

Venezuela Takes Emergency Defense Measures After Attempt on Leaders Life

Caracas, Venezuela—(AP)—The government took emergency defense measures Saturday in the wake of an unsuccessful assassination attempt against President Romulo Betancourt. He was slightly wounded and is expected to be laid up for at least three weeks.

Apparently fearing the attack might be a prelude to a revolutionary coup, the government suspended constitutional rights to freedom of assembly and freedom of movement and closed all airports. The sale of liquor was prohibited and a partial evening curfew was imposed in Caracas.

The cabinet asked congress to posthumously promote to brigadier general the presidential military aide, Col. Ramon A. Armas Perez, who was killed in the unsuccessful attack on Betancourt. An unidentified policeman also was killed. At least six persons were injured, two of them seriously.

The government asked Britain's Scotland Yard to cooperate in its investigation of the bomb attack on the chief executive. It said a bomb had been placed in a car parked on a corner of Avenida de Los Proceres along a route which Betancourt had to follow to review a military parade.

Preliminary investigation indicated the bomb had been so wired as to enable it to be detonated from a considerable distance.

Contradictory statements were issued as to the suspected authors of the assassination. Government radio claims echoed an earlier official statement that followers of ousted dictator Marcos Perez Jimenez and Dominican government agents were responsible.

However, Gen. Josue Lopez Henriquez, who was slightly wounded in the attack on Betancourt, said he thought

three Nazi technicians and an Argentine were the persons responsible.

The general told the newspaper El Nacional that he had been told the four men were ordered to enter Venezuela clandestinely and attempt to kill Betancourt.

Lopez said his reports came from Venezuelan intelligence reports "which were ratified by the United States government and (Argentine) General Pedro E. Aramburu," former president of Argentina.

A report which gained wide

Rogue Gallery Will Feature Works by Rock

An exhibit of the art works of John Rock, native Oregonian, will be shown at Rogue gallery, 220 West Main street, beginning Tuesday. The gallery's summer schedule will become effective this week, and it will be open to the public daily, except Mondays, from noon until 4 p.m.

In addition to the Rock exhibit, part of the sculpture display of Tom Hardy is remaining at the gallery.

Displayed by Mr. Rock will be woodcuts, lithographs and color lithographs. He received his art education at Oregon State college and the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland. He taught art in Central Point Junior High school from 1951-56, and later taught at Oregon State college and Midwestern university, Texas.

The artist's works have been displayed in national and international exhibits, and have been purchased for museums and for public collections. He has won many awards and prizes.

circulation in Caracas was that the official Dominican government radio broadcast a report of the attack on Betancourt 25 minutes before it took place.

Betancourt was moved to the presidential palace from the University City clinic late last night and spoke briefly to newsmen. A heavy armed guard surrounded the palace to prevent any new attack.

Betancourt appeared in good spirits. He suffered body burns and shock.

Betancourt said the attempt on his life "is one more revelation that the national and international enemies of Venezuelan democracy will stop at nothing to reestablish despotism in this country."

He said the attack would not weaken his determination to promote representative democracy.

The president, who was not informed of his military aide's death, said he was grateful that the others in the presidential motorcade had not been fatally wounded. He said he was grateful for many messages of good will and solidarity.

Reports from throughout the nation indicated complete calm. However, military precautions against possible surprise attack were evident on all sides. Army troops were confined to barracks.

The government kept silent on the progress of early investigations but it was understood a considerable number of persons in the immediate explosion area had been taken into custody for questioning.

Large Delegation Sent by County To NEA Meeting

Jackson county chapter, Oregon Education association, has sent a large delegation to the annual convention of the National Education association which opens in Los Angeles today and continues through July 1.

The delegation includes Boyd Gibson, Medford, principal of Ruch school; Mrs. Alyce Young, Rogue River, teacher of fourth grade; Mrs. Charlotte Hull, Walker school, Ashland; Mrs. Vida Scrippler, Ashland Junior High school and Mrs. Sylvia Pfahler, Ashland High school; Mrs. Viola Pomeroy, Mrs. Elsie Turner and Mrs. Vera Selby, all teachers in the Eagle Point grade school.

Alternates are George Johns, principal of Central Point Junior High school and Miss Joanne Sousa, Central Point music teacher.

Representing District 6, OEA, will be John Mast, Medford High school and vice-president of the Jackson county unit. Also attending from Medford will be Mrs. Maxine Smith, former president of Oregon Education association, and Mrs. Leigh Gustison, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The convention motto is "A United Profession Enhances Quality in Education."

Ewald Turner, Pendleton, former national president of the Department of Classroom Teacher, NEA, is a candidate for the NEA presidency.

\$1,000 Taken in Burglary at Motel

An estimated \$1,000 was taken during a burglary of the Ninety-Nine motel and adjacent service station at 816 North Riverside ave., Thursday night or early Friday morning, according to Medford police.

Part of the money was taken from a till at the Ninety-Nine Chevron station and the rest was taken from the motel itself. Clayton Douglas Batten, son of the owner of the motel, told police he fell asleep at the station at 11:30 p.m., and awoke again at 1:30 a.m. Police surmise that the money was taken while Batten was asleep.

Institution Chief Expects Full House

Salem—(AP)—Paul Squier, superintendent of the state correctional institution near here, said Friday he expects the institution to be operating at maximum capacity by next fall.

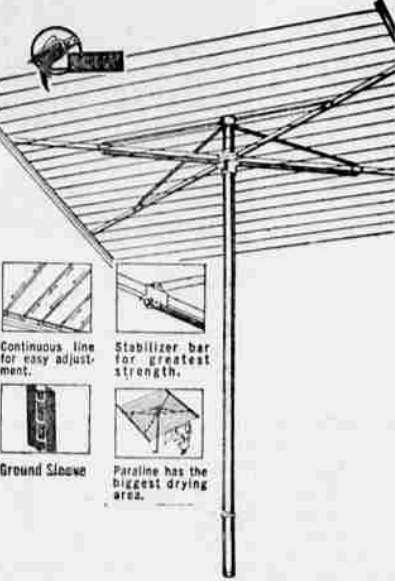
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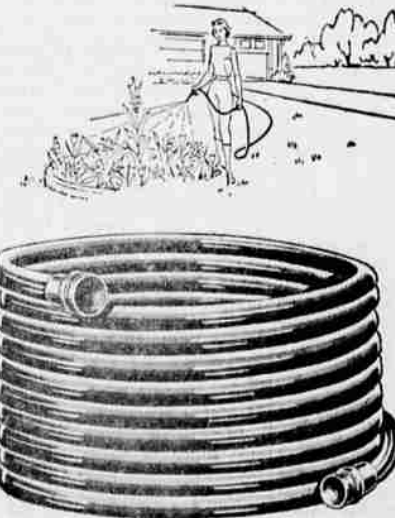


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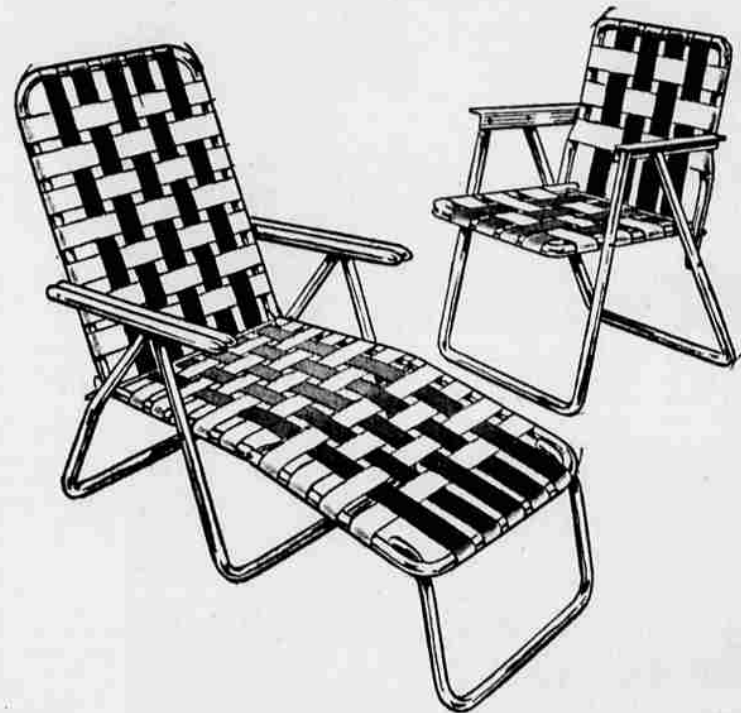
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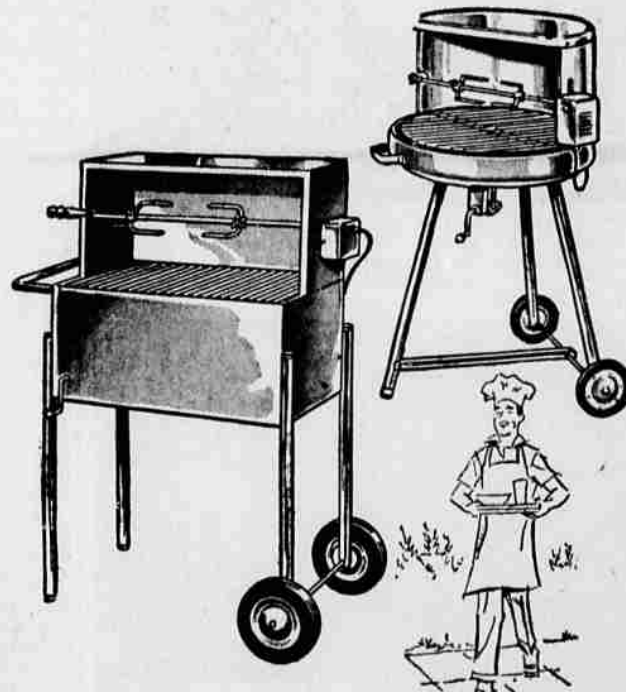
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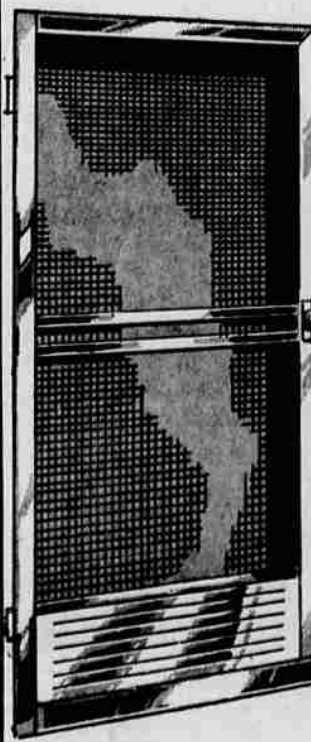


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