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Paraguay Attacked By Rebel Forces

Asuncion, Paraguay—(UPI)—A rebel invasion army crossed into Paraguay from Argentina before dawn Saturday and clashed with strongman President Alfredo Stroessner's government troops in a series of fierce jungle fights. The government claimed complete victory after seven hours of fighting along the banks of the rivers that form the frontier. It said an unspecified number of men were killed and wounded.



(UPI Telephoto) ALFREDO STROESSNER Government in Trouble

But the Rebel radio, which said the invasion army numbered 3,000 men led by Maj. Juan Jose Rotella, was still broadcasting and still claiming rebel gains. It said the rebels estimated seven beachheads on the Paraguayan side of the Panama river, bombed the border city of Encarnacion, and captured a number of villages outside Encarnacion.

It did not repeat earlier claims of controlling the port zone of the city and did not mention the fate of a column earlier reported to have captured Puerto Iguazu, 125 miles to the northeast.

The government said the capital of Asuncion, 175 miles northwest of the fighting, remained calm. No clashes had been reported there the news of the invasion reached the capital early Saturday.

The only independent account of the fighting available here came from the Argentine newspaper El Territorio. It said five rebel columns crossed the frontier river in small groups. Some were stopped on the Argentine side by police. Rotella led the largest, 200 men.

The crossings were made along a 125-mile stretch of the river from the Argentine city of Posadas, directly across from Encarnacion, to the point across from Puerto Iguazu. The territory is one vast area of tropical jungle, with clearing only where lumber camps are operating.

Willamette Pledges Receive Probation

Salem—(UPI)—Willamette university officials said Saturday that 31 pledges to Phi Delta Theta fraternity had been put on probation. They said the action involved damage to the fraternity's living quarters, intended as a "prank."

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly sunny and cool today. Clearing and colder tonight; fog patches during the morning hours. Increasing cloudiness Monday with rain by afternoon. High today 45. Low tonight near 20. High Monday 45.

Highest Yesterday 41. Lowest this Morning 30. Precip. to 10 p.m. Saturday .57

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:39 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:33 a.m. The Moon rises 4:09 p.m. today, appearing very near the star, Aldebaran. On the west coast it passes in front of Aldebaran in the early evening, hiding the star for nearly an hour. The Moon is also in Apogee tonight and its distance from the Earth is 252,600 miles, the greatest since last May.

Firm Claims Governor Aiding Union Members

Albert Lea, Minn.—(UPI)—Wilson and Co. charged Saturday that Minnesota Gov. Orville L. Freeman declared martial law here only to help striking union members and said it would file suit against the state. Freeman, a Democrat, angrily denied the charge at a news conference in St. Paul, and said he would visit the strike-torn town Sunday to try to resolve the bitter labor dispute. The meat packing company, angered over Freeman's deci-

A.F. General Sets World Speed Record

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Moore, a grandfather twice over, Saturday claimed a new world air speed record of 1,216 miles an hour for the U. S. Air Force. Piloting a Republic F-105 Thunderchief jet, combat equipped, Moore broke the French record of 1,100.425 miles an hour over a 100-kilometer closed course at Edwards Air Force base Friday.

Moore's claim has been accepted by the National Aeronautics Administration, the Air Force said Saturday night.

D.A. to Appeal Overload Ruling By Judge Bashaw

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder said Friday he would appeal a decision by District Court Judge E. Roy Bashaw last week on combination overload penalty cases.

The decision involved seven cases in which combination overloading of logging trucks was charged. According to state law, weight limitations for all trucks are set on loads carried on each wheel, each axle, each set of tandem axles, groups of axles and a weight limit on a combination of all axles.

The cases applied to overloads on all four sets of axles on logging trucks, the two axles on the front and the two on the back.

Ruled Unconstitutional. Bashaw ruled it is unconstitutional to penalize logging trucks with combination overloads any more than trucks carrying other commodities which have combination overloads.

The legislature did not decide it is more dangerous to the traveling public to haul logs and that a weight limitation is more dangerous when logs, poles or piling are being carried. According to state law, this has no relationship to public safety and "is confined to preservation of the public highway," Bashaw wrote.

"It may be that since the legislature has permitted a logging truck to carry more weight than a commodity truck the increased penalty is a form of compensation," Bashaw stated in his written opinion.

"This distinction fails where there is a charged combination vehicle overload," Bashaw wrote, "in the absence of issuance of a permit. The complaint charges a combination vehicle overload but alleges no permit was issued." State law limits both classes to the same weight from the standpoint of combination overloads where no permit has been issued, he said.

Greater Penalty. It might be assumed that overloading a log truck is more profitable than overloading a commodity truck so a greater penalty is needed to discourage the practice, the judge continued. However, logs are not sold by the pound so this would not be true.

Bearded Sikh Names Son for Eisenhower

New Delhi—(UPI)—Gurcharan Singh, a bearded Sikh from the Punjab, today proudly bestowed the name "Eisenhower" on his new-born son in honor of the visiting American president.

The infant was born Dec. 9 just as the President was arriving at India's presidential palace from Pakistan.

The only trouble, said the proud father, is that "Eisenhower Singh" may be hard for Sikhs to pronounce. He said he may change the name to "Ike Singh."

Titan Explodes On Launching Pad

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—(UPI)—A Titan intercontinental ballistic missile exploded in flame and black smoke on its stand Saturday in the third straight failure to fire the U.S.'s "new generation" ICBM. The 110-ton bullet shaped Titan missiles cost \$2 million each.

An automatic shut-off device saved the Titan which exploded Saturday from destruction on its stand only two days ago. A Titan blew up in a premature launching accident here Aug. 14 in the most recent firing attempt before this week. In both blow-ups, the Titan carried a "live" second stage which was to be fired in flight for the first time.

As yet the U.S. has not succeeded in achieving a successful test of the second stage in flight. The second stage is designed to give the Titan full 100,000-pound thrust to carry it over a range expected to reach 9,000 miles when fully developed. Its first stage generates 300,000 pounds of thrust.

Brigitte's Hubby Gets Army Reprieve

Paris—(UPI)—The French Army granted a year's "reprieve" from Army service Saturday to the handsome young husband of "sex kitten" Brigitte Bardot.

The decision of the Army Medical commission meant the temporary end of the brief but sensational military career of draftee Jacques Charrier, 23, himself a movie star.

According to reports he received a merciful teasing from other recruits, who all had pin-up pictures of Brigitte beside their bunks.

Herter En Route To Paris for Summit Meeting

London—(UPI)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter arrived Saturday night in the midst of a growing NATO family quarrel to pave the way for President Eisenhower at a Paris western summit conference.

The secretary landed at London airport for an overnight stay when fog at Paris diverted his airliner. He will go on to the French capital Sunday to cope with:

French anger at charges by U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Gen. Nathan Twining that France was dragging its feet on NATO commitments.

Economic squabbles among the western European allies now divided into two separate trade blocs.

The future of NATO. How to meet the current Russian sweetest and light campaign and evaluate it.

The results of the Eisenhower peace tour.

Ridegland, S.C.—(UPI)—Vacationing Adlai Stevenson charged Saturday that President Eisenhower's current tour represented a "new low" in America's world leadership. He said the tour will be followed by disillusionment.

Newsman May Be Held In Cuba for 'Weeks'

Havana—(UPI)—Revolutionary government sources Saturday night predicted at least "several weeks" more detention for Miami Herald reporter James Buchanan while authorities investigate his alleged links with American soldier - of - fortune Austin Young.

The sources said Army intelligence agents were trying to find out in what ways, if any, Buchanan was involved with Young, who escaped from Pinar Del Rio shortly after a court had sentenced him to 30 years for conspiracy only to be recaptured.

The two North Americans were arrested the day after the escape in a Havana hotel, although at separate times. Buchanan had left Young's room after an initial interview when Young was arrested. Buchanan then was seized

Turkey, Poland To Split Term On Security Council

U.S., Russia Agree To End Deadlock

United Nations, N.Y.—(UPI)—The United States and Russia agreed Saturday night to divide the deadlocked Security Council election between Turkey and Poland with each country serving one year of the two-year term.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge said after a 45-minute conference with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily V. Kuznetsov that agreement had been reached with Poland to serve the first year of the term before making way for Turkey.

The Security Council election had been deadlocked through 51 ballots. It had threatened to delay adjournment of the Assembly's 14th annual session, scheduled for Saturday night.

General Assembly President Victor Andres Belaunde summoned Lodge and Kuznetsov to his office to thrash out a solution to the deadlock that has plagued the Assembly through seven sessions since Oct. 12.

It was not immediately clear what conditions, if any, were attached to Russia's apparent concession to agree to split the 2-year term between Poland and Turkey.

Kuznetsov had insisted that a split-term agreement must include a reaffirmation of a 1946 "gentlemen's agreement" which allocated one council seat to eastern Europe—specifically, the Communist bloc. The United States contends that agreement was for one term only.

Salem, Ore.—(UPI)—Salem city attorney Chris Kowitz said Saturday that the Oregon Supreme Court ruling on the legality of free-play pinball machines does not affect this city's ordinance against pinballs, free-play or not.

Mouthful

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Drug Prices Under Fire in Hearings



IKE RECEIVES GIFT — President Eisenhower, left, examines the table piece presented to him by India's President Prasad, right, at New Delhi. Eisenhower was said to be highly pleased with the success thus far of his 11-nation peace tour and his "soft sell" approach to peace-with-freedom that has won him the adulation of India.

Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Estes Kefauver wound up hearings on the pricing of some so-called wonder drugs Saturday and charged that evidence "clearly shows" Americans are being required to pay too much for them.

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Indians Mob Party To Meet President

New Delhi—(UPI)—American and Indian security agents with locked arms ran interference for President Eisenhower Saturday through a crowd of 8,000 Nabos, Maharajas, officials and gate crashers who turned a palace lawn party into an uproar.

Women screamed as the trains of their green and golden saris were trampled underfoot. The 800-acre Mogul Gardens of India's Rastapatti Bhavan presidential palace were churned up like a football field. But old West Point halfback Eisenhower did not appear to mind and chatted amiably with his host, President Rajendra Prasad.

It was an "easy" day on Eisenhower's strenuous tour of 11 nations. Only the "at home" lawn party by Prasad and a quiet dinner given by Eisenhower for Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru at the U.S. Embassy residence were scheduled.

The President coughed lightly several times during the day, but was in fine fettle.

Sports Bulletin. Eugene—Crater High school posted its third victory of the season here Saturday night by beating St. Francis 40 to 32. The Comets of Central Point led 28 to 12 at halftime. Dave Sharp of Crater was the game's high scorer with 11 points.

Eagle Point—Pleasant Hill bounced Eagle Point high's cagers 58 to 52 here Saturday night. Larry Elliott put in 19 points and Bruce Bradshaw 18 for the Billies while Steve Geren collected 19 for Eagle Point.

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