

Costa Rican Ex-President Jailed Today

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 3 (AP)—Otilio Ulate Blanco, whose election as Costa Rica's president was voided by congress Monday, was behind bars today, charged with complicity in the killing of two customs guards.

Ironically, his arrest was personally directed by War Minister Gen. Rene Picado Michalski, who supported Ulate during the turbulent February 8 elections. He is a brother of the present president, Licencio Teodoro Picado Michalski.

Armed Troops

Army troops armed with sub-machineguns, mortars, grenades and pistols, arrested Ulate and six political lieutenants in a private home here last night. Ulate, a Costa Rican newspaper publisher, had been sought since the customs guards were shot to death Monday night when they tried to enter the home of Carlos Valverde.

Valverde, a newly elected parliamentary deputy and follower of Ulate, was critically wounded in the gunfire.

Police said Ulate was known to have used Valverde's home as a hideout after the elections touched off rioting in this Central American republic.

U. S. Ambassador Nathaniel F. Davis and two church officials were with Picado at the arrest. One of the churchmen was Archbishop Victor Manuel Sanabria.

Ulate's arrest climaxed elections which resulted in wild rioting in San Jose, charges of fraud in the balloting, and high political tension. At one time during the clash of factions in San Jose's streets hand grenades were sold openly for \$30 apiece, and a fire destroyed thousands of ballots.

Congress annulled Ulate's election Monday by a vote of 27 to 19, upholding claims of "scandalous fraud" brought by Ulate's government-backed opponent, former President Rafael Calderon Guardia.



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Care In Filling Out Tax Return Urged For Oregon Citizens By Collector

Hugh Earle, collector of internal revenue, announced that last year approximately 190,000 Oregonians used the withholding statements, form W-2, as income tax returns. In addition, a large number of forms W-2 were returned to taxpayers who overlooked the instruction that this form could not be used if the separate or combined gross incomes were \$5000 or over, or income not subject to withholding was more than \$100. In many instances, the tax was incorrectly computed, or refund checks were issued and went astray because taxpayers did not follow the directions appearing on the back of the employee's copy of Form W-2.

The collector's office is required to compute the tax to the taxpayer's advantage; and to do this it is necessary that the employee furnish the required information. Before sending in a Form W-2, the following items should be checked to be sure that it is in order:

- 1—If address changed, please enter new address.
- 2—Complete lines 1 to 3, inclusive.
- 3—If married, answer questions (a) (b) (c).
- 4—Check information regarding dependents, if you have any.
- 5—Check to see that form is signed.
- 6—Do not furnish payroll receipts or memorandum. If you do not have Forms W-2 from each employer, you must file on Form 1040.

Attention to these simple details is your insurance against errors in the tax you may be asked to pay, or delay in receiving a refund, if the withholding is in excess of the tax. For instance: over 20,000 taxpayers failed to enter correct addresses on Form W-2. The collector's office, through use of addresses shown on the envelopes in which the forms were mailed or in letters or memoranda, was able to correct the majority of these errors, but more than 8000 refund checks went astray because the taxpayers had moved from the addresses shown on the withholding statements. If you wish immediate notification of tax due, or prompt delivery of a refund check, you should check the address on Form W-2 before mailing it in. If your address has changed, cross out the old address and write in the new one.

Taft Fears Wage Boost

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) expressed fear Tuesday that the recent steel price increase might touch off new demands for wage boosts.

He said he is concerned that "one of the fundamental industries comes along and increases its prices" despite pleas from President Truman and others to hold down prices generally.

Taft, head of the senate-house economic committee, aimed his remarks at Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the United States Steel Corp. Fairless was a witness at a committee hearing on the \$4.85-a-ton hike in semi-finished steel announced February 20.

Taft asked Fairless if he did not think the increase would encourage every labor union to ask for more wages.

"Isn't that the moral effect?" he pressed, "hasn't it increased the demand for government controls?"

"Not unless we make a mountain out of a molehill," Fairless replied.

Both Fairless and Arthur B. Homer, president of Bethlehem Steel Co., told the committee they do not think a third round wage increase is justified.

Hagenstein Takes On Forest Job

PORTLAND, March 3 (AP)—The West Coast Lumberman's association and the Pacific Northwest Loggers association have named W. D. Hagenstein, Seattle, forest engineer for their joint forest conservation committee.

He will take over the post vacated by the death of Warren G. Tilton, and with headquarters at Portland.

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This year the use of Form W-2 as a tax return in the case of married persons is affected by the passage of the Oregon community property law, which took effect July 5, 1947. The community property law has no application to single persons, who may continue to use the withholding statement in the same manner as in former years.

There are a few changes, however, applicable to married persons who use Form W-2, due to the treatment of compensation earned after July 4, as community income divisible equally between husband and wife. Because Oregon joined the community property states, of which there previously were nine, the rule enforced in those states, prohibiting the use of Form W-2 as the separate returns of husbands and wives, now applies to Oregon. Thus, married persons may no longer use Forms W-2 to file separate returns. All separate returns of husbands and wives must be filed on Form 1040.

Married couples may continue to file joint returns through the use of Form W-2, providing the combined gross income is less than \$5000, and income not subject to withholding is not more than \$100. There will be no tax benefit arising from the community property law, if the combined gross income is less than \$3000. However, if the combined gross income is over \$3000 there may be a tax benefit. So that the collector's office may compute the least tax or the largest refund, there should be entered on line 4 (c) of Form W-2, the separate income of each spouse computed in accordance with the community property law. The division will be as follows:

Assuming that the husband earned \$1842 to July 5, and \$1830 thereafter, and the wife earned \$625 to July 5, and \$615 for the balance of the year:

Husband's earnings to July 5, 1947	\$1,842.00	None
Balance of husband's earnings, \$1,830.	1/2	
Wife's earnings to July 5, 1947	None	\$625.00
Balance of wife's earnings, \$615.	1/2 to each	307.50
Gross incomes	\$3,674.50	\$1,942.50

In this instance, filing jointly on Form W-2, the husband's income, line 4 (c) will be \$3064.50; the wife's income on the same line will be \$1847.50, and the collector will use these amounts in computing the tax.

It is planned to complete the tax assessment and refunding operations by June 30, 1948. This involves handling approximately 600,000 income tax returns, some 200,000 of which will be filed through the use of Form W-2. The services of a large number of clerks and typists, who otherwise could be used in expediting the processing of refunds, must be diverted to correspondence with taxpayers who send in Forms W-2 without supplying information essential to a correct computation of the tax, or refund. If you intend to use Form W-2, look it over carefully before you mail it in, and be sure it is complete in all particulars.

Washington Man Hurt In Wreck
EUGENE, Ore., March 3 (AP)—Alfred C. Cross, Seattle, was critically injured last night when his automobile plunged down a 100-foot embankment along highway 58 southeast of Oakridge.

He is in a Eugene hospital.

Police said Cross apparently had swerved to avoid an oncoming automobile. He was driving south.

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Peyton To Operate Pipe Plant

Peyton and company have acquired the Klamath Concrete Pipe company manufacturing and sales operations here from Floyd L. Somers, a joint announcement disclosed today.

Somers, who has operated the pipe company plant on Market street for five years, will go exclusively into the construction contracting business, specializing in heavy construction.

The pipe company operations acquired by Peyton include the pipe plant, drain tile plant, ready-mixed concrete plant, hard materials and sales of the products of the operations.

Cal Peyton of Peyton and company said that the newly acquired operation will fit nicely into the firm's business. Peyton has been primarily in the fuel business, a winter-time operation, and concrete manufacturing is primarily a summer-time operation. The two together will give the firm an all-year program. The two plants adjoin on Market street.

Peyton announced that his company definitely is not in the contracting business.

Somers has moved his headquarters to the Commercial Arts building and is already successful bidder on two state highway construction jobs in the Paisley area. Somers moved here from Medford five years ago, when he and a partner purchased the Klamath Concrete Pipe company from Frank Hamblet and Bob Mahan. Peyton was for some time a partner in the firm, but was not interested in it at the time of the just-completed transaction.

High School News and Comment



A regular "bull session" will be heard over Pellicana tonight, with all the KUHS coaches meeting for the program. Don Paillette will emcee the program starting at 8:30 over KFJI. By the courtesy of the Isaac Walton league, an extra 15 minutes will be added to the usual half-hour to give time for all the coaches to talk.

Sophomore members of the Latin club are giving a party tonight at the YMCA for the other members of the Latin club. Betty Bennett is in charge of food; Jean Henderson, entertainment; and Larry Derrah, clean-up. This is the third big activity of the year for the Latin club, one of the school's most active organizations.

Phyllis Bailey is in charge of the home economics program which is being broadcast on the educational series over KFLW Thursday at 1:15. "Families at Eastertime" is the topic to be discussed on the program.

At the time this is written, there's no telling who was the victor in the basketball battle between the fac-

ulty and Hi-Y members. The game was held at 3 p. m. today and students were admitted for 10 cents per person. Last year the faculty came out on top, despite the attempt at sabotage by the Hi-Y. Tying up the faculty's basket and locking them in the locker room at halftime were only two of the highlights of last year's game.

The weekly Teen-Age club dance will be held this Friday night instead of the usual Saturday night. The Legion hall will again be the meeting spot, for 25 cents admission.

A sign of spring has invaded EUHS already. Yes, every noon all the boys in school can be found on the front lawn practicing baseball. Bystanders have to beware the wild pitch.

Delegates representing 250 co-ops, members of Pacific Supply, will close their convention today after approving resolutions and electing officers.

Co-Ops Thresh Out Oil Proposal

PORTLAND, March 3 (AP)—Pacific supply co-operatives of the Northwest will decide today whether they want to go into the oil drilling business.

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NEW YORK, March 3 (AP)—The campaign button industry expects its biggest boom this election year.

There are so many would-be presidents, manufacturers said today, that they expect to sell a record 40,000,000 to 60,000,000 label pins by the time the campaign is in full swing.

So far, the only big order has come from Henry A. Wallace backers who arranged for 300,000 pins. A few Thomas A. Dewey buttons are in circulation, but the makers say they are leftovers from 1944.

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