

Military Coup

Togo Leader Assassinated

LOME, Togo (AP)—A struggle for leadership of this tiny West African country appeared to be developing Monday in the wake of a sergeants' revolt and the assassination of President Sylvanus Olympio.

Two men emerged as possible heads of a new government—former Premier Nicolas Grunitzky, 49, and Idrissou Antoine Meatchi, 27, a former opposition leader in the Togo Assembly.

A military revolutionary committee that engineered the Sunday coup reportedly appealed to Grunitzky, a brother-in-law of the slain president to return from exile in neighboring Dahomey to form a government.

Rumors spread that Meatchi was already back in Lome from exile in Ghana, which also borders Togo. He had been accused by the Olympio government of leading exiled political conspirators.

Meatchi, a French-educated Moslem and former civil servant, had been arrested in 1960 for conspiracy. He went to Ghana after his release in mid-1961.

Only Casualty

Gunned down on the street outside the U. S. Embassy early Sunday, Olympio apparently was the only casualty of the fast-paced revolt. Gunfire was heard in the streets around 2 a.m.

The 60-year-old president's bullet-riddled body was found outside the unlocked embassy gate at dawn.

The body was taken into the embassy. Later Olympio's family removed it.

Most of the other members of his government were arrested. They were reported unharmed and held at a military camp outside Lome.

Olympio visited the United States on an aid-seeking mission last March and President Kennedy praised him as "an exceptional figure on the world scene."

The London-educated Olympio was the only African head of state with a command of both English and French, and he also knew some German. His language skills earned him an influential position in African councils.

Thombe also was to get notice that if his followers carried out threats to blow up the mining installations and electric power dam in the area, he might be sent to Leopoldville for trial by the central Congo government as a war criminal and saboteur.

Last reports said a U.N. ground force had advanced from Jadotville to within 50 miles of Kolwezi.

Sources at U.N. headquarters in New York reported that Indian U.N. troops have taken over Shinkolobwe, once Katanga's biggest military base, 15 miles southwest of Jadotville and about 90 miles southeast of Kolwezi.

The base, which once accommodated 2,000 to 3,000 men, was reported almost deserted. The sources said "enormous quantities of arms and ammunition" were found.

Rail Service Restored

Rail service was reported restored between Elisabethville and Mookamb near the border of Northern Rhodesia, and trains began moving over it Sunday with badly needed food supplies from Rhodesia to the Katanga capital.

The United Nations occupied Mookamb Thursday after Tshombe drove ahead of advancing U.N. troops calling on his battered forces not to resist. The United Nations went on Saturday to Sakania on the Rhodesian border.

Tshombe slipped back into Kolwezi Saturday night after a one-day visit to Northern Rhodesia. Some sources believed he had returned to try to dissuade diehard members of his Cabinet from dynamiting the city.

Others felt that Tshombe was convinced a unified Congo would doom any political future he might have and was determined to make a final stand.

A. W. Lafferty Leaves Oregon

PORTLAND (AP)—A. W. Lafferty, former U. S. Representative from Oregon and Portland attorney, has returned to his native Missouri.

The 87-year-old Lafferty, famous for filing the first suit in the Oregon and California Land Grant cases, has become a resident of Middleton, Mo., in the congressional district where he was born.

He practiced law in Middleton from 1896 until he moved to Oregon in 1905.

Lafferty represented Oregon in the U. S. House of Representatives from 1911-1915.

Several years ago he won a federal court suit which resulted in distributing some \$7 million of impounded O and C funds to 18 counties.

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Map locates the west African country of Togo where President Sylvanus Olympio was shot to death Sunday in an apparently successful coup d'etat. He was killed in the street outside the U.S. embassy building in Lome.

Coup Staged

From Radio Chain Hearing

Sen. Dodd Denies Maurine 'Barred'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Maurine B. Neuberger, D-Ore., said Sunday she was denied admittance to a Senate subcommittee inquiry last Thursday into the Pacifica Foundation's radio chain.

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., denied she had been barred, and Sen. Neuberger agreed that the word "barred" might be too strong. An aide said the issue was closed.

Dodd said, "Nobody was barred from the hearing. I can tell you that. There was no barring."

Dodd is vice chairman of the Senate internal security subcommittee that handled the investigation. He said the first he had heard of a newspaper story on the incident involving Sen. Neuberger was when he was questioned about it Sunday.

Dodd's subcommittee says it has been trying to determine whether Communists are attempting to infiltrate Pacifica's three-station radio chain.

An aide in the Neuberger office gave this version of what took place:

"Sen. Neuberger went to the subcommittee room to talk to Dr. Peter Odegard, one of the Pacifica Foundation's directors and a personal friend."

After she asked if she could go in and hear him testify. She was told by a subcommittee staff member that the subcommittee was in executive session.

Her aide said, "She took it (the remark) at face value and left."

Normally a member of Congress is allowed to attend such closed hearings. Although there appears to be no hard, fast rule a non-member of a committee usually arranges attendance in advance.

Pacifica operates Stations KPFA in Berkeley, Calif.; KPFA in Los Angeles and WBAL in New York City. The foundation says operations are listener-supported—by membership fees—and broadcast all shades of opinion on public affairs, including that of Communists on the left and John Birch Society members on the right.

Odegard, a former president of Reed College in Portland, told the subcommittee the foundation shares its dislike of communism. The subcommittee held only a one-day hearing but has said it will call more witnesses at some future date.

Civilian Dog Tags

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Swedish civilians are being dogtagged under the civil defense program.

The below-zero zone extended from the upper Great Lakes through the northern plains into the northern Rockies. Temperatures plunged to nearly 60 below in Montana over the weekend.

A howling snowstorm off Lake Erie battered sections of western New York. The wind-blown snow pounded Erie County and to a lesser degree, Niagara and Orleans counties to the north.

The storm dumped six inches of snow on Buffalo and up to a foot in rural areas.

Deaths blamed on the wintry weather—exposure, fires and traffic accidents on ice and snow-covered highways—passed the 40 mark.

Property damage, including heavy loss by a rash of fires, mounted into the millions of dollars.

The unseasonable cold in Southern Texas, Southern California and Arizona threatened damage to citrus and vegetable crops. Farmers started their smudge pots.

Wide areas felt the sting of the frigid weather which inconvenienced millions and brought misery to thousands. Stiff winds added to the discomfort.

The Weather Bureau in Chicago said that only a few parts of the nation were not hit by freezing or lower temperatures. Included were areas of the Carolinas southward through southeastern Georgia and most of Florida. Also above freezing, but not much higher than 32 degrees, were areas near the Pacific Coast from Oregon southward through western California.

Utility Requests Bond Issue Okay

SALEM (AP)—Portland General Electric Co. has submitted an application to the state Public Utility Commissioners for approval of a \$15 million bond refunding issue.

The commissioner said PGE's application stipulates the \$15 million in first mortgage bonds, drawing 4% per cent interest would be sold privately to institutional purchasers. The proceeds would be used to redeem an equal amount of bonds issued in 1957 at 5½ per cent, the company said.

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Airlift of Refugees Comes to End

89 Flown From Cuba to Florida

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The aerial exodus of refugees from Fidel Castro's Cuba has halted, following an airlift of 89 Cubans and Cuban-Americans to Miami Sunday. At present there are no plans for resuming it.

Red Cross officials announced there will be no more flights carrying ransom supplies to Cuba. Pan American World Airways, which suspended its twice-daily Miami-Havana flights at the onset of the Cuban crisis last October, is not anxious to resume the unprofitable service.

The Pan Am DC6B that made Sunday's refugee flight had taken 15,000 pounds of medicines to Cuba as another installment on the \$53-million ransom guaranteed Castro for release of the 1,113 Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners.

The American Red Cross said

all future shipments of ransom supplies will be made by ocean freighter. The steamship Shirley Lykes presently is being loaded at Baltimore with 6,500 tons of food, drugs and medical supplies for delivery in Havana.

The Shirley Lykes will stop at Port Everglades, Fla., to load an additional 1,000 tons of supplies. She is expected to reach Cuba no earlier than Jan. 18.

A tearful, yet joyous scene unfolded at Miami International Airport when the 89 refugees arrived at 5:20 p.m. Sixty-eight of the group were Cubans possessing American citizenship.

The other 21 were Cuban nationals but either the husband or wife had U.S. citizenship or their children were born in this country.

The U.S. Immigration Service refused to release names of arrivals.

The Cuban-Americans had lived in the United States previously and for one reason or another—mostly homesickness—had returned to their native Cuba.

They said they were returning to America because of problems in Cuba, including food shortages, inability to get work, and

disillusionment with the revolution.

Jesus Azoy, a barber who left Tampa, Fla., and returned to Havana 18 months ago, said, "We were told it was good there under the revolution."

But Azoy said, "It was a mistake to go back. It wasn't nice after all."

Azoy was accompanied by his wife and two sons, Alexander, 4, born in the United States and Jesus Jr., 8 months.

Amparo Lopez Medina, 84, was the oldest of the arrivals. She said in Spanish, "I am happy to be here."

French Chief Turns Down Polaris Plan

PARIS (AP)—President Charles de Gaulle said Monday France cannot join the British-American agreement made at Nassau establishing a multi-national Polaris missile force.

De Gaulle, speaking to his first news conference since last May, responded to a question on whether France might accept President Kennedy's offer of Polaris missiles:

"I do not believe that anyone thinks that we can subscribe to the accords of the Bahamas."

De Gaulle said the U.S. offer to France following the pre-Christmas Nassau agreement had no current importance to France and added:

"We will build and employ ourselves our own atomic force."

Policy Reaffirmed

"I have several times indicated publicly French policy on defense and the armament which France feels necessary for her own defense. I repeat that France intends to have her own national defense."

In Washington, the White House declined immediate comment on De Gaulle's rejection of the multi-national Polaris missile force.

De Gaulle conceded that in modern times no nation can conduct a world war on its own and went on:

"The need to have allies goes without saying. But to have also the free disposition of one's self and to keep it is also a necessity for a great people."

Lacks Submarines

He declared it would not be useful for France to buy Polaris missiles from the United States since it does not have submarines to launch the missiles or nuclear warheads to attach to the missiles.

He added, however, that if France some day does have the submarines and nuclear warheads "perhaps we will have our own missiles."

De Gaulle said he was not refusing technical or strategic cooperation, but that he felt the French and British positions were different now on nuclear matters. Britain has accepted the Polaris offer.

Papuans Fleeing

HOLLANDIA, New Guinea (AP)—Official sources report 600 Papuans have fled since Jan. 1 by outboard motor boats and over dim jungle trails to Australian New Guinea in fear of unemployment when Indonesia takes over here. The U.N. is interim ruler.

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