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Batista Takes Premier's Oath

Ousted President Predicts Downfall

HAVANA, Cuba — (AP) — Fulgencio Batista, Cuba's strong man, took the oath as Prime Minister of his revolutionary government late Wednesday in the Presidential Palace.

The man he kicked out of office, President Carlos Prio Socarras, remained at the Mexican Embassy, where he had fled for asylum, and deferred until Thursday at least a flight to exile in Mexico. Batista has given him safe conduct guarantees.

Batista and his 15 Army officer following launched their successful revolt just before 3 a.m. Monday.

In his speech Wednesday he assailed Prio for "converting himself into an election agent for his unpopular, hand-picked candidate." Batista repeated his charge that Prio had planned a phony revolution April 15 to keep himself in power.

The Batista government announced earlier that no congressmen will be arrested; "except those involved in gangsterism."

Prio, in a letter published by newspapers, assailed Batista as a traitor and predicted his overthrow.

Log Shortage Cuts Production

The pinch of a log shortage created by last summer's 40-day closure of camps due to fire weather is holding down some lumber production at Douglas fir sawmills, Harris E. Smith, secretary of West Coast Lumbermen's Assn., reported this week.

The lumber official pointed out that fir mills west of the Cascades in Oregon and Washington cut 6 per cent less lumber in the first two months of this year than last year for the same period. Orders and shipments were off about the same percentage.

Production of 1,644,571,000 board feet for 80 days of 1952, was 80 million feet below 1951, Smith said. Orders of 1,691,643,000, while topping production, were 93 million feet below last year and shipments were off 115 million feet.

The weekly average of West Coast Lumber production in February was 200,170,000 b.f. or 106.9 per cent of the 1947-1951 average. Orders averaged 193,923,000 b.f.; Shipments 200,928,000 b.f.; Weekly averages for January were Production 174,752,000 b.f. (93.3 per cent of the 1947-1951 average); Orders 191,993,000 b.f.; Shipments 164,555,000 b.f.

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BUSINESS—FARM What's Doing?

WITH 778 pounds of butterfat and 21,552 pounds of milk to her credit, Judy Ormsby Trilomita, registered Holstein-Friesian cow owned by Adolph Benter, Creswell, has completed a 365-day production test in official herd improvement registry. She was milked twice daily, and was 5 years, 9 months of age at the start of the testing period.

Charles Porter To Practice Law

Returning to Eugene after 15 years to practice law, Charles Porter has established offices in association with W. P. Riddell, lawyer in the new Timberlane Bldg., 12th Ave. E. and Pearl St. Porter, who is a graduate of Eugene High School, won a scholarship to Harvard, for the past 3½ years has served as assistant to the director of the American Bar Assn.'s survey of the legal profession.

Porter was engaged in this project in Boston, Mass., working with the director, Reginald Heber Smith. Before that, Porter spent three years as law clerk for Judge William Healy, of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in San Francisco.

He also served four years in the U.S. Air Force during the war and is a reserve captain.

Porter received his Harvard AB degree cum laude and is a graduate of the Harvard Law School. He is 32. He and his wife, Pricilla, have two sons, Donald, 7, and Christopher, 2.

Porter plans to carry on a general law practice.

Sam Rodway Tours Factories

Manufacturing methods used to produce farm equipment rival those for building airplanes and fine automobiles, both in modern efficiency and quality of work, according to Sam Rodway, who recently returned from a week's tour of John Deere farm implement factories in Illinois and Iowa.

Rodway is manager of the Interstate Tractor and Equipment Co. Rodway visited six of the 16 John Deere factories, including the John Deere Planter Works and John Deere Plow Works in Moline, Ill., the John Deere Harvester Works and John Deere Spreader Works in East Moline, and the two huge John Deere tractor factories in Waterloo and Dubuque, Ia.

He also inspected the John Deere central materials research laboratories, where he saw some of the exhaustive tests of the many kinds of materials—everything from steel to paint—used in manufacturing John Deere farm implements.

A part of the week's program was devoted to discussing several new farm implements which John Deere factories currently are introducing.

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Shareholders Vote 66⅔% Dividend

Shareholders of the First National Bank of Portland, at a special meeting Monday, elected a new director, authorized payment from surplus of a 66⅔ per cent stock dividend amounting to \$5 million, and approved plans to sell an additional 200,000 shares of stock at \$30 a share.

IN APPROVING the two capital funds changes, the shareholders gave their go-ahead to a plan which will increase First National's capital funds to over \$42,800,000, according to F. N. Belgrano, Jr., president of the bank.

He said the continued growth of Oregon's economy and population, with its accompanying demand for further banking services prompted the move.

The 200,000 new shares of stock will be offered May 1 to shareholders of record April 30 on the basis of one new share for each five shares held.

THE 66⅔ PER CENT stock disbursement is the fourth to be made by the bank in the last 15 years in addition to regular cash dividends. Previous stock dividends amounted to 20 per cent in 1938, 50 per cent in 1942 and 66⅔ per cent in 1950.

The new director, elected at Monday's meeting, is Edward B. Stanton, vice president and general manager of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway Company.

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