

Costa Rica Overthrow Plot Foiled

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Feb. 12 (AP)—Troops and police tipped today a plot to overthrow Costa Rica's government and install former President Rafael Calderon Guardia.

The attempted coup began with violence last night over Sunday's presidential elections. A policeman was killed and several persons were wounded in shooting which continued into the early morning.

Charges were made that the army was plotting to overthrow the government. The plot was foiled because the plotters struck too soon.

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Calderon trails by 10,000 votes in Sunday's election and has conceded the victory of Publisher Otilio Ulate Blanco, of the union national party. However, Calderon has charged fraud. Ulate said yesterday he learned the communists and some army men planned a coup, but outgoing President Teodoro Picado Michalasi said he was confident such a move could be repelled.

A government source said the coup was plotted by the communists, and that the Republican Nacional was not involved. He said the first step was a vain attempt to seize a barracks. He added it probably failed because the plotters struck too soon.

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MOSCOW, Feb. 12 (AP)—The Soviet weekly New Times said today the drop in commodity prices in the United States is "one of the symptoms of growing economic crisis."

The communist party newspaper Pravda and the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia reported further decreases in U. S. commodity prices. They have not commented editorially.

Papers also carried stories on this week's prices on London exchanges. They printed a full account of the dire predictions Monday of Sir Stafford Cripps, British chancellor of the exchequer.

Soviet economists ever since the end of the war have been predicting a depression for the U. S.

Lincoln Day Rites Slated

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12 (AP) Ceremonies in this shrine city commemorating the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth were planned today at his tomb and at the site of his farewell address to citizens of Springfield.

The Illinois section of the Abraham Lincoln train gathering food for Europe and Asia will leave from the Wabash station where Lincoln made a speech before departing for his inauguration as president in 1861.

The American Legion will make its annual pilgrimage to the tomb in nearby Oak Ridge cemetery. James P. O'Neil, National Legion commander, will speak over a nation-

Southern Governors Head For Capital

LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 12 (AP)—Five southern governors will "lay the cards on the table" at a conference with democratic party leaders over President Truman's civil rights program, says Gov. Ben Laney of Arkansas.

Laney said last night the five would go to Washington February 22 to confer with Howard McGrath, national democratic committee chairman, and added "we intend to set him straight on southern opinion."

Laney named as others of the conference committee Governors J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, Beauford Jester of Texas, Gregg Cherry of North Carolina and William Tuck of Virginia.

Other programs were planned by the Abraham Lincoln association and Springfield civic groups.

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