

Porter's Reception in Venezuela Found Opposite To Anti-Nixon Demonstrations

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 Washington—Rep. Charles Porter (D-Ore.) received an "overwhelming" welcome from the people of Venezuela on his recent visit, quite the opposite of the stormy demonstration staged during the recent visit of Vice President Nixon.

"Everywhere I found simple evidence that the citizens of Venezuela like and respect the citizens of the United States," Porter told the House upon his return. "Never did I hear an unkind word or see a discourteous gesture. On the contrary, the invariable response was friendly and warm. I expected this—not for myself but for me as a symbol of the millions of American people who share the Venezuelan aspirations for a government not based on force and fraud but by and for the people."

Throughout his visit with Mrs. Porter in Caracas, the congressman said the government provided two jeeps of secret police for protection against any possible recurrence of the rioting that took place when Nixon arrived. There were rumors going around that a kidnapping of Porter was being planned by the Dominican Republic, but Porter arrived safely. He was visited by Arturo Bepaillet, the former New York counsel who apparently helped with the kidnapping of Prof. Jesus de Galindez.

Hoped for Good Will
 Porter said he went to Venezuela upon invitation from the country's newspapermen's association, in hope of creating "good will at a time when she needs a good will visit because of the precariousness of the government."

He was referring to the military junta which now rules temporarily following ouster of Dictator Perez Jimenez. Elections will be held later, he said, after voters have been registered anew.

"On the night of our Independence Day I attended a meeting of the AD (Accion Democratica) political party," Porter said. "My visit was unannounced. More than 20,000 Venezuelans were assembled in the Caracas stadium. The reception I received was spontaneous. The warm and thunderous ovation which rocked the stadium was in fact a demonstration of good will toward the United States of America. These citizens greeted me with cheers and applause."

Term of Communism
 Because he found that "communism is, in my opinion, the most serious danger today to democracy in Venezuela," Porter made a major speech warning that the tyranny of Communism would be the better than the tyranny of the ousted dictator.

Porter also talked to two Communists, one a student at the university during a round table discussion, the other the head of the Communist party in the country, Senor Machado.

"After a while," the student told him, "we will establish the dictatorship of the proletariat." He added that the party would control the country for "its welfare."

"However, Senor Machado told me that this was incorrect," Porter added. "No dictatorship was planned. We are different. He kept telling me. My conclusion was that the student was sincere but misguided and would probably regain his perspective in due course. So for Senor Machado, my conclusion was just the contrary in each respect."

Criticism Omitted
 Porter said reports that some of the press is communist-controlled seemed verified by the fact that his TV speech about the danger of communism was reported in one newspaper without "a line of my criticism of communism."

In his House speech, Porter suggested that the U.S. could be most helpful to Venezuela in this critical post-revolutionary period by making clear "the opposition to tyrannies and love for democracies felt by its citizens" and by promoting more exchanges of students, leaders, artists and ideas. He also urged "a reduction of armaments among Latin American nations" and "an inter-parliamentary conference of the

Americas . . . to help the countries of the western hemisphere learn more about translating the will of the people into law."

Although Porter's visit got none of the fanfare attached to that of Nixon, it received favorable notice from two eastern newspapers which cover the Latin American scene more completely than most, the New York Times and Christian Science Monitor. The Times entitled its editorial "the ambassador from Oregon" and said:

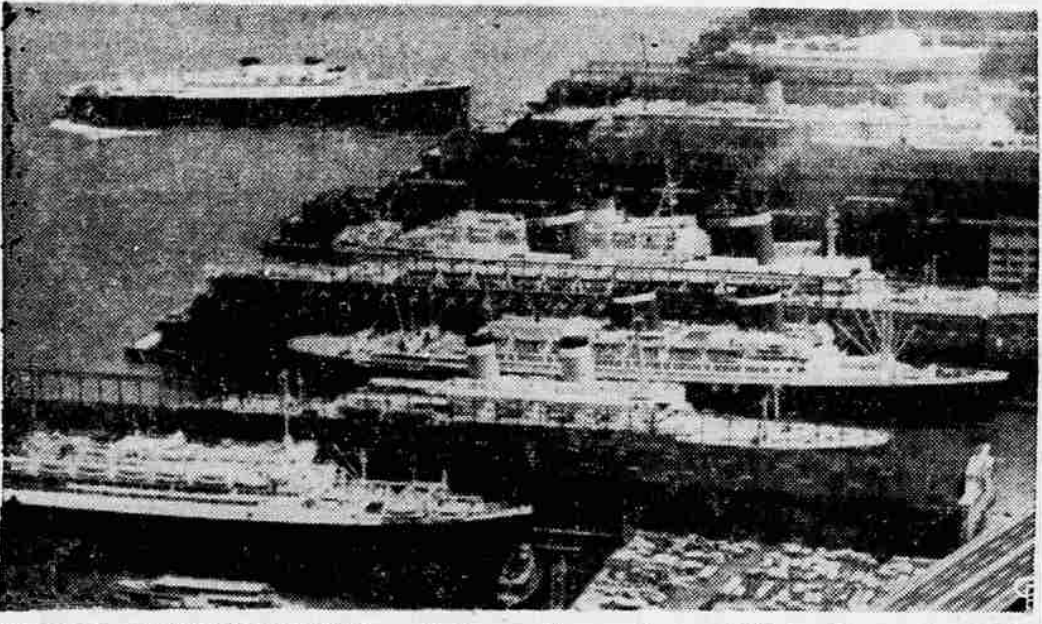
"There is an obvious lesson to be drawn from the different receptions given by Venezuelans in Caracas to Vice President Nixon in May

and to Rep. Porter . . . The reason could not be more simple and Vice President Nixon himself put his finger upon it immediately when he suffered his ordeal. The Venezuelans had nothing against him, as he realized; they were reacting to 10 years of excessive American friendliness to the hated and brutal dictatorship of Gen. Perez Jimenez.

Enemy of Dictators
 "Congressman Porter has gained fame as an enemy of dictators and for that he is being honored. He is unique in the House of Representatives for having a special interest in Latin American affairs. There are a few senators, like Wayne Morse, also of Oregon,

and George Smathers, of Florida, who have any knowledge and concern in hemispheric affairs, but they are few, indeed.

"Porter's dislike for the tyrannies in the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and previously in Venezuela and Colombia, is genuine. His recent criticism of the Ernst report on the Galindez-Murphy case was a notable piece of investigation. No doubt his own career as a congressman is being helped by what he is doing in the Latin American field, but his sincerity cannot be questioned and there is no doubt that he is serving the best interests of the United States."



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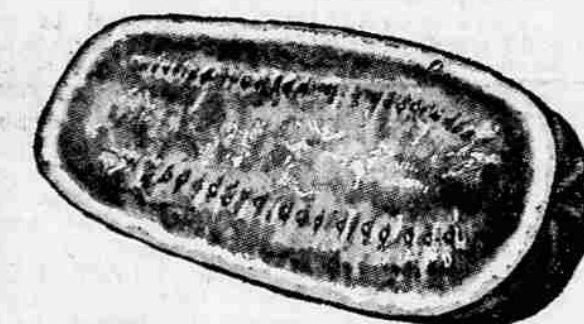
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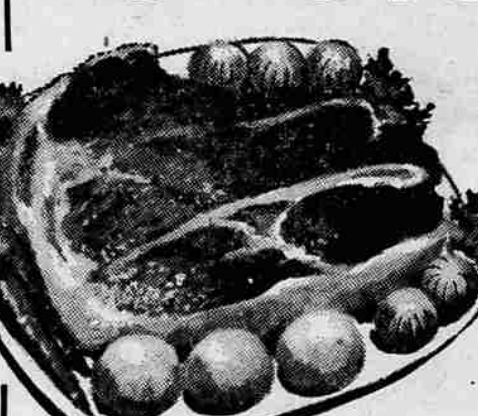
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