

Rebels 'On Run' in Costa Rica Fighting

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (UP)—Costa Rica's seven-day-old war cracked into renewed action Tuesday. The General staff announced advanced government units made contact with the rebels north of Santa Rosa in the northwest and declared, "we've got them on the run there."

A broadcast by the secret rebel radio, heard at Managua, Nicaragua, claimed 200 rebels had landed in an amphibious operation near Limon, Costa Rican port on the Caribbean 70 miles east of San Jose.

The General Staff said it had no immediate report on any landings at Limon, but a telephone call said the situation was normal. The informant said the government controls the beaches and any rebel landing would have to be made on a swampy flat or on the open coast-line. A traveler arriving from Limon Tuesday morning said "the situation there was entirely normal" when he left.

The rebel radio also claimed the rebels have "sufficient army" to end the anti-Communist revolution victoriously. It said 300 men had reinforced the rebel forces in the La Cruz region of the northwestern section, hitherto the only front in the war. The broadcast added "again we will conquer" the forces of President Jose Figueres in a second battle for Santa Rosa.

The rebels claimed in broadcasts they had killed or wounded more than 150 government troops in a battle near Liberia, about 20 miles southeast of Santa Rosa. The broadcasts also claimed more than 300 members of the government's civil guard and volunteers for Figueres have fallen in battle.

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Rose Garden Planned for Bush Pasture

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City Planners Vote to Keep 2 Chairmen

(Story also on page 1)

John Carlin and Robert Powell won a "vote of confidence" Tuesday night from their Salem Planning Commission associates when they were chosen by unanimous ballots to remain another year as chairman and vice-chairman.

Under the loosely divided direction of the commission, Carlin is chairman of the commission and presides over the second of two monthly meetings pertaining mostly to zoning. Powell takes over the chair for planning with emphasis on long range plans.

With Carlin in the chair Tuesday night, the commission took favorable action on two plans and heard two progress reports from its Engineer C. A. McClure on street numbering and map reduction in addition to hearings on requests for setback variances and street naming.

Change Unlikely
McClure said it appeared unlikely that any change was needed for the east-west numbering system inside the city after conferring, at the Commission's request, with representatives of the Marion County Planning Commission. He said the north-south situation had not been considered yet, but that a report could be ready for a joint committee review in a couple of weeks.

Plan for resubdivision of a part of the Ewald Fruit Farms addition north of Madrona Ave. near Karen Way was tentative recommendation of the commission on the stipulation that the name of Karen Way be changed to Felton to establish street uniformity in that area southwest of the city.

Subdivision Approved
Also approved was an eight-lot subdivision in the Beaumont addition north of Orchard Heights Road near its intersection with Wallace Road.

A petition for annexation of some 70 acres, including about 30 homes in the vicinity of radio station KSLM on the West Salem Hills was received by the commission from Jacob and Emma Lowen.

Six citizens, two of them residents of the Henningsen Tracts in northwest Salem, were heard by the commission on three requests for setback variances. G. Hammond and Eugene Krebs, both owning homes in the tract on Willamette Drive, opposed granting the variances which would permit construction of homes on either side of them with setbacks of 25 feet. Both stated that their homes had setbacks of 110 to 125 feet so approval of the variances would mean they would be looking in to the backyards of their neighbors.

Resident Testifies
Arnold Byer, another resident of the area, said the variances would not affect his home south of the proposed construction.

After hearing the trio and Gerald T. Hall, Jack Henningsen and Elmer R. Monner, petitioners for the variances, the commission approved Hall's request and set over until the February meeting any action on those of Henningsen and Monner.

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Resigns



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G. C. Hester Accepts New Engineer Post

George C. Hester Jr., administrative assistant to the state highway engineer, is resigning his job effective Jan. 31, the State Highway Department announced Tuesday.

He will become research engineer for the Association of Western Railroads, with headquarters in Chicago.

Hester has been with the highway department since 1935, except for five years of military service during World War II.

He has been active in U. S. Army reserve training in the Salem area after returning from war service with the rank of colonel.

His work in the highway department has dealt with special engineering studies, particularly in highway economics. Hester and his family live at 4210 Rowan Ave.

Juvenile Case Portrayed at PTA Meeting

The alleged case of a juvenile delinquent was presented Tuesday night to the Englewood School PTA Association in the form of a play.

Judge Joseph Felton of the Marion County Circuit Court of Domestic Relations played the part of a judge; Kirk Mulder, county juvenile counselor, was moderator, and parts were portrayed by Frank Kehrl, county juvenile counselor, Kenneth Seipp, county juvenile officer, and Mrs. Clifton Mudd, court bailiff.

Rex Peterson, North Salem High School student, played the part of "James Smith," the alleged delinquent.

Some 300 parents attended the program, which was put on in the school auditorium. Plans were also announced for the school carnival to be held Feb. 18. Next meeting of the group will be March 8.

Woodburn Hires Salem Firm For Sewer Planning

WOODBURN—The Woodburn City Council Tuesday night retained the Salem engineering firm of Clark & Groff to draw up plans for extending the municipal sewer district into the southeast section of the city.

The council postponed final action on a proposed taxi-licensing ordinance until its next meeting Feb. 1. The ordinance would require payment of a license fee to the city and would set up requirements for inspection and insurance coverage.

Carrier Aids Storm-Bound Scotlanders

LONDON (UP)—Britain Tuesday dispatched an aircraft carrier to bring emergency relief to 55,000 hungry highlanders marooned in blizzard-ravaged Northern Scotland.

Throughout the British Isles and much of Europe, city dwellers and farmers shivered in bitter winter weather. Blizzards, hurricanes and floods left havoc in country after country. More than a score of persons have died in the past three days.

The Royal Navy's 13,000-ton Glory headed out of the Clyde and plunged northward along the west coast of Scotland carrying precious supplies of gasoline.

As a floating base she will distribute this fuel to helicopters and light planes making food drops to snow-stranded Scots. More snow fell in the highlands during the day.

Residents of Northern Ireland faced a coal famine. Arrival of a 1,000-ton cargo of coal from England relieved the fuel famine in Londonderry somewhat. Six thousand children were sent home from 14 unheated schools in that city.

Many rivers in France rose threateningly and hundreds of families were evacuated from flooded farmhouses in the Rhine Valley. Floods plagued West Germany and the north coast braced itself for a gale.

The Rhine's overflow at Mehlen cut off 2,000 Germans and 450 American employees of the U. S. High Commission. Only technical and security forces were permitted in the big glass and concrete structure.

Hammel Tops Speech Meet

Lloyd G. Hammel Jr., assistant state attorney general, won the annual speech contest of the Salem Toastmasters Club at a meeting Tuesday night in the China City restaurant.

Discussion topic at the meeting was "Should Portland State College Become a Four-Year Degree Granting School?" Placing second in the contest was Salem attorney Ted deLoose. Other contestants were Herb Carter, Paul Erick and Howard Houk.

Hammel will compete in an area contest Feb. 15 against winners from Linn, Marion, Lane and Polk counties.

Police Charge Dallas Man With Rape

DALLAS—State police Tuesday arrested a Dallas man and charged him with having raped a 12-year-old girl in McMinville two hours before.

The accused man, Gerald Orton, 28, was held without bail in the Yamhill County jail in McMinville.

Yamhill County sheriff's deputies said they were alerted about 4:15 p.m. by three teen-age boys, who said they had seen a man and a young girl in a parked car. They gave police the license number of the vehicle.

A short time later the girl called police and said she had been attacked. She was taken to the McMinville hospital for treatment.

State police who arrested Orton said the arrest resulted from a check of license numbers.

CHROME PLANT NEAR Bandon (UP)—A plant to separate chrome from black sands near here is expected to go into operation in late spring. Construction is nearly complete, officials of the Mineral Sands Co. said Tuesday.

Iceland has more than 100 known volcanoes.

At The Theaters Today

ELLSINORE
"SIGN OF THE PAGAN" with Jeff Chandler and Jack Palance
"THIS IS YOUR ARMY" with the U. S. Army on Review
CAPITOL
"GREEN FIRE" with Stewart Granger and Grace Kelly
"THE UNHOLY FOUR" with Paulette Goddard
GRAND
"LIVING IT UP" with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis
"THREE MOORS TO KILL" with Dana Andrews
HOLLYWOOD
"SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS" Jane Powell and Howard Keel
"THE SEA AROUND US" in Technicolor

British Social Medicine Hit By Physician

A Portland surgeon, native of England, told the Salem Knife and Fork Club Tuesday night that he, for one, was glad to leave that country's National Health Service, commonly called "socialized medicine."

The speaker, Dr. Frederic Bentley, came to this country after World War II. His talk was entitled "An Immigrant Looks Two Ways."

Dr. Bentley explained how medical care was nationalized in Britain and how it came about. The speaker said he was proud to be a part of America, and that he felt privileged to be able both to look back, to his native land and his experiences there, and forward, to the Willamette Valley and its unlimited horizon for development.

Next meeting of the club will hear Michael Fielding, radio news and military analyst, speak on March 3.

Initiation Laugh Costs \$44,918

DENVER (UP)—They laughed back in 1951 when E. G. Dunne sat down on a bench, rose quickly and then fell to the floor during a Shriners initiation at Pueblo, Colo.

The boys had wired the bench with electricity.

Dunne got the last laugh Monday when the Colorado Supreme Court awarded him \$44,918 in damages against the Al Kaly Temple for a permanent neck injury.

NO DELETION
MADISON, Wis. (UP)—Ray Owen of Monona Village ordered some new checks from a printer, sending along a copy of the ones he was using but asking that "Route 5" be deleted from the address. The checks came back reading: Ray S. Owen, 5807 Winnequah Road, Monona Village, Delete Route 5.

Police Station Visit Precedes Honeymoon

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—Earl King had to visit the police station here before he could leave on his honeymoon.

Friends had handcuffed King to a member of his wedding party and they had to get police to chisel off the cuffs.

McCarthy Job Taken Over By McClellan

WASHINGTON (UP)—Sen. McClellan (D-Ark) took over the Senate investigations subcommittee Tuesday and said that as far as he's concerned formal one-man hearings are a thing of the past.

He announced the seven-man group will consider later this month whether to write into its rules a ban against one-man hearings at which testimony is taken.

One-man hearings fanned some of the heat which surrounded subcommittee activities while Sen. McCarthy was chairman the last two years.

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