

Tragedy Becomes Political Football in Chile; President Displeased

Parliament Slow In Reacting To Money Demands

By ALBERTO J. SCHAZIN
Santiago, Chile — UPI — Tragedy has become a political football in Chile and the nation's president, Jorge Alessandri, is showing evident signs of growing anger at the trading on human misery.

The slowness with which the Parliament is reacting to insistent government demands for funds to cope with the aftermath of May's disastrous chain of earthquakes, and the manner in which the emergency requests are being trimmed has upset President Alessandri.

The government position is

that its political opposition and supporting forces are seeking wilfully to weaken the official drive against the inflation feared as an aftermath to the Chilean tragedy.

Alessandri two months ago asked Congress for an estimated \$275 million dollars to be spread over a five-year period in a government drive to attain a sane and stable economy. However, the House cut his aid request to \$150 million and the Senate slashed that to \$88 million.

Alessandri fumes in private. Some of his other government officials are not so discreet.

Finance Minister Roberto Vergara lost his cabinet job last weekend because of his bitterness towards parliamentarians blocking government demands for more and higher taxes to meet the earthquake and relief rehabilitation bill.

Accuses Both Houses

He had accused members of both chambers of adding boon-doggling projects to the original administration measure in the form of expenditures not contemplated by the government project.

Vergara, Alessandri's right hand man on economic matters, was principal target of the cabinet reform because of what his opponents termed his "inflexibility" in the discussion of anti-inflationary and currency stabilization measures.

He was substituted by Eduardo Figueroa, Chilean Cen-

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



tral Bank president, described as a conservative and a man of high national prestige.

Before leaving the cabinet Vergara warned flatly the president would veto any inadequate relief measure which would threaten inflation. Such a measure, "would be more serious to Chile than May's earthquakes," he said.

Has Stock Reply

To the hundreds of delegations swarming into Santiago seeking relief aid, economy under-secretary Luis Marty has a stock reply: "The Congress as of now has not approved the drafted law and we have no funds."

Chile knows where it wants to go in rehabilitation but the huge amounts required to put the machinery in motion are lacking.

More serious yet, however, is the fact that Chile's search abroad for a half-billion dollars in relief credits also has halted abruptly. Chile must first put its economic house in order before seeking aid abroad.

The government describes its political opposition in the Congress as including Communists, Socialists and Christian Democrats.

Astoria Man Killed In One-Car Accident

Astoria — UPI — Robert M. Sienko, 21, Astoria, was killed in a one-car accident early today near here on U.S. Highway 30.

The accident occurred within Clatsop county. State police said the victim was alone in a car that went over a bank.



ON WAY TO WORK—Carrying a machine gun and a brief case, a Congolese "civil servant" arrives for work at the government building in Leopoldville. Thursday Congolese soldiers marched on strongman Col. Joseph Mobutu's home, demanding more pay but turned tail and fled when guards fired over their heads. (UPI Telephoto)

Back Stairs: Expenditure for Clothes

By WILLIAM J. EATON
Washington (UPI) — Back Stairs at the White House: The up-roar over which presidential candidate's wife spends more (or less) on clothes underscores the relatively non-controversial wardrobe of Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower.

The First Lady, in contrast to Mrs. John F. Kennedy, buys strictly American designs so far as dresses are concerned. She often shops by reading the Sunday papers and calling the store the next morning if something appeals to her.

Those who know Mrs. Eisenhower say she sometimes buys a frock for under \$10. Her propensity for buying costume jewelry in five-and-dime stores is well known.

Of course, the First Lady has some very expensive gowns. She has heavy social obligations as hostess to visiting royalty and heads of state. Next Tuesday, for example, she will entertain at a state dinner for the Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko of Japan.

The First Lady likes hats, bright colors and dark stockings. No one at the White House, however, cared to inject Mrs. Eisenhower into a political quarrel by estimating how much she spends a year on clothes.

Portlander's Body Taken From Willamette

Portland — UPI — The body of a 21-year-old Portland man was recovered from the Willamette river near the Burnside bridge Thursday afternoon.

He was identified as Frank Thomas Pratt. The coroner's office said the body had been in the water about a week. Death was apparently due to drowning.

White House backing, the Yankees won four straight.

Dewey Long, the White House transportation chief, has a new interest — raising African violets. He carried one of his plants through the White House lobby the other day — mystifying visitors. It was just a leaf in a water goblet, growing through a cardboard cover.

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Transient Wanted For Questioning

Eugene — UPI — Sheriff Ed Elder said Thursday an unidentified transient had attracted interest of a special team investigating the death of 7-year-old Alice Louise Lee of Dexter.

He said the transient had talked to a woman at a mission in Portland and had mentioned the case. "We would like to talk to this man," he said.

Elder indicated there were no leads on the man's whereabouts. The girl disappeared from a bean field near Trent, southeast of here, Aug. 29 and her partially buried body was found last Friday nearby with her jacket tied around her neck.

Unlocked Bank Door Gives Guard Shivers

Pittsburgh — UPI — Patrolman Paul Wolfson, making his usual rounds at the Greater Pittsburgh airport early Thursday, tried the door of a branch bank. It slid open.

"It gave me the shivers, I'll tell you," Wolfson said. He peered inside, then summoned his partner, Patrolman Frank Costa. A closer check disclosed nothing in the bank had been tampered with.

Bank officials said the door probably had been left ajar by the last employee who left at closing time.

Oregon Woman To Serve Library Group

Sun Valley, Ida. — UPI — Eloise Ebert, Oregon state librarian from Salem, Thursday was elected first vice president of the Pacific Northwest Library association.

Courts Making Headway With Backlog of Cases

Gearhart, Ore. — UPI — The Supreme Court and Circuit Courts are making excellent progress in disposing of the backlog of cases in Oregon, Chief Justice William M. McAllister of the Oregon Supreme Court told the Oregon State Bar Thursday.

He said dockets were being brought to a "current position." The improved status, he said, has been brought about despite the fact that there were 877 more cases filed in Circuit Court in 1960 than in 1959. In the Supreme Court there were 222 cases ready for argument on Jan. 1, 1959, and this number has been reduced to 81, he said.

Six Months Time Seen

McAllister said the American Bar Association has said that Circuit Courts which are functioning properly should be able to dispose of the average civil case about six months after filing.

He added that the 31 counties in Oregon in which law section quarter of 1960, the age of the median cases in 13 of the counties was six months or less, in the next 13 counties the median age did not exceed five months and in only five counties was the median age more than 12 months.

Charles S. Rhyne, past president of the American Bar Association, said this country's reservations on world court jurisdiction must be repealed "if we are to effectively lead the world toward the rule of law among nations."

Multnomah Coroner Decision Awaited

Portland — UPI — A decision is expected next week on whether the name of Dr. Ernest J. Losli will be allowed on the November ballot as Republican candidate for Multnomah County coroner.

Three circuit judges will sit "en banc" Monday morning to hear the case.

Dr. Losli was selected as the Republican nominee for the position at an Aug. 23 nominating convention. He was named after a mixup in nominations for the post and insurance man Hugh Lacey was declared ineligible for the Republican nomination. Lacey apparently had won the Republican nomination in the May 20 primary by virtue of a write-in vote.

A suit questioning Losli's candidacy was filed Sept. 8 by attorney Thomas Mahoney in behalf of the Democratic coroner candidate, Dr. Earl Smith. The suit questions validity of the nominating convention.

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