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VENEZUELAN REVOLT IS CRUSHED

President Says There Was Small Loss Of Life, Material

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Marcos Perez Jimenez claimed Thursday the government has crushed a rebellion of air force and army units with a minimum of losses in life and material. The president made a three-minute radio and television announcement soon after government forces captured the rebel holdout point at Los Teques, about 23 miles from Caracas. Perez Jimenez said the surrender of an artillery and armored unit in Los Teques brought an end to the revolt, which began at dawn Wednesday while Venezuelans were still celebrating the arrival of the new year.

LOYALISTS PRAISES The 43-year-old president, who has ruled oil-rich Venezuela for nine years, praised loyal military forces and said they included the country's best officers. He also praised the citizens for remaining calm. With Perez Jimenez on the broadcast were Gen. Oscar Mazzei, minister of defence, and other officers. The government announced this morning that the rebel garrison at Maracay, the centre of the air force revolt 50 miles west of Caracas, had been taken. Government troops then began stamping out remnants of rebel forces elsewhere.

SURRENDER AT NOON Los Teques, the centre of the remaining opposition, was taken before noon. Lt. Col. Sanchez Valderama used a radio station there which had been broadcasting rebel announcements all morning to announce that the garrison had surrendered on the same terms as the rebels at Maracay. There was no indication of what the terms were. Military authorities in Caracas announced that the leader of the insurrection had been captured but he was not identified. The capital was calm throughout the day. Troops were posted at strategic points, but the streets appeared to be normal. AERIAL SWEEPS Jet planes in rebel hands swept over Caracas at irregular intervals Wednesday and observers reported seeing several strafing attacks. Anti-aircraft batteries fired on the planes and the government said one was hit and forced to land. A government announcement said Thursday that all planes were again in government hands. Gen. Romulo Fernandez, army chief of staff, said rebel leaders fled by air. He reported that Aurelio Ferrero Tamay, commander of the Maracay garrison and governor of the state of Aragua, had been freed from imprisonment by the rebels and restored to his post. Venezuela was relatively quiet three weeks ago when Perez Jimenez won re-election in a nationwide referendum. He had no opponents on the ballot and immediately after the polls closed the government announced he had won an overwhelming victory. Many opposition leaders have left the country or have been jailed. Thirteen Venezuelan rebel air force officers arrived by plane Thursday at Barranquilla, Colombia. The officers were taken to Colombian military headquarters for questioning. In Washington, the state department said it had no reports of harm to any of the approximately 40,000 U.S. citizens living in Venezuela. U.S. investments in the country are estimated at \$3,000,000,000. Many Canadians also work there. None was reported injured.

Decide No Piracy Charges From Florida Yacht-Theft

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — No charge of piracy will be brought against three teen-age runaways who commandeered a yacht and held a family captive—and state authorities are pondering what charge to file. Solicitor Allan B. Cleare Jr. of Monroe (Key West) County interviewed the San Antonio, Tex., lads at length Thursday and questioned Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sias and their four children. The Sias family was held at gunpoint until a sea-going posse of sheriff's deputies ran down the yacht Wednesday midway between Miami and Key West. The boys — Tommy Edwards, 15, Johnny Cox, 16, and Mike Moozer, 17—surrendered and were brought here. Cleare said they are being held for investigation of kidnaping and grand larceny. He said he could not indicate when charges will be filed but that he would recommend \$10,000 bond in each case. The FBI and the U.S. attorney's office in Miami said piracy would not be a charge. Assistant U.S. District Attorney Richard Booth said "there has been no showing that the boys got the yacht onto the high seas" and that the United States did not have jurisdiction. The commandeered yacht was captured at about the three-mile limit, deputies said. Booth said even if the boys had got onto the high seas, the United States would not press piracy charges because of their ages. The only U.S. charge, he explained, could be violation of the federal Juvenile Delinquency Act which carries a maximum punishment of confinement until age 21 instead of life imprisonment as in piracy.

Halifax Woman 100 Thursday

HALIFAX (CP)—Mrs. Jane L. Johnston celebrated her 100th birthday here Thursday by cutting a cake with the sword her grandfather wore during the battle of Waterloo. Congratulatory messages came from the Queen, Prime Minister Diefenbaker, Premier R. L. Stanfield, Lieutenant-Governor Alistair Fraser, and Rt. Rev. R. H. Waterman, Anglican bishop of Nova Scotia. Relatives gave her 100 roses. A native of Pictou, N.S., she lives with her only surviving son, Dr. James H. Johnston, professor of physics at Dalhousie University.

BIRDS GROUND PLANE

MADRID (Reuters) — A flock of marsh hens Wednesday piled into an Iberia Airlines plane as it was taking off, damaging the pilot's window and forcing the plane back to Madrid for repairs.

Fail To Obtain Release Of British Aircraft From Albania

LONDON (Reuters) — The French minister in Albania failed Thursday to arrange the release from detention in Albania of a privately-owned British transport plane and its crew of six, a British foreign office spokesman announced Thursday night. The spokesman said the French minister in Tirana, Louis Keller, consulted Albanian authorities, but had not yet been able to make arrangements for the release of the aircraft and its crew. A French foreign office spokesman said in Paris that Keller Thursday had talked about the plane with Albanian Foreign Minister Shytilya. NO PROTEST ASKED Authoritative British sources said France has not asked protest to Albania over the detention of the six Britons and the plane, forced down by Albanian fighters New Year's Eve at Valona, on the south coast of the Communist state. French diplomats in Tirana, Albania's capital, are making inquiries for Britain. France and Italy are the only Western countries which maintain diplomatic relations with Albania. Britain has not been represented in Tirana since 1946, when two British destroyers hit mines in Corfu Channel off the Albanian coast. The plane, a DC-4 Skymaster owned by a private British freight and charter firm, Independent Air Travel Limited, was forced down after allegedly violating Albanian air space and ignoring signals from Albanian fighters. France already has informed Britain that the six detained Britons — including an air hostess — are safe and well, according to Albanian officials.

Explorers Nearing Pole

HAMPERED BY WEATHER

WELLINGTON, N.Z. (Reuters) — Teams led by Dr. Vivian Fuchs and Sir Edmund Hillary advanced Thursday night on opposite sides of Antarctica tantalizingly close to their goal — the South Pole. Both were hampered by bad weather that has brought trouble to other national expeditions taking part in the International Geophysical Year survey of the ice-bound continent. Fuchs, leader of the British party, radioed Wednesday after a six-day silence that he was 300 miles from the Pole. The New Zealand group, led by Hillary, co-conqueror of Mount Everest, was only 45 miles from the Pole but having fuel and mechanical trouble. Hillary said his team is ready to dump its troublesome tractors that repeatedly bog down in soft snow, and walk the rest of the way. The five-day trek would take about the same time Fuchs would need to reach the Pole in his powerful treaded snow-cats and Weasels. THIN AIR IS WORRY Hillary radioed: "We have only four drums of fuel left which should get us there, but if necessary we will abandon one vehicle." The thin air on the 11,000-foot plateau they were struggling across has caused their modified farm tractors to use up fuel at a fast rate. When the two parties link up at the Pole, Hillary will take Fuchs back across his route to the New Zealand base on the edge of the continent. A three-man Norwegian party reported bad conditions as they trekked from their camp in Queen Maud Land to map the 2,500-foot-high plateau of the Gruber Mountains. A cable received in Oslo from leader Dr. Sigurd Helle said, "we are moving five or six kilometres (about three to four miles) a night. Conditions are bad for the tractors. The dogs are also in poor shape, probably because of night travelling. A report from Australia's Mawson Base said blizzards, fog and 60-degree below-zero temperatures have hampered a six-man party carrying out survey work 300 miles inland from the coast. MOUNTAINS UNDER ICE The team reported they appeared to have crossed mountain ranges 3,000 feet high which were submerged beneath 5,000 feet of ice. They said they found it safe to travel less than half the time. The Soviet news agency Tass said a Russian sled and tractor expedition had returned to Mirny base from the southern geomagnetic pole. The team made the 800-mile round trip in two weeks. The Japanese expedition's icebreaker Soya broke out of Antarctic sea ice packs and was reported making "good progress" toward the Japanese base on Ongul Island. The 2,700-ton ship was trapped off the Prince Harald coast on Christmas day.

Above-Normal Temperatures Here Forecast

TORONTO (CP)—Most of Central Canada can expect below-normal temperatures and heavy snowfall during January, the U.S. weather bureau said Thursday. In its monthly long-range forecast the bureau said Manitoba and most of Ontario and Saskatchewan lie in a cold belt stretching from the Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic. A small area in Northern Ontario and eastern Manitoba will be much below normal. On either side of this front—including Alberta, northern British Columbia, eastern Ontario and western Quebec — temperatures will be near normal. Southern British Columbia, eastern Quebec and the Atlantic provinces can expect above-normal temperatures. In Labrador the mercury will rise considerably above normal.

Canadians In Germany Active

OTTAWA (CP)—The 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade is carrying out overnight schemes in snow-covered areas in West Germany, army headquarters said Thursday. This is the initial training stage for the 5,500-man brigade in 1958. It will lead to major exercises next summer and fall. The new FN (Fabrique Nationale) Belgian .300-calibre rifle is in use in all brigade units. It has replaced the Lee-Enfield .303. Brig. Donald C. Cameron said the brigade could be required to enter intensive active operations without notice and that only highly efficient units could be successful.

Changes Made In N. S. Cabinet

HALIFAX (CP)—One Nova Scotia cabinet portfolio and the administration of the provincial liquor control act changed hands Thursday. The resignation of Hon. R. A. Donahoe as welfare minister was made public shortly after swearing-in ceremonies at the Province House here in which Education Minister Leonard accepted the welfare job. Mr. Donahoe retains the portfolios of attorney general and health minister. Provincial Secretary Smith gave up his administration of the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act. Agriculture Minister Haliburton takes over these duties. Lieutenant-Governor Alistair Fraser presided over the brief swearing-in ceremony involving a changeover in the welfare ministry.

Former USSR Deputy Defence Minister To Resume Old Job

LONDON (AP)—Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky is returning from the trans-Caucasian military command to assume his old job as deputy defence minister of the Soviet Union. Radio Moscow announced Thursday night. The 60-year-old Polish-born officer took command of Soviet forces adjoining the frontiers of Turkey and Syria in October at the time of the Syrian crisis and the ousting of Marshal Georgi Zhukov, Rokossovsky's boss, as defence minister. Zhukov lost out on the ground he had interfered with Communist party operations in the armed forces. East-West tension over the Syrian situation since has eased. And political and ideological training has been made compulsory for military officers under the regime of the new defence minister, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky.

Parliament Resumes Today With Estimates Top Item

OTTAWA (CP) — Parliament comes back from its Christmas holidays today to resume a session filled with imperatives. Like a good many Canadians with Christmas shopping bills to pay, it will concern itself first in the new year with money. The government will ask the Commons to approve a month's interim money supply. Works Minister Howard Green, government House leader, plans then to have spending estimates of the defence department brought under study again. Next is the spending program of the finance department. No one in high authority would venture a firm prediction as to when the session might end. But there was a feeling it would not wind up before the end of January and possibly mid-February. There is mounting interest in the national Liberal leadership convention. It will be held here Jan. 14-16 to pick a successor to retiring Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent. PEARSON AVAILABLE Former external affairs minister Lester B. Pearson, and former health minister Paul Martin have announced their availability. Ma-

\$5 For Driving Car With TV

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP) — Harold W. Smith was convicted Thursday of operating a car equipped with a television set. He was fined \$5. The Highway Traffic Act says no person shall operate a motor vehicle equipped with a television set. The set Smith installed under the dash of his car could not be operated unless the car was stopped with the gear-shift lever in park position and the ignition turned off. Defence Counsel D. S. Stephens said because of these precautions it would be inaccurate to say Smith "operated" the vehicle. Said Justice of the Peace William Farquhar: "We can't help but admire the technical knowledge and the genius of Mr. Smith but my job is to administer the law, not to change it."

Dollar Gap Narrows Again

NEW YORK (CP)—The gap between the Canadian dollar and its U.S. counterpart narrowed again Thursday. The Canadian dollar was quoted by foreign exchange traders here at \$1.0134 in U.S. currency. That means they considered it worth 11.32 cents more than the U.S. dollar. That's the smallest premium the Canadian dollar has commanded in more than a year. In November it was worth four cents more than the U.S. dollar and in August six cents more.

SOVIET MOVIES WIDEN

LONDON (Reuters)—The first Soviet movie house with a wide screen will open this month in Moscow, the Soviet radio announced Thursday.

USSR GETS 34-HR WEEK

LONDON (Reuters)—The work week at a Soviet metallurgical factory in the Republic of Uzbekistan has been reduced to 34 hours, without any cut in pay, the Soviet news agency Tass reported Thursday. The British destroyer Cockade also was at Trincomalee, former British naval base, with relief supplies. Indian air force planes Thursday carried about 35 tons of food and 350 pounds of medical supplies to stricken areas.

Report Sputnik 1 Has Vanished

JODRELL BANK, England (Reuters) — Western scientists speculated Thursday night when the first Soviet Sputnik will come down—if there is anything left of the little metal sphere. The giant radio-telescope station here has failed to pick up any trace of the 184-pound sphere since Dec. 26. "We have established that the satellite is not in the predicted orbit," said Professor A. C. B. Lovell, director of the station. Thursday, the Soviet news agency Tass gave no information on the movement of the first Sputnik. Tass' daily reports on the "baby moon" started when it was launched on Oct. 4 and ended last Tuesday. During the last three days, Tass has reported only the path of Sputnik II, launched Nov. 3 with the space dog Laika. The Russians announced last Monday that the first satellite was expected to enter the dense areas of the atmosphere and would cease to exist Jan. 1. In Canberra, Australia, Dr. Z. Przybylski said Thursday Sputnik I already may have fallen into the earth's atmosphere and disintegrated. The astronomer said the aluminum shell of the 23-inch satellite would evaporate as it descended and probably not even fragments would reach the earth's surface. The Tass announcement of the coming end of the Sputnik said the orbit of the sphere had noticeably reduced. Maximum height of the orbit then was 198 miles compared with the 580 miles when it was launched. By midnight on New Year's Eve, Sputnik I would have circled the earth 1,348 times covering a distance of about 41,800,000 miles. PREDICTED DEATH PLUNGE At Cambridge, Mass., American astronomers at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory predicted the satellite would make its death plunge Thursday. They based their prediction upon orbit calculations carried forward from observations made in late November and early December. But, director Dr. Fred L. Whipple said: "We don't know where it is, so we can't say where it may fall." The rocket which gave Sputnik I its final thrust into space is believed to have fallen out of its orbit the night of Nov. 30. Russia at that time maintained the rocket was still in space, but later said it had fallen on U.S. territory. Still later all reference to the rocket was dropped.

Flood-Stricken Ceylon Aided

COLOMBO, Ceylon (Reuters)—Three countries sped relief into flood-stricken Ceylon Thursday. The United States aircraft carrier Princeton lay at anchor off the east coast port city of Trincomalee. Its helicopters carried relief food and medicine to nearby towns. India and Britain also came to the assistance of the island nation as it struggled to repair the damage caused last week when the floods killed an estimated 250 persons, left 300,000 homeless and caused about \$1,000,000 damage. The British destroyer Cockade also was at Trincomalee, former British naval base, with relief supplies. Indian air force planes Thursday carried about 35 tons of food and 350 pounds of medical supplies to stricken areas.

U. S. New Year Traffic Deaths Set Record

CHICAGO (AP) — New Year traffic deaths reached the highest total on record for a one-day celebration of that holiday. A tabulation Thursday showed 159 fatalities. There also were 20 deaths in fires and 22 in accidents of other kinds to raise the overall total to 201. The highest traffic toll recorded previously for a 30-hour observance of the New Year was 110. That was in the transition from 1947 to 1948. The heaviest loss of life in traffic in any 30-hour holiday in the records was 253 on Christmas Day, 1946. The New Year toll went well beyond the 130 predicted in advance of the holiday by the National Safety Council.

SIX-GUN TALK

LONDON (Reuters)—An English educationist Thursday claimed American western films shown on British television are reaching children "six-shooter" English. School Principal C. H. Griffiths said that "the vocabulary the children are picking up is very crude and limited." The punctuation of the English is the punctuation of the six-shooter.



FIRST 1958 BABY IN P. E. I. With the first 1958 New Year baby born in Prince Edward Island, Mrs. Tilman J. Arsenault of Abram's Village, is seen above in Prince County Hospital with her new 7 pound 1 1/2 ounce son, Joseph Alvin, born at 2.15 a. m. on New Year's morning. Mr. and Mrs. Arsenault now have five sons and two daughters. The new baby will receive a number of gifts from Summerside merchants.

Armed Russians Patrol E. Berlin

BERLIN (AP)—Armed Soviet soldiers suddenly appeared on East Berlin patrols but were pulled back Thursday night from main border crossings and downtown East Berlin intersections. The patrols apparently were an attempt to stop Russian deserters from crossing through the Iron Curtain. Only one deserter was reported officially. A tour of East Berlin early in the day showed Soviet troops guarding all border crossing points that lead to allied-occupied West Berlin as well as important street corners in downtown East Berlin. But reporters who toured East Berlin at 9:30 p.m. were unable to spot such patrols. Some eyewitnesses said Soviet armored scout cars cruised East Berlin during the afternoon. The night checkup was made at about the same time British officials confirmed a Russian soldier had fled to their sector. The officials declined to reveal what the soldier told them, whether the soldier was handed back to the Russians or whether he was flown to West Germany.

Russians Face Higher Prices For Drinks And Automobiles

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet citizens learned Thursday it will cost 20 per cent more for vodka and wines from now on and the cost of automobiles and a few other items is going up, too. Pravda, the Communist party newspaper, said the increases in the cost of tipping would help "in the struggle against the extravagant use of alcoholic liquors." Other increases in consumer articles were aimed, Pravda said, at controlling "illegal traffic" and will help in "the struggle with speculators." This was public recognition of a black market here in consumer goods. The price changes, announced by the Soviet government, included decreases for some types of television sets and some Soviet cameras. The new prices were not given. The government said it was rounding off the prices of bread and bread products, with most of the benefit going to the consumer. The cost of automobiles will be 25 to 50 per cent higher, raising them to 30,000 to 50,000 rubles from 20,000 to 40,000 rubles. The official rate of exchange is four

Finds Carnival Is Colorful

NASSAU, The Bahamas (Reuters) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Thursday he found Nassau's traditional jukonoo carnival "a spectacular and colorful performance." He and Mrs. Diefenbaker visited Bay Street at 7 a.m. New Year's to see the carnival which paraded through Nassau's main shopping area.

LATE BLOOM

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP) — A pink rose bush was in bloom here four days before Christmas.

900 RUBLES MONTH

Average workers' salaries are about 900 to 1,000 rubles a month. A check in the stores showed the best vodka—the basic hard liquor in the Soviet Union—has gone up from 2.90 rubles to 30.80 rubles a half litre. At the official rate that would cost about \$7.75 a pint. Bread prices changed only by a matter of kopeks, from 2.05 to two rubles a pound loaf—50 cents at the official exchange rate. The announcement broke a pattern of gradual reduction of the cost of living. Unlike the across-the-board reductions of the late 1940s and early 1950s, the new changes were limited to specified categories and will have little overall effect upon the cost of living. The U.S.S.R. began its reductions of food and retail prices in 1948. For six years thereafter price reductions were announced annually. However, in the last few years, only sporadic cuts

TAX DEPT. BEATS STORK

HALIFAX (CP) — The income tax department won out in the race with the stork and bells but the doctor who performed the midnight delivery at Grace Maternity Hospital here had doubts right to the crucial moment. The genial obstetrician who asked that his name not be used admitted wondering aloud if "it was going to be a 1957 income deduction or a New Year's baby." Mrs. Emanuel Bowdridge of Halifax just smiled. Moments later bells clanged, horns blew and ship whistles hooted to welcome the arrival of baby Bowdridge a seven pound three ounce boy. Officially the nation's first 1958 baby arrived at two seconds past the stroke of midnight.