

Latin American Leaders Fear Resurgence of Strong Military Regimes

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a woman's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. A. N. - This going steady business at age 14 is ridiculous.
Minna N. - Having a steady means more fun in my crowd.

Mrs. A. N. - Thinking of Minna and Rick together, sometimes as much as 14 hours a day, has our hair on end! They're 14 and in the same class. As if the physical proximity weren't enough, how can Minna stand such a wall around herself which keeps away all other kids who might be her close friends?

What has happened to her childhood? These kids write notes to each other as "Mrs. Rick" or "Mrs. Billy." And they fight over boys the way we used to fight over the last cruller in the bakery! When I was Minna's age, girls went around with girls and boys with boys, and the twosomes were only for parties and the movies.

We're thinking of transferring Minna to an all-girl school so that she'll major in homework instead of boys. What's the rush? We feel we must do something to slow her down.

Minna N. - My parents don't understand what going steady means. It means I have someone to do homework with and when there's a dance or a party, we go together.

My parents have nothing to worry about. In fact, my marks are better than ever because Rick is very smart and he helps me. And we don't sit around alone, musing and all, as they think. All my friends have steadies and we just go along with the bunch.

Maybe there are girls who don't want to go steady with

Influential Army Officers Certain Weakness Prevails

Editor's Note: The writer of the following article has just returned from a trip to South America where he interviewed government and political leaders.

By HENRY RAYMONT
Washington - (UPI) - Many prominent Democratic leaders in Latin America fear a resurgence of strong-armed military regimes as a reaction to the left-wing agitation sweeping the area.

They are mindful of a residue of influential army officers who are convinced that Democratic governments are too weak to deal effectively with Communist subversion.

If this belief should overrule the Democratic forces in Latin America's military circles, it could reverse the trend toward constitutional government registered in the Western Hemisphere over the past five years.

Simmering Discontent
Political moderates cite simmering discontent over poverty and economic backwardness as the underlying source of the current wave of unrest.

But the example of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's radical revolution and his wide spread propaganda machine are held to be its immediate cause.

The recent riots in Venezuela have been attributed to Communist and left-wing student with the possible help of Cuban agitators.

President Romulo Betancourt dramatically articulated his fear of a right-wing reaction by calling on the organization of American States (OAS) to investigate an alleged plot involving exiled Venezuelan officers to launch an armed attack against him from the Dominican Republic.

It is not considered impossible, however, that Betancourt will ask for OAS action against Cuba if he finds enough evidence of Cuban involvement in this week's student riots.

Belief Spreading
The belief that energetic action against communist subversion is needed if only to forestall right-wing reaction is rapidly spreading among Latin American moderates and even left-wing advocates.

There is a wide-spread theory, shared by many U.S. government officials, that the Communist design is to precipitate military take-overs. Their ultimate objective, however, would be to stimulate popular uprising against the new regimes and then establish Castro-type governments where the will of the people is expressed by mass demonstrations rather than by popular elections.

The open drive by Communists and Castro sympathizers to topple Betancourt's government has already alarmed many Latin American liberals

and needs, but to keep trying - without nagging - to show Minna more enriching and original ways to remove the insecurities and fill the needs.

Facing a group as a loner takes more bravery than facing it by two's, and the average 14-year-old hasn't much of that kind of aplomb.
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Youth Realizes Statement Made in East German Court

Berlin (UPI) - "I love freedom more than I love my life," Josef Flade, then a boy of 18, told a Communist East German court in Dresden one gloomy fall day in 1951.

A slight smile masked his anxiety but his hands trembling as he made his last statement before judgement was passed.

His crime: Being caught putting up anti-Communist posters. His sentence under Communist justice: Death.

"Thousands will avenge my death," he cried out from the floodlit stage of a ballroom turned into a courtroom for the show trial.

Prediction Proves Correct
Flade's prediction proved correct in a way, although not as he believed. His searing words touched off an international storm of public protest against the death sentence, much of it coming from the Afro-Asian nations the Communists were attempting to woo.

As the protests mounted, East German officials commuted the sentence to 15 years.

Last week Flade, looking older than his years and suffering from a lung ailment contracted in Waldheim prison, was released from the Communist jail under an East German amnesty.

Met by Mother
Early today he entered West Germany after questioning by border police. He was met by his grateful mother and stepfather who drove off with him to an unknown destination in Bavaria.

"It took me five years to decide to actively enter into resistance work against Communism," Flade had told the court.

"I would need five more to repent any fraction of my actions," he said.

After his trial it was learned that he could have escaped but stayed on in East Germany to vote against the unopposed Red-dominated slate of candidates in an election.

Laos Integrating Communist Troops

Vientiane, Laos - (UPI) - Laotian paratroop leader Capt. Kong Le announced Monday he was integrating Communist troops into his garrison command, and the Russians began airlifting arms and ammunition to the "neutralist" government.

The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization Council of Representatives convened an emergency meeting in Bangkok today to discuss the serious situation in the SEATO area arising from the Laotian crisis.

Kong Le made the announcement after the Soviet arms - including howitzers - began arriving by plane in the capital. He appeared to be getting ready for a major battle with ring-wing forces led by pro-American Gen. Phoumi Nosavan.

WINS RENT REDUCTION
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Hoffer was turned over to Josephine county authorities Saturday for questioning on the burglary of Mac's Sports center where \$500 was taken from a safe there.

The building was entered through a skylight in the roof, Grants Pass police said. The bar burglary is similar to one at Norton's Market in Phoenix the same date. There thieves cut a hole in the roof and dropped from the low ceiling to the floor. Various grocery items and cigarettes were missing.

COOKIE THIEVES

High Point, N.C. - (UPI) - Police reported today that burglars used a hammer, shovel, several screwdrivers and a chisel trying to force open a safe in a paint store over the week end. The yeggs failed to open the safe and settled for other available loot - a \$25 check and a box of cookies.

who hitherto were reluctant to condemn Cuba's activities. They fear that similar unrest may spread to Argentina, Colombia and Peru where Democratic governments are trying to rebuild their countries from the chaos left behind from years of military dictatorship.

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