



Studying Lay of the Land—Gerhard Hornemann (seated, center), Berlin schoolboy who won a prize of four weeks in England and the U.S. in the European recovery program essay contest, studies a map of America, surrounded by his mother and five brothers and sisters.

LAND OF POLITICAL TERROR

Full-Scale Civil War Said Sure in Colombia

By DREW PEARSON

Washington — The chances of avoiding full-scale civil war in Colombia are now estimated by those who know the situation intimately to be about one in 20.

The wild shooting affray in the Colombian Chamber of Deputies on Sept. 8, during which one deputy was killed and three others wounded, marked a new climax in the political warfare set off during the Pan-American conference in April 1948 by the assassination of Jorge E. Gaitan, Liberal party leader.

Events of the 17 months since then have tragically transformed Colombia from a nation noted for its peaceable, law-abiding traditions into a land of continuous violence and political terror.

No fewer than 400 persons have lost their lives in this bloody feuding — not counting the 900-odd who died during the fierce riots of that fateful April 9.

The grimest aspect of the picture is that, despite best efforts of men of good will in both major parties, matters have now degenerated to the point where compromise is apparently impossible.

The gun battle of the deputies occurred just halfway through what a citizens' committee, seeking an end to the protracted violence, had hopefully designated as "peace week."

It all started when the Liberals split during the 1946 campaign, putting up two candidates and thus allowing the Conservatives to win the presidency with less than 40 per cent of the popular vote.

Jorge Gaitan, a Peron-style demagogue who was feared and despised by the old-line Liberal bosses, swamped the party's "orthodox" nominee and took second place in the balloting.

From then on, flashy, spell-binding Gaitan was undisputed chieftain of the Liberals. In 1947, he made a rabble-rousing campaign that won him a senate seat and the presidency of the senate which the Liberals continued to control, along with the chamber of deputies.

His dramatic assassination on a street corner at midday (the most reliable version assigns strictly nonpolitical motives for this act, but Gaitan's fanatical followers still believe he was murdered by the Conservatives) touched off a chain reaction that has been exploding ever since.

The latest tragic outbreak, in the legislature, was the direct result of a dynamite-laden bill, sponsored by the Liberals, to move the date for the next presidential elections forward from April, 1950, to November, 1949.

Rammed through both houses by the Liberal majorities, this bill was vetoed by Conservative

Man Killed for Deer

Kooskia, Idaho, Oct. 11 (AP)—An 18-year-old youth told authorities he shot and killed a hunting companion yesterday when he mistook his victim for a deer. Alvin Renshaw, about 55, a Kooskia farmer, died almost immediately after being struck by the bullet fired by Neil Erlwine of Southwick, Coroner Glenn Allor reported.

Goofy Antics of Real-Life Fathers Need No 'Make-Up'

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON

Hollywood, Cal., Oct. 11 (AP)—If you think Hollywood exaggerates the way proud papas rant over new-born babies, it just shows you've never paced a hospital waiting room.

No movie actor'd dare go through the goofy antics real-life fathers come up with when they see their child for the first time.

This we have directly from Arthur E. Carlson, assistant director of personnel at the California hospital in Los Angeles. He took a survey for Universal-International, which produced "Yes, Sir, That's My Baby."

And he reassured the movie-makers they could let their actors get as gaga as they dared.

"I rounded up a lot of fathers as they came to peek through the nursery windows at the new children," Carlson explained. "And I asked them all kinds of questions."

"Most of the men insisted they could spot their own child out of 15 new-born babies without even looking at name tags."

Plumber J. T. Mitchell, for instance, said it was a cinch. "It's the prettiest one in there," he boasted. "Looks just like me—and I'm nice looking."

Mitchell allowed as how his was the most intelligent in the nursery, too.

"She's only a few hours old," he said. "But she has what it takes."

Mechanic Harrell J. Hopkins was a little more modest. Sure his baby was the prettiest, he beamed, but he wouldn't say it was the smartest. He guessed it'd "take a few days" to find that out.

The night we went along in the survey the seventh floor during visiting hours was jammed with gents wearing silly beams on their faces.

All except one.

He was Robert Ellis, a business student at the University of Southern California.

"That one over there's mine," he said wearily. "In the back row. I don't blame 'em for sticking him way back. Look at that head. Looks like an ice cream cone."

Nurses tried to cheer him up. They said the baby's head would probably be as round as a billiard ball by the time he took

him home. But Ellis wouldn't be cheered.

"His name's Stephen," he said sadly. "But I guess we'll have to call him 'Gourd-head.'"

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States and Canadian Highway Progresses

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 11 (AP)—Progress was reported today in the effort to form a highway link between the United States and Canada.

A hundred miles of the 300-miles between Fairbanks and the Alaska-Canada border has been paved, Col. John R. Noyes, Alaska roads commissioner, told the National Association of State Highway Officials.

The project is part of a \$100,000,000 Alaska road program also including a 365-mile gravel road from Valdez to Fairbanks and a road connecting Anchorage and Seward and on to Homer.

Between Alaska and the U. S.-Canada border, Col. Noyes said, there are still 1700 miles north of Edmonton to be paved. But that section between the border and Edmonton is paved.

The reason no informed observer believes that open civil war can be averted is that neither party will budge an iota in their quarrel.

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