

Trujillo Under Close Guard as Regime Faces Most Severe Test in Decades

Editor's note: The following dispatch presents an authoritative appraisal of the present political situation within the Dominican Republic. It is based on on-the-spot reports of trained foreign observers. The report can not be attributed because of swift and sure reprisal against Dominican sources. However, all sources questioned for the material in the report are regarded as of the highest order.

San Juan, P.R. — (UPI) — For the first time in more than three decades of undisputed rule in the Dominican Republic, strongman Generalissimo Rafael Leonidas Trujillo today is under heavy guard in Ciudad Trujillo.

There is a "watch and wait" atmosphere in the Dominican capital. The Trujillo regime is regarded as facing its most severe crisis.

The 68-year-old Generalissimo moves cautiously these days. The army and national police watch over his every movement. Foot police patrol every block around quiet Cesar Nicolas Penson st. where the Generalissimo lives. Recently, tanks appeared before the big white house.

State-Church Crisis

Trujillo has not abandoned his years-long custom of a nightly stroll along city boulevards. But now the entire area is blocked off to traffic and prowling cars stalk the neighborhood.

A crisis in state-church relations has aggravated the Dominican situation. It was touched off by a pastoral letter read in all churches on Jan. 31. The public reaction was immediate and dramatic. Women wept as they put their jewelry in the collection plate.

Trujillo's reaction also was sudden. The controlled press the next day urged closer state-church relations and praised the concordat govern-

ing them. Previously, the same means had been used to criticize it.

The present opposition movement to Trujillo ranges from business and professional men and the upper classes in general and these are menacing factors which threaten continuation of the Trujillo regime.

2,000 'Detained'

The opposition of the church—90 per cent of Dominicans are Roman Catholics—and a business slump are other factors threatening the regime. On his side, however, are control of the armed forces and the continued

fiere loyalty of the country people.

More than 2,000 Dominicans have already been "detained" in the new plot against Trujillo. It is not known how many are still held in prisons or stockades. Forty persons a week ago were summarily tried and sentenced to 30 years at hard labor.

Most of them were prominent citizens and eyewitnesses said their courtroom appearance for the one-day trial indicated they had been subjected to prison abuse. The same sources said more political arrests and trials may

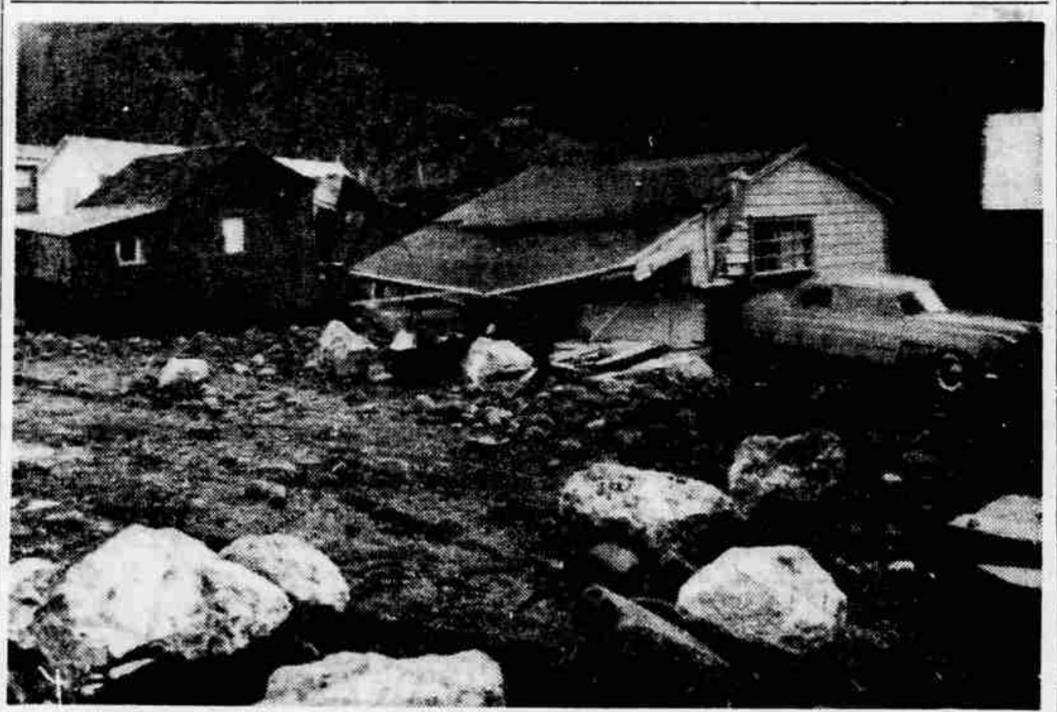
be expected momentarily as the movement against Trujillo gains ground.

Male and female prisoners alike have been subjected to brutal treatment to obtain "confessions," sources in Ciudad Trujillo said.

Albany Selects First Citizens

Albany — (UPI) — Floyd Mullen, seed store owner, was named Senior First Citizen of Albany for 1959 Tuesday night.

Bill Gwinn was named Albany Junior First Citizen. He is part owner of a plywood mill.



HOMES DEMOLISHED—Battered by rag-beyond repair by this week's storm. Being surf off Pedro Point, near Pacifica, Calif., these homes and autos were damaged longings were tossed around like matchsticks. —(UPI Telephoto)

De Gaulle May Issue Decrees

Paris — (UPI) — President Charles de Gaulle called a cabinet meeting today to launch a new phase of his hard-hitting drive to smash rightist subversion and clear the way for a solution to the Algerian problem.

De Gaulle was expected to announce his first decrees under the emergency, near-dictatorial powers he was granted as a result of the Algerian rightist insurrection. The decrees would tighten up the penal code to permit more government freedom in dealing with suspected subversives.

At least 30 rightists in metropolitan France and Algeria were in jail or being sought on suspicion of subversion or other crimes against the state.

Tuesday in Algiers, the city's newly-appointed public prosecutor, Robert Schmelck, warned that the government would relentlessly pursue its intention to punish those responsible for the tense days of the uprising that began two weeks ago.

The prosecutor vowed "judicial action will be pursued firmly against those who took an active part in planning, directing and carrying out the insurrection."

If some honeybees produce no honey, they are still valuable for pollination services.

Puzzled Taxpayers Bring Questions to Revenue Officials

Washington — (UPI) — "I don't know what form to use."

"Can you deduct eyeglasses?"

Listen to the taxpayers — the trim blonde with a Swedish accent, the young auto mechanic wearing heavy black boots — as they tell why they have come to the Internal Revenue Service for help in filling out their tax returns.

About 500 of them showed up in one day at the IRS office here, a heavier than normal turnout. Most were working people clutching W-2 forms, telling how much they earned last year.

IRS officials in Dallas described the parade of puzzled taxpayers there as "extremely large."

The San Francisco IRS office received 13,432 phone inquiries last month. The Kansas City, Kan., office said it had been bombarded by a "heavy" number of tax questions. The Kansas City, Mo., office has received more than 200 queries a day since it opened early last month.

Why do they come and phone?

"I couldn't figure out my own tax and I couldn't find anybody around who could. I can't afford to pay anybody to," Kenneth E. Fleet, 22, a garage mechanic, told the IRS here.

Long-Time Critic of Federal Waste Dies

New York — (UPI) — The body of Eugene W. Castle, 62, film executive and long-time campaigner against governmental waste and inefficiency, will be flown to San Francisco for burial Thursday. Castle died Tuesday in Doctor's Hospital, which he had entered a week ago.

The author of "Billions, Blunders and Baloney" in 1955 and "The Great Give-away" in 1957, Castle was particularly critical of waste in U.S. foreign aid programs.

Oregon City Man Files Candidacy

Salem — (UPI) — Former Oregon City Mayor Richard W. Long filed Tuesday as a candidate for delegate to the Democratic national convention from the 1st congressional district.

He is a supporter of Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) for president.

Coos Bay — (UPI) — James Neal Reinier, 23, Coos Bay, died Tuesday in a local hospital from head injuries suffered Monday when he fell while loading a box car for Georgia-Pacific Corporation here.

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Hearings Planned On New State Law

A public hearing on rules for administration of the new Oregon law prohibiting discrimination in employment because of age will be held in Medford, Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen, Salem, has announced. A date for the hearing will be set later.

The hearing here is one of a series scheduled throughout the state starting Feb. 17 in Ontario. Other hearings will be held in Baker, Pendleton, Bend, Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Coos Bay, The Dalles, Astoria, Eugene, Portland and Salem.

All hearings are expected to be concluded by mid-March.

Nilsen said the public is invited to the hearings to express views on administrative rulings interpreting the law. They deal with questions raised by employers and wage earners as to who is subject to the law, the law's effect on various hiring policies and retirement plans, who can file complaints and similar problems.

He said he hoped the hearings would give all interested individuals and groups an opportunity to voice their views on enforcement of the law, and acquaint employers and workers with it.

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