

200 Jailed for Grilling About Somoza Attack

Nicaragua Chief's Son Takes Grip On Nation

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP)—Wholesale arrests of opponents of government have followed the attempt to assassinate President Anastasio Somoza.

About 200 persons, including two newspaper editors and a former president, were being questioned in a police search for possible accomplices of the assassin.

The Nicaragua strongman's son Luis, 34, took a firm hold on the country while Somoza underwent treatment at a U.S. hospital in the Panama Canal Zone for four gunshot wounds.

Somoza was reported in satisfactory condition after four separate operations performed by a surgical team sent by President Eisenhower. A medical bulletin said it was uncertain whether the Central American President would regain use of his right leg, paralyzed by a bullet in his spinal column.

The assassin, Rigoberto Lopez Perez, 27, was slain by Somoza's guards immediately after emptying a revolver at the 60-year-old

President just before midnight Friday at a reception in Leon, 45 miles from the capital.

Luis Somoza and his younger brother Anastasio Jr., 32, were directing the search for the assassin's helpers. Luis acted as first vice president designate, an arrangement Congress was expected to approve at a meeting tomorrow.

The younger Anastasio, West Point-educated commander of Nicaragua's National Guard, kept a firm hand in command of the armed forces. Each son has been acting chief of state during previous absences of their father from the country.

There was no indication the Somoza dynasty had been shaken by the attempt to kill its founder. Managua was as quiet last night as any Central American capital.

A state of siege imposed Saturday meant that people who ordinarily sit on their porches in the warm night air had to be indoors by 9:30 p.m. Luis Somoza told reporters that in effect Nicaragua was under martial law.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Heaton, chief of the U.S. Army's Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, headed a surgical task force that flew here at President Eisenhower's direction to treat Somoza. Heaton performed an abdominal operation on Eisenhower last June.

Somoza Arrives in Panama for Operation



Nicaragua President Anastasio Somoza shown being removed from U.S. Air Force plane in Balboa Canal Zone, where he was brought for an operation to remove a bullet that almost cost him his life in an assassination attempt last Saturday in Nicaragua. (AP Wirephoto)

'Write Me Letter,' Only Advice Keef Recalls to Sarena Owners

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, the Democratic nominee for vice president, wound up his tour of Southwestern Washington Sunday and clarified what he said was his part in Oregon's Al Sarena issue.

Kefauver said the only advice he recalls giving the owners of the mine in the Rogue River National Forest of Southern Oregon was "write me a letter."

Charles McDonald, a member of the family which owns the mine, said the senator had given no farmer who said he was for Stevenson four years ago and for Eisenhower this time. They found a "handful" of pro-Stevenson voters of four years ago who said they still were undecided.

The Times said the main reasons given for the loss of Eisenhower strength were lower farm prices and resentment against his retention of Ezra Taft Benson as secretary of agriculture.

him valuable legal advice at a meeting in New Orleans, Dec. 31, 1951.

In its Sunday editions, The Oregonian carried a picture of a letter, signed with Kefauver's name, to McDonald. It said, in part: "I shall keep your records in my file for my use and will make every attempt to secure action on your case." Kefauver said that his administrative assistant had written the letter, which he described as routine, and had signed his name.

The Al Sarena mine has become an issue in the campaign. Democrats contend that the Interior Department, then headed by Doug McKay, granted the patents under improper and unusual circumstances. They contend that the McDonalds wanted the land for the valuable timber on it.

Poll Indicates Ike's Weaker In Farm Belt

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Times said Monday President Eisenhower seems to have lost strength in the farm belt.

In a dispatch from Des Moines, Iowa, the newspaper said it took a random sampling poll among crowds gathered at the National Plowing Contest at Newton, Iowa, when Eisenhower spoke last Friday and Adlai E. Stevenson the next day.

The Times said the poll showed:

1. 10.6 per cent of those who said they voted for Eisenhower in 1952 now say they will shift to Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee, next November.
2. That 13.4 per cent who said they voted for Eisenhower four years ago now say they are undecided.

A team of six Times correspondents who took the poll found

German Ship Shelled By China Nationalists

Freighter Hit as Shelter Sought From Storm

HONG KONG (AP)—Nationalist Chinese guns raked the German freighter Monika, seeking shelter from Typhoon Gilda off the China coast, although her flag was clearly visible, the West German consulate charged today.

The Defense Ministry in Taipei acknowledged the Nationalists fired warning shots at an unidentified ship west of Quemoy Saturday—when the Monika was under attack. But it asserted the shots fell well clear of the vessel.

The Monika's first mate, Hans Mayer, declared earlier that Chinese Communists had fired the shots which killed an officer and wounded two crewmen. The ship's captain, Ewald Dilara, said later it was the Nationalists, and the consulate confirmed his version.

A consulate spokesman said the Monika—en route from Hong Kong to Japan with a nonstrategic cargo—gave normal identification signals and hoisted her flag when within 1 1/2 miles of Ta Tan, biggest of the Tan island group near Quemoy, and Amoy.

Ships' officers said the 1,106-ton Monika ran into some 300 rounds of fire and took 10 direct hits as she headed for Amoy Harbor.

Normally, the consulate said, ships seeking cover from storms are permitted by the Nationalists to enter Amoy Harbor.

Mayer said the shots came from artillery hidden in the hills of Communist-held Amoy. A consulate spokesman said the confusion arose because the Monika's officers were unfamiliar with the military situation in the area.

The Tan Islands lie only a few thousand yards from the mainland. Their guns have virtually cut Amoy off from the outside world for several years.

4 Cattlemen Vie for Honor

PRINEVILLE (AP)—The lineup of district winners in the contest for the title of Oregon Cattleman of the year has been completed with selection of Irvin Mann Sr. of Adams.

Others competing with him are Charlie Compton of Paulina, Erick Fisher of Oregon City, and Thomas McElroy Jr., of Vale.

The winner of the contest will

2 Czechs Flee To Germany in Stolen Plane

PASSAU, Germany (AP)—Two Czechs have fled to West Germany in a stolen Communist plane in the fourth "freedom flight" from behind the Iron Curtain in a little over two months.

Lt. Vladimir Vrzal, 22-year-old pilot in Communist Czechoslovakia's air force, and Ludovic Sebel, 24-year-old mechanic, landed their small, slightly damaged trainer in a meadow near the Bavarian town of Vilshofen after a 120-mile flight.

They said they knocked out a Communist guard at the Czech military airport of Byskov, near Budweis, in order to reach the plane yesterday and take off for West Germany.

They told police they "couldn't stand living conditions" in Czechoslovakia or the lack of freedom. Vrzal said he had planned the escape for a month and was joined at the last minute by Sebel, a boyhood friend.

be announced at the annual meeting of the Oregon Cattlemen's Assn. here in December.

Teaches Horse to Sit Down—But on Himself

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Officers said a 41-year-old aircraft plant worker here tried to teach his horse how to sit down Sunday, and was too successful.

Arnold Hall was seriously injured when the horse sat down on him. He was hospitalized with a broken pelvis.

Improve Cemetery

LYONS (Special)—Mrs. Gladys Mason of Mill City and president of the Fox Valley cemetery association reports that the fall mowing of the cemetery will be done the first of October, to put the cemetery in shape for the winter. Mrs. Mason asks that all interested families clean off their graves removing all jars and cans and other rubbish.

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