# Growing Tensions Spark Haitian Violence Fears

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PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Tensions are growing in this Caribbean land of Tom Tom and Tonton. Government spokesmen talk of a possibility of "the greatest slaughter in history." Also growing is an officially led anti-U.S. campaign on a racist theme.

The Tonton are Tonton Macoute—bogeymen in the Creole dialect of the Haitians. The Tonton are armed toughs protecting President Francois Duvalier, self-proclaimed renovator of this Negro republic.

A crucial date nears for the 56-year-old bespectacled doctor who has become an all-powerful ruler.

May 15 will mark the end of his original six-year term of office. But in 1961 Duvalier had his name printed on all ballots cast in an election for a single-house legislature. When the voting ended, Duvalier announced a plebiscite had given him a new six-year term as president starting May 22, 1961.

The government now is observing a "month of gratefulness," which is to end May 22 with a celebration of the start of the third year of Duvalier's new term.

**RUMORS OF VIOLENCE**

Beneath the calm surface in the capital have been rumors of imminent violence.

At dawn last Sunday, a small plane dropped leaflets warning residents and "the diplomatic corps accredited to the tyrant-voodooist" to evacuate the city before May 15. They said a "dry-cleaning" operation would be carried out against "all noxious insects who accompany the gorilla."

The leaflets were signed by the United Revolutionary Forces, a group generally unknown here.

On Friday there was violence, aimed at the dictator's family. Gunmen firing from an automobile killed the driver and two bodyguards who were accompanying Duvalier's children to school. The children, Jean-Claude, 12, and Simone, 14, escaped injury. Six other persons were reported killed in reprisal for the attack.

Duvalier has responded to the prospect of an uprising with a crackdown on the army, threats of a blood bath and an anti-United States campaign based on charges of racial oppression.

**PEOPLE TERRORIZED**

Duvalier's power now is maintained by the Tonton Macoute. Usually dressed in blue jeans and sport shirts with revolvers strapped to their sides, they are the leaders of Duvalier's civilian militia. Its size is estimated at 10,000, the largest armed force in this nation of 4,000,000.

Some Haitians say the people are terrorized by Tonton Macoute who jail, torture or kill anyone hostile to Duvalier. No public criticism of Duvalier is seen or heard.

Duvalier, distrustful of the 5,000 - man regular army, has been decimating the military leadership with jailings and wholesale dismissals. At least 72 high-ranking officers have been removed from key commands in two weeks.

The anti-U.S. policy apparently arises from resentment over the U.S. decision last year to halt economic and military aid. The U.S. provided Haiti with $95,000,000 in post-war economic assistance, two-thirds of it in outright grants.

The aid was halted in the face of persistent corruption, mismanagement and featherbedding and an attempt to use the aid program for political purposes.

**LAND OF POVERTY**

Haiti is a land of brutal poverty. It has the hemisphere's lowest per - capita income, about $65 a year, and the highest illiteracy rate, nearly 90 per cent. Infant mortality in 1959 (latest figures available) was 171 per 1,000.

Haitians and foreigners see little hope for economic improvement in the near future. The tortured political situation adds to the gloomy outlook. Duvalier has alienated the church, exiling 15 priests. He has driven opposition leaders into exile.

Some fear that the longer Duvalier remains in office the greater the chances for an eventual Communist coup. Castro's Cuba, where tens of thousands of Haitians now live, is only 50 miles away.

There is fear that any attempt to overthrow the Duvalier regime may lead to bloodletting and anarchy. If this should happen, U.S. intervention, presumably under the sponsorship of the Organization of American States, would be a possibility. The U.S. also is determined to prevent any Communist takeover.

## Steel Producers See Big Month

CLEVELAND (AP) — Steel producers expect May to be their biggest month in more than three years, with an output of about 11,500,000 tons, Steel Magazine reports. That would be the highest monthly production since March, 1960.

The magazine says steel demand is strong because metal-working activity is nearing a record high, steel consumption is expanding seasonally and users are building their inventories as protection against a possible strike or another round of price increases.

Steel says production will increase this week for the 14th straight week. Last week's estimated output was 2,350,000 tons, an increase of 1.2 per cent compared with the previous week. Operations are at about 84 per cent of unofficial capacity, the publication says.

The rising steelmaking operations and a bulge in finished steel prices have had no appreciable impact on the scrap market. Steel's price composite on No. 1 heavy melting grade steel-making scrap was unchanged at $28.67 a gross ton last week.

**RESTRICT BORDERS**

AMMAN (AP) — Jordan declared a state of emergency along its borders Monday and warned that illegal crossers would be shot. The border lines were placed on curfew from 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. until further notice and passage was restricted to "legal highways"—road or air. No reason was given for the decision.

## Imperial Oil Company Shows Slight Decline In Earnings

TORONTO (CP) — Imperial Oil Limited had estimated net earnings in the three months ended March 31 of $19,400,000 or 61 cents a share, about two-per-cent lower than the five-year high of $19,800,000 earned in the first quarter of 1962, and slightly higher than the final quarter of last year.

W. O. Twaits, president, gave the figures at the company's annual meeting Friday and said the slight decrease in earnings reflects "the full effect of the price deterioration which may have reached its climax in the final quarter of 1962."

More co-ordination and co-operation between levels of Canadian government was urged by Mr. Twaits.

"We need to look closely at our constitutional processes to see whether the 'checks and balances' with which we circumscribe the actions of political leaders have not become preventives of sound action on the one hand and passports to unsound action in other areas," he said.

Failure to clarify the economic powers and responsibilities of the three levels of government (federal, provincial, municipal), Mr. Twaits said, has left us in a situation where all three can and do participate in economic planning, economic restriction and economic promotion.

"These activities, adequately co-ordinated, might be salutary. But as matters stand, many 'planning' activities result in restrictions on growth on the one hand or the development of unwanted capacity on the other. It is sincerely to be hoped that emphasis which has recently been put on economic planning will be balanced by an equal emphasis on inter-governmental co-ordination and co-operation.

"The work of royal commissions and other investigative bodies has indicated a number of directions in which we should move. We cannot afford to stand still."

## Yanks Launch 20th Atomic Sub

GROTON, Conn. (AP) — The Daniel Webster, the U.S. Navy's 20th Polaris - firing submarine, slid down the ways here and got the feel of the sea after the traditional champaigne baptism.

Wielding the christening bottle was the ship's sponsor, Mrs. W. Osborn Goodrich, Jr., of Farmington, a great - great - granddaughter of the statesman and orator.

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OTTAWA (CP)—Linda Manhart, a green-eyed honey blonde, has been chosen the winner of an unusual beauty contest in which entrants had to have one Canadian parent and one American parent. The 19-year-old Ottawa salesgirl will leave Tuesday for Boston to help promote Canada-United States goodwill week there. The contest for a Canadian-American beauty was organized by Kiwanis International and a U.S. hotel chain.



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