

Guatemala Factions Unified by U.S. Protest Over Guns, But Central American Man-in-Street Ignores Hubbub

(Editor's note: Ron Waring, who herewith details repercussions from the arrival in Guatemala of Communist-shipped munitions, formerly was on the editorial staff of The Oregon Statesman. Of recent years he has been a teacher and logging operator in Guatemala. His dispatch is exclusive to this newspaper.)

By RON WARING

GUATEMALA. Central America—in this land of volcanoes, earthquakes and revolutions, the United States protest over the arrival of a ship-load of arms from a Red satellite is just another factor in living—the ordinary man-in-the-street. He prefers to ignore them all.

There has been little if any upsurge of "anti-Yanqui" feeling, outside of certain closely-regimented sectors—government and farm and labor unions, all Communist-influenced. But the incident, to some extent, has served to pull Guatemalan factions into a somewhat closer unity than has been apparent for years. The pressure of outside opposition has given them a rallying point of "patriotism."

There are many rumors—unsubstantiated ones. One is that all Communist party members already have been issued arms for an imminent uprising. Another has Victor Manuel Gutierrez, avowed Communist and secretary-general of the Workers' Federation, ready to arm his "campesino" farm workers.

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At least, I guess that's what we are! That's what they told me at a hotel convention in Seattle.

They said people in Oregon don't like to eat in a hotel because they think they have to dress up.

Come to think of it—I like to put on comfortable clothes and take it easy when I get home from work, too! That's not being lazy—it's being smart!

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Then there are reports that two Polish technical advisers for the current arms shipment are here; that second-hand planes in the shipment are British Spitfires; that enormous quantities of gasoline are being stored against possible embargo.

Even though political parties of an "international character" outlawed in Guatemala by the 1945 constitution, Communists under the name of the Guatemalan Labor Party form an active unit in the present official government coalition.

The official press for weeks has regaled its readers with accounts of Foreign Minister Toreillo's "triumph" in fighting against U.S. Secretary of State Dulles' anti-Communist resolution at the Caracas Inter-American Conference. And President Arbenz in his May Day speech affirmed his faith in support of "Communist friends" in the government.

There is little credence given to reports that war is imminent between Guatemala and Honduras, although there are frequent blasts leveled at a supposed "complot" based in Nicaragua and Honduras—which have withdrawn diplomatic representation—and encouraged by "the country to the north." It is rather taken for granted that any attack or revolution would come from outside Guatemala because the strongest enemies of the current regime are exiles—or prisoners. The Guatemalan army is considered loyal to the government, Communist or not.

There are many guesses as to the future. One is that if enough other countries withdraw representation, Guatemalans won't be able to travel or trade. This could

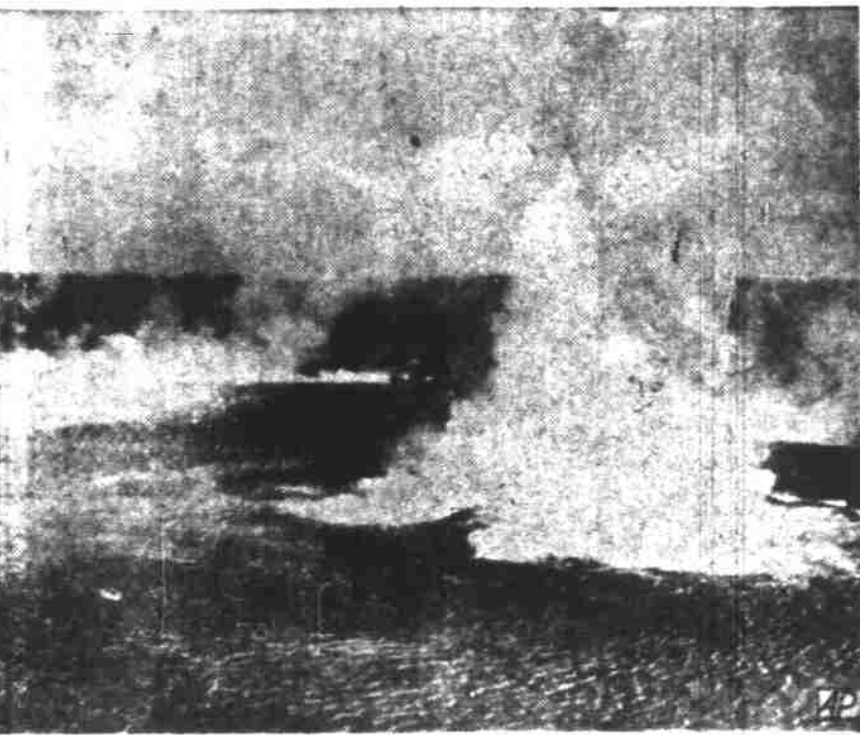
lead to a government shake-up. A less optimistic view is that the government might go forthrightly 100 per cent Communist.

American tourists still report an "extremely official" reception, despite official propaganda which

for years has denounced the "Gringo." And so far as the ordinary city-dweller is concerned, the new tension itself as well as the underlying causes for it are over his head.

Independent newspapers, in the

Hawaiian Volcano Erupts



HONOLULU—Fiery lava spurts 100 feet in the air from cracks in Hawaii's Kilauea crater floor in the volcano's most active eruption since 1827. Rim of two-by-three mile crater can be seen in the background. It was estimated 10,000,000 yards of lava were spewed forth from what used to be steam cracks often visited by tourists. (AP Wirephoto)

Oppenheimer Case Verdict Stirs Protest

LOS ALAMOS, N. M. — A national scientists organization Wednesday blasted the nation's personnel security system and said the security panel's decision in the Oppenheimer case "offends justice and common decency."

A statement by David L. Hill, retiring chairman of the Federation of American Scientists, criticized President Eisenhower and Lewis Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Hill's statement was issued in connection with a security board vote barring Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer from further access to the nation's atomic secrets. Hill described his group as "a national organization of scientists concerned with the impact of a science on society and with the relation between science and government."

"The handling of this case raises

Governor Knight Praises Adventists

SAN FRANCISCO — Gov. Goodwin Knight of California told the Seventh-Day Adventists General Conference Wednesday that "war would disappear if everyone lived as you do."

Knight added that "international diplomats could perform miracles if they remembered the teachings of Jesus as the Adventists do." The church restricts its young men to medical or non-combatant service in wartime.

grave doubts about the administration of the entire personnel security system. It seems clear that Robert Oppenheimer has already contributed more to the national security than most of the administrative officials who have had the effrontery to suspend him as a security risk in the first place."

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Kaiser Says Power Needed For Aluminum

SPOKANE — Power is the key to the expansion of the Aluminum industry in the Northwest and "to date, the people of the Northwest have done very little towards providing more power," Henry J. Kaiser said Wednesday.

"New products and new uses for aluminum are limited only by our ability to produce it and our imagination in being able to devise new ways to use it," he said.

Kaiser was here for a board meeting of the Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp., and an inspection of his company's aluminum reduction plant and rolling mill. He will discuss power problems of the Northwest at a public luncheon Thursday.

Kaiser announced plans for a \$1,500,000 expansion program at the Trentwood rolling mill to increase the plant's production by 42 million pounds per year.

The possibility of building a storage reservoir for power production at Arrow Lakes in British Columbia "looks interesting," the industrialist said. Kaiser Aluminum engineers have been making preliminary studies this spring on the proposal to build a dam at Arrow Lakes.

"A dam there would firm up all of the interruptible power now being used by our Spokane plants," he said.

Kaiser expressed optimism about the business future of the country as a whole. He said he believed the construction of needed hospitals, highways and homes will be a big factor in bolstering the economy.

One Douglas fir felled in Washington state was 11 feet in diameter at the base, 196 feet high and yielded 71,542 board feet of lumber.

Dogs Save Purses

NEW YORK (AP)—Police with purse-snatching problems might look to London's Hyde Park police for a hint, the Dog Welfare Guild says.

In 1948, the Guild says, Hyde Park officers had 214 purse snatchings to contend with. After adding dogs trained for police work to the park staff, the number of cases dropped to 18 in 1952.

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The government of Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser would expect Britain to make a parallel concession to help along agreement, said the informant, who insisted on anonymity.

Britain has been seeking an agreement under which Egypt would cooperate with the West in defense of the Suez Canal zone.

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