

Letter Describes Costa Rica Revolt

Continued from last week

Mr. Thomann immediately went to the chief of police in Tres Rios and demanded protection. But the following night several reported that they were again molested. We learned that it was a man living in the little samova green house over the hill beyond our barn who was bothering us. He is a communist, and was suspicious that we were hiding arms for the opposition up here. Mr. Thomann assisted the chief of police come up and search the campus and see for himself, and he did. I never thought that a police search could be so casual, however. Orders were given to all government soldiers to respect our rights here at the school and from then on we weren't bothered, excepting that the highway here at the end of my dormitory seemed to be a favorite shooting spot. Of course as long as the shots were kept out of the campus we couldn't complain. This was all before any troops were stationed up this way. After that we had plenty of shooting, but of course not so near-by.

When the opposition took over control, they went up to house to search, green house I mean. He had moved all his furniture to a home in Tres Rios, but the plan seemed to be to use this house on the hill for troops. He had all kinds of arms there, that were taken over by the opposition. The boy is in jail but I think the father is free. Every night we would hear the Samora truck go up the hill to the house and almost immediately shooting would begin on the hill by the house. Those were the times when I almost surprised to wake up alive in the mornings. But the verse in Psalms, "Behold He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep," came to mean a great deal to me. Later we heard that the father was also jailed.

Well, it's all over now. That's they say it is. I'm not so sure it is if they don't get rid of Mora. But most of the communist leaders have been done away with.

After some kind of a disagreement that the Calderonistas had with the communists, the communists were gathered up by the truck loads and sent up to the battles from which few of them returned.

This has been quite a war bulletin. Perhaps if things break out again they will make me chief of war propaganda. I hope you have been able to make out the parts that seemed interesting to you.

Remember how we used to listen to the radio when you were here? Well, of course during the several weeks when we were without lights most of the time we couldn't listen to the radio. Figueres had a broadcasting station up close to San Isidoro where where the fighting was for so long, but the government took away all the radios from all the oppositionists they could find. When they went to Don Pio's home for his radio, he told them that it was up at Mr. Thomann's house little dreaming that they would come up here, I suppose. But come they did. After Catago was made the provisional capital of the new republic, we could get opposition news from the station there, but you may be sure I listened very little. How good it seems to be able to listen once more.

This paragraph is written on Thursday night after some who went to San Jose returned tonight. They report that today Ulate, (president-elect, as you know) entered San Jose and returned to his old printing house. As soon as the people knew he was in town they clamored for a speech. Finally he consented to face the public. His speech consisted of just two words: "Viva Figueres!"

April 25

Hope you don't mind if I send you this carbon copy of a letter I wrote my sister. She had been here in the midst of things, that is I mean when the worst began to break and I knew she would be interested in how things have worked out. And I stuck in a carbon thinking you would also be interested. The Time reporter couldn't say anything for he was under house arrest. Of course I've never been anywhere but in the States during a war before, aside from a few weeks I was here before the war ended in '45, but I tell you I never had dreamed things could be so terrible.

Concluded Next Week

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Simons expect to move shortly to their newly-acquired home on ridge road up the Chetco. They will sell their house in town.

Ore. Grange Head Warns Of Attempt Of Special Group

PORTLAND (Special to the Pilot)—Morton Tompkins, master of the Oregon State Grange, early this week called upon all Grange members and other citizens of the Pacific Northwest to answer the accusation of the congressional appropriations committee that northwest public power districts "have the earmarks of a soviet power policy."

"Congressman Jensen of Iowa has renewed his smear attack on the public power program which the people of Oregon and Washington wrote into their own laws and constitution when they enacted the Grange Power bills in 1930," Tompkins stated. "He calls the acquisition of power systems by condemnation action in the courts 'undemocratic and un-American,' but he is ignorant of the fact that the people of these districts have repeatedly gone to the ballot box in support of their public power systems."

"Apparently the Electric Bond & Share Company has the ear of the majority of the committee, for the un-named public utility district which they attack is Clark County, Wash., formerly served by the Pacific Power and Light Co. But the lobbyists of the holding company did not tell the committee that three times in a row Clark county voted decisively for public power. Nor does the committee know that Pacific Power and Light Company has repeatedly refused to sell its properties at a fair price, even when the people of Wasco county P. U. D. specifically voted bond issues for that purpose."

"Regardless of how any of us may stand individually on the question of public power, I think we should recent this effort of congressmen of Iowa, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma to try to dictate what state laws we should enact here in the west," Tompkins asserted. "Threats to withhold appropriations for the federal power system will no more intimidate us than the repulsive names which Congressman Stockman, a member of the sub-committee, will denounce this report on the floor of congress, and I hope Grangers throughout the state will be prompt to express their indignation of this slur on their patriotism and this un-warranted invasion of our democratic privileges and rights."

4-H Summer School Quota Is Increased

GOLD BEACH — Expanded enrollment in Curry county has been met with re-consideration by L. J. Allen, state club leader, who just announced an increase of five delegates who may attend 4-H summer school this year.

This brings the total to 25. The county quota has already been exceeded as a result of increased support from local organizations supplying scholarships. Summer school is scheduled at Corvallis, June 15 to 25. All enrollments must be completed before June 1.

Most scholarships have been approved in the amount of \$20 this year. The actual cost is \$24. The delegates makes up the difference and pays for the transportation.

The program, as usual, includes class and laboratory work each forenoon, a general assembly after lunch followed by recreation and sports later in the afternoon. A full program for each evening has been planned by the state leaders.

Scholarships are being provided this year by Pomona Grange, Henry Adolphsen, Safeway, Langlois schools, Bank of Bandon, Brookings chamber of commerce, Chetco Grange, Curry County health association, Gold Beach Women's club and Ophir Grange.

One county leader is entitled to go as official chaperone. Arrangements will probably be made for transportation on the regular stage.

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May 28 59 49
May 29 59 50
May 30 65 48
Total rain for week
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