injured, many of them innocent bystanders who took no part in the disturbance. Barred from going into the government's polls ~~xxx~~ several leaders set up booths of their own where the votes are deposited in cans. These are votes which may lose to revolution down Mexico way.