

Today's Commentary

Peru Takes Action To Stop Communists

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The Peruvian Army is nailing down the lid on Communists planning to overthrow the government of Peru.

"OPERATION Cleanup" started last weekend. Army trucks moved through Lima's misty and fog-shrouded streets rounding up hundreds of known and suspected Communists and carting them off to jail.

The swift move was made to nip a plot "planned by the agents of Moscow and Havana to implant a pseudo-farmer regime of the extreme left," in the words of a government announcement. It said the plot was to align Peru with Castro's Communist Cuba and prepare for the Marxist revolution to subjugate the nation for Moscow.

PERU'S RULING military junta says early targets of the plot were to be the American-owned Toquepala and Marcona Mines

The military coup struck a blow at the foundations of the Alliance for Progress, conceived as a U.S. answer to threats either from the political right or left.

PRESIDENT Kennedy denounced the coup and promptly suspended U.S. aid, which brought this comment from General Ricardo Perez Godoy, gray-haired leader of the military Junta; "What Washington does not understand (he said) is that this is a Peruvian solution to the problem of preserving democracy."

By mid-August, the United States was convinced that the military men intended to keep their promise of free elections in 1963. On Aug. 17, the U.S. lifted the aid ban and recognized the new government.

As in many another Latin American nations, unrest in Peru is chronic.

FEW ATTEMPTS have been made to bring into national life the Peruvian Indians who make up more than half the population and who scratch a bare subsistence from barren, worn-out soil.

They are natural targets for Communist and Castro elements which have encouraged them to seize land violently.

Pedro Beltran did much to lift Peru by its economic bootstraps when he served as premier and finance minister, and, although a member of Peru's "40 families," he pressed hard for land reform.

BUT PRADO as president did not always act with equal strength and the threat of revolution remained. The present situation puts to the test the military Junta's claim that theirs is the way to preserve Democracy.

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The revolution was to be complete by May Day.

Almost any Latin American nation presents special problems for the United States . . . but perhaps none as dramatically as Peru.

An example came in August of 1961, when the United States was setting up its Alliance for Progress Program in a meeting of American ministers at Punta Del Este, Uruguay. It was Peruvian Premier and Finance Minister Pedro Beltran who became the chief opponent of Cuba's Che Guevara.

PERU BROKE relations with Castro's Cuba even before the United States did.

But on a chilly night last July, army tanks rumbled to the gates of Lima's presidential palace, arrested 73-year-old President Manuel Prado, and established military rule.

Prado had refused military demands that he invalidate June elections which gave the most votes to moderate leftist presidential candidate Raoul Haya De La Torre.

UNDER THE Alliance for Progress, the United States already allotted nearly 90-million dollars to Peru for new roads, for water and sewage systems, and for aid to the program to open up new lands for Peru's landless Indians.

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IN BRIEF

Satellite Launched

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, CALIF. (UPI)—The Air Force has launched another secret satellite from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base. Although the Air Force has adopted a strict information policy on military satellites, the new moonlet may be one of the Discoverer series.

Police Search OC

OREGON CITY (AP)—Police searched Monday for a man wanted for questioning in connection with the reported rape of an 8-year-old Portland-area girl Sunday.

It may have some connection with the slaying of Mona Rae Minyard, 6, said Clackamas County Sheriff Joe Shobe.

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Meredith May Leave Rebels of 'Ole Miss'

OXFORD, MISS. (UPI)—Negro James Meredith has announced he may not be at the previously all-white University of Mississippi next semester. But, in a meeting Monday with newsmen, Meredith added that he is not giving up efforts to study at the Oxford, Miss. school.

MEREDITH told newsmen he will drop out of the University of Mississippi next semester unless, in his words, "very definite and positive changes are made to make my situation more conducive to learning."

Meredith has been under pressure since he entered the campus the night of Sept. 30. Rioting at that time caused two deaths and

brought thousands of federal troops to "Ole Miss."

As recently as Sunday night, crudely printed handbills were distributed on the campus calling for Meredith's ouster. There have been reports that Meredith's grades are suffering due to harassment.

Monday, Meredith said he is faced with what he called a "determined, resourceful and unprincipled" enemy. He added that even if he should leave school after this semester, he is not giving up, as he put it "A bitter war for the equality of opportunity for our citizens."

MEREDITH did not specify what steps must be taken if he is

to remain at the University of Mississippi. University Chancellor John Williams said he does not know what Meredith is referring to and, in Williams' words, "until I do I will have no statement."

Attorney General Robert Kennedy announced in Washington he hopes Mississippi and University officials "Will take appropriate steps" so that Meredith will be able to remain in school.

Defense Still OK

COLORADO SPRINGS (UPI)—The North American Air Defense Command has branded as "ridiculous" reports that British bombers penetrated the Norad Defense Network. London newspapers have reported British jet bombers slipped past U.S. defenses in a mock attack.

Cuban Crisis Ends

UNITED NATIONS (UPI)—The United States and the Soviet Union have submitted a joint statement to the United Nations, formally ending the Cuban crisis. Long negotiations failed to get assurances of on-site inspection of Castro's island, so Mr. Kennedy has withheld his "no invasion" pledge in the diplomatic "the end."

'Bible' to Criticize King George VI

LONDON (UPI)—The "Bible" of British nobility, according to a London newspaper, is about to criticize the late King George the Sixth for snubbing his sister-in-law, the Duchess of Windsor.

THE LONDON Daily Express said Monday that the attack will be in the forthcoming edition of Burke's Peerage, the authoritative publication of British nobility.

This goes back to June, 1937, when King Edward the Eighth, now the Duke of Windsor, abdi-

cated to his younger brother, George. Six months later, Edward married Wallis Warfield Simpson, an American divorcee.

BURKE'S Peerage, says The Daily Express, will assail the fact that King George never granted the Duchess the rank of "Royal Highness." Burke's Peerage reportedly will describe this affront as "an act of discrimination quite unique" in British history.

The publisher of the Express is Lord Beaverbrook, a close friend of the Duke of Windsor.

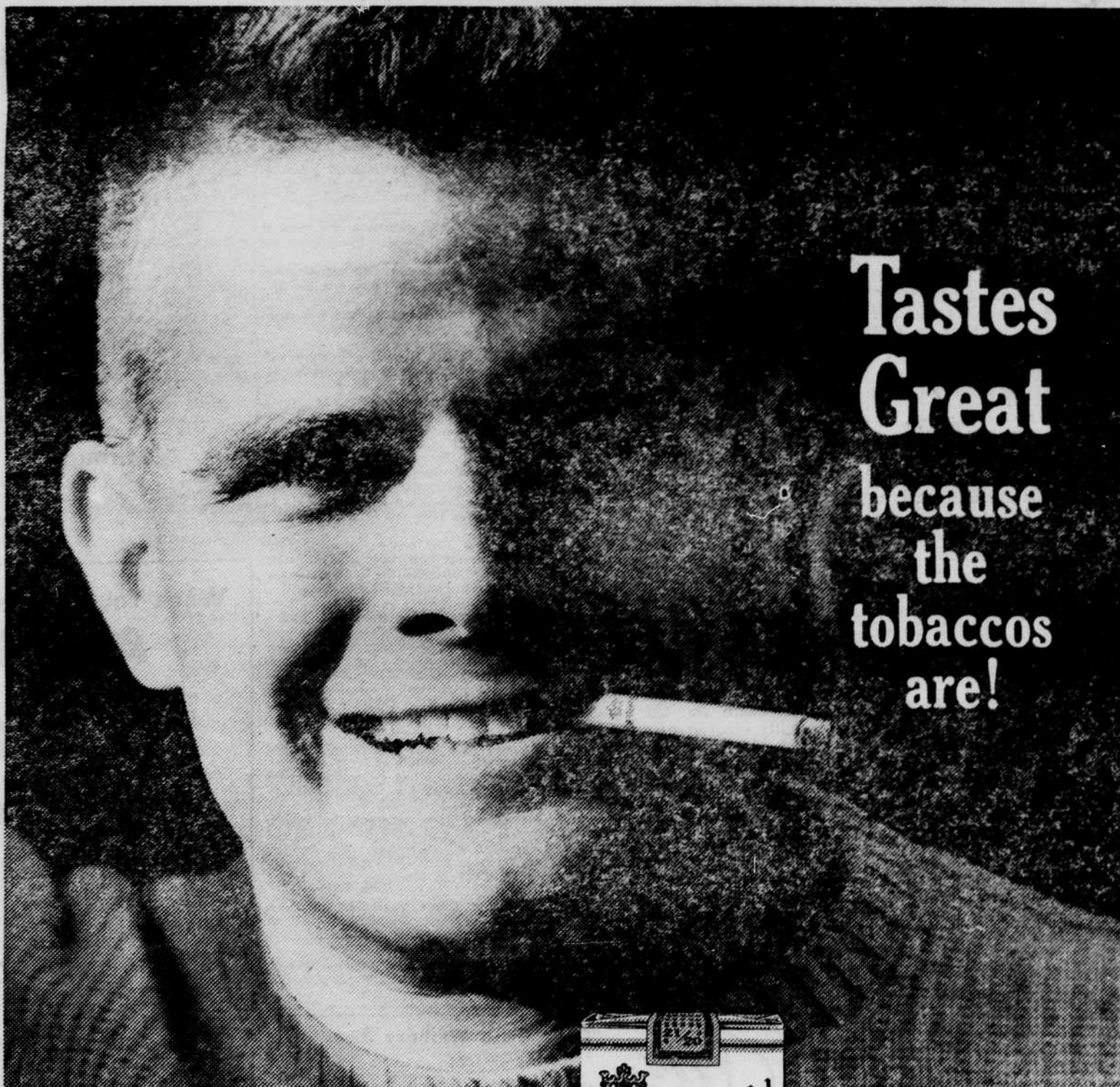
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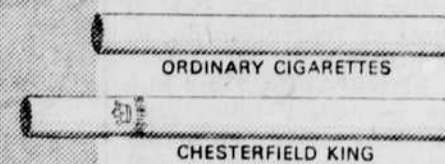
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