

Disappearance of Eugene Flier in Dominican Republic Illustrates Diplomacy Struggle

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 Washington — The mysterious disappearance of a Eugene Oregonian in the Dominican Republic under circumstances that suggest he was ruthlessly eliminated for political reasons by the regime of that country, has served to demonstrate that such things can happen this side of the Iron Curtain, and to illustrate the struggle between democracy and dictatorship here in the Western Hemisphere.

United States diplomacy has been aimed at encouraging democratic processes generally throughout the world, although we have made friends with many undemocratic rulers where it has seemed to be our "enlightened self-interest" to do so.

This has been true in Latin America perhaps more than anywhere, for our "good neighbor policy" has generally embraced the dictators as well as the democratic south of the border. State Department officials say they think this approach is paying off, because they feel democracy is gaining and dictatorship declining in Latin America. There are now more Latin American countries operating with democratic processes than under dictatorships by a ratio of three to two.

Happiness Wished
 Under the good neighbor policy, incongruous as it may have seemed, President Eisenhower last week sent the following message to Dictator Trujillo, the ruler who apparently ordered the liquidation of Gerald Murphy, the Oregon aviator. "The people of the United States join me in wishing prosperity and happiness for you and the people of the Dominican Republic upon the anniversary of their independence." (from neighboring Haiti, Feb. 27, 1844).

Last summer, after his abdominal operation, Eisenhower ran the physical risk of flying to Panama to meet with all the other heads of state of the western hemisphere—dictators and presidents alike—in a show of good neighborliness and hemispheric solidarity. And last fall, when an assassin's guns cut down dic-

tator Somoza of Nicaragua, Eisenhower ordered a crew of Army specialists to be flown to his bedside in an unsuccessful effort to save his life.

But, on the other hand, America has stepped in with more than gestures to help budding democracies. To Guatemala the U. S. has sent \$38 million in the past three years to help stabilize a democratically-oriented government, and help it overcome a treasury deficit left by the communist-dominated government which it overthrew in the 1954 revolt.

Grants To Bolivia
 Foreign aid grants have gone also to Bolivia, which last year honestly elected a president and nationalized its vital tin industry when the tin economy became shaky. Democratic Haiti has received U. S. aid to help recover from damage inflicted by hurricane Hazel on her coffee plantations.

But, also, foreign aid during the Truman administration was given the Argentine government of Juan Peron, more recently deposed as dictator. Other democracies, such as Brazil, Peru and Ecuador, are being assisted indirectly by the U. S. through loans from the Export-Import Bank.

American diplomats point out that economic assistance is even more potent from private sources of investment. About \$6.6 billion, or 35 per cent of all U. S. foreign investments, has been sunk into Latin America. As a result, the gross national product in these countries as a whole is increasing at a more rapid pace than in the U. S.

Good For Democratic Hopes
 All of this economic activity, they argue, is to the good of democratic hopes, for it is building up a middle class with a stake in a stable government which, hopefully, will help curb revolutionary tendencies. This has a more effective long-range benefit than assassinating a Somoza, who is immediately succeeded by his son, or even deposing a Peron, who is followed by another undemocratic military government.

Here is the lineup of Latin American dictatorships as of now:
 Argentina, military rule since 1955; Colombia, military dictatorship of Lt. Gen. Rojas since 1952; Cuba, Military dictatorship of Gen. Batista since 1936, with a brief exile in Florida in the 1940s when he fell out

of power; Honduras, three-man military junta which took over from one-man rule last October in one of many revolutionary incidents in that country over the years; Paraguay, military dictatorship of Gen. Alfredo Stroessner; Venezuela, military dictatorship of Gen. Perez Jimenez since 1951; Nicaragua, the late

Somoza's son, Luis, was "elected" president last month while another son heads the army; Dominican Republic, another case of family rule, with Gen. Raphael Trujillo as boss with his brother, Hector, as puppet president, and his nephew, Jose Garcia, as secretary of state.

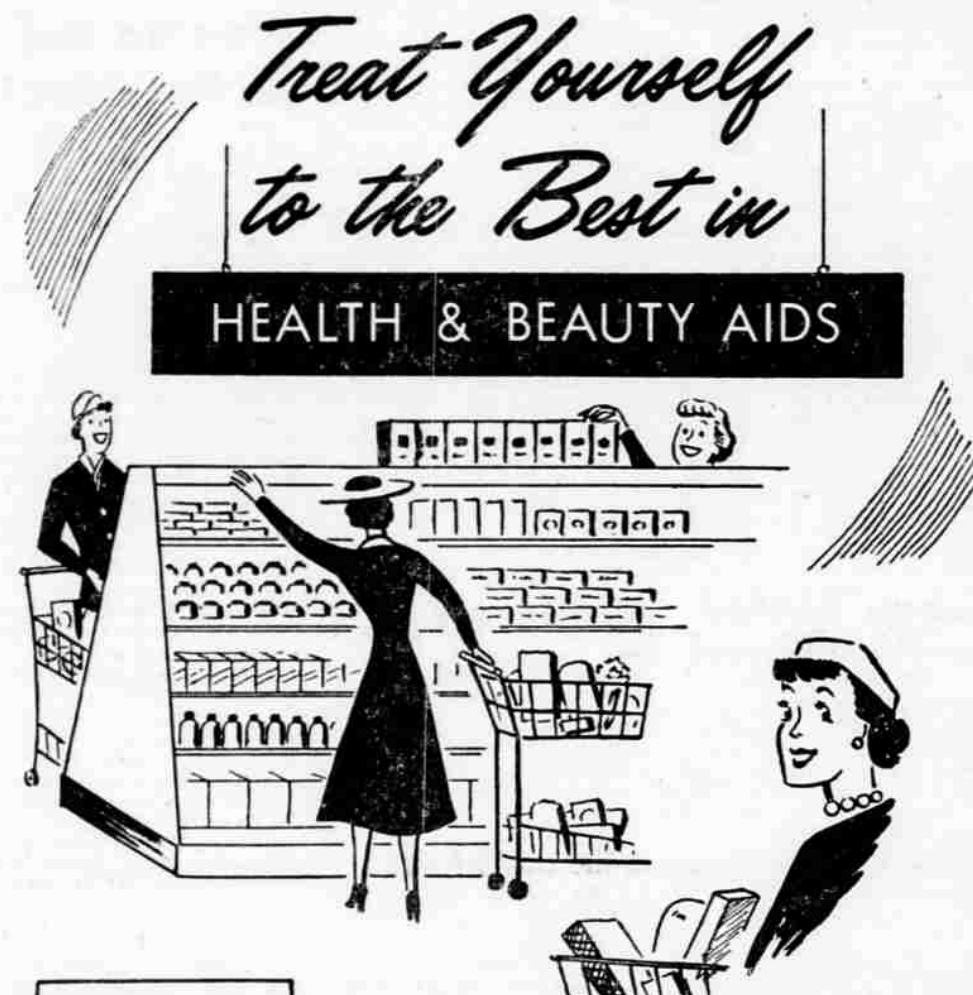
The more democratic nations of Latin America are Mexico, Ecuador, El Salvador, Panama, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Haiti, Guatemala and Uruguay, which has one of the

most unique democratic forms of government in the world—a nine-man national council on which three seats go to the major opposition parties.

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YOUR SKIN... know its type
 By Miriam Gibson French, McCall's Beauty Editor

You have normal skin if it is clear, supple and soft with good color, no signs of either flaky dryness or excessive oiliness. Remember that normal skin can change very quickly with weather, diet, mental or physical strain, or just the natural passage of time.

You have dry skin if it feels taut or shows up flaky, scaly areas under your powder. The drying comes from a slowing-down of the sebaceous glands, which also paves the way for tiny lines and wrinkles.

You have oily skin if it is generally heavy-looking with a persistent shine on nose, chin and forehead. Oily skin usually has the problems of large pores, blackheads, blemishes and a tendency to over-all coarse texture. This skin also gets dirtier faster because the oil attracts dirt.

You have combination skin if it's partly oily, partly dry. You may have dryness and flakiness on cheeks and around your eyes with a tendency to oiliness in the forehead, nose and chin areas.

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Navajo Tribe May Be One of Richest In America Soon

New York—(U.P.)—The Navajo Indian tribe, one of the poorest in America, may soon be one of the richest.

Oil developments are booming on their present hunting ground, the four corners area, located at the intersection of Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado.

The Navajo, formerly prime examples of the Red Man's plight, are becoming a leading example of what oil-based wealth can do for the standard of living and way of life of many American Indian tribes, according to Petroleum Week, a McGraw-Hill publication.

Three Lease Sales
 The trade magazine said three lease sales of tribal lands last November brought in \$33,686,327 in bonuses, 75 per cent more than in the entire previous fiscal year.

Activity continues to accelerate in the four corners, "the hottest exploratory area in the country," the publication said. Discovery of a well a week and the proposed building of a crude pipeline, means additional income through royalties for 80,000 Navajo, it noted.

The Navajo already have put much of their bonus money to work in an attempt to cut down the tribe's 80 per cent illiteracy rate. Petroleum Week reported it said that since the four corners oil boom began, the tribe has managed to put 25,800 of a school age population of 28,000 into school.

Airliners May Cross Country in 3 Hours

Washington — (U.P.) — A leading aircraft designer has forecast that 1,000-mile an hour airliners soon will span the United States in three hours.

Richard T. Whitcomb, designer of the "Marilyn Monroe" shaped jet fighter, made the forecast to 40 of America's top young scientists attending a science talent institute meeting.

Dr. John W. Coltman, manager of the Westinghouse electronics and nuclear physics department, predicted Friday at the meeting that the "electronic light" may soon be a common feature in modern homes.

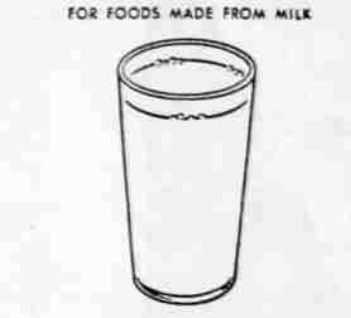
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