

### Defense Head Takes Over in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan military leader Gen. Marcos Perez Jimenez today assumed the presidency of the nation shortly after an official announcement that the pro-government party was leading in returns from Sunday's elections for a constitutional assembly.

Perez Jimenez said he would respect the election results and the Supreme Electoral Council said the government-backed Independ-

ent Electoral Front (FEI) was leading with 590,123 votes. It listed opposition ballots at 473,580 for the United Democratic Republican party (URD) and 138,003 for the Christian Socialists (COPEI). Just over two million persons were eligible to vote.

"The case is considerably at variance with earlier unofficial returns Monday which showed the URD taking more than 50 per cent of the vote. Shortly after these re-

turns developed, the government curtailed on censorship and correspondents were unable to file other election dispatches until the announcement of Marcos Jimenez' elevation and of the official returns.

(Caracas newspapers published Monday night showed the URD leading with 294,595 votes, the FEI a poor second with 147,528 and the COPEI trailing with 89,905. The figures were not disclosed abroad until the newspapers reached Westminster, Caracas, Netherlands West Indies, yesterday.)

In making up his new government, Perez Jimenez omitted the other two members of the junta—Dr. German Suarez Pizarich, who served as civilian president of the body since 1950, and Lt. Col. Luis Felipe Llovera Paez, former minister of interior. Miguel Morúa, former secretary of the junta, also was not named to a new post. Llovera Paez was one of the six military men to whom the junta resigned and who chose Perez Jimenez as president.

### Congressmen Veto News Limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — A suggestion that Congress seek by law to limit the editorial space a newspaper may devote to a political candidate today was emphatically opposed by a congressional committee.

The suggestion was made by Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.) to a special House committee studying federal election laws with a view to recommending changes to the new Congress. Hoffman will head the important House Government Operations Committee starting next year.

"It's just unconstitutional," said Chairman Boggs (D-La.) when asked what he thought about Hoffman's proposal.

"Impractical," commented Rep. Keating of New York, top Republican on the committee.

"It's unworkable and unconstitutional," was the reaction of Rep. Karsten (D-Mo.).

"You can't do anything about it if a paper wants to favor one candidate editorially," said Rep. McCulloch (R-Ohio). "The Constitution guarantees the freedom of the press to print what it wants."

"Why shouldn't there be some limit on the editorial space?" a newspaper may give to a candidate? Hoffman asked, citing the present law limiting financial aid to a candidate.

Hoffman admitted that there might be some complications involved, and later told a reporter he knew he had "put his foot in it" by making such a suggestion, but still contended he thought it a good idea.

He said if individuals are restricted as to the amount of money they may contribute to a campaign, a newspaper should be limited to the space it gives candidates because, he said, "some of these editorials are nothing more than ads, anyhow."

He argued, too, that his suggestion did not run counter to the constitutional guarantee of a free freedom of speech when you limit his purely financial contributions, aren't you? The same principle is involved."

Editor John Knight of the Detroit Free Press disagreed. "As usual," Rep. Hoffman is talking through his hat," he said. "He should re-read the Constitution."

Hoffman testified after Arthur Summerfield, chairman of the Republican National Committee and President-elect Eisenhower's choice as postmaster general, cautioned against hasty changes in the law.

### German Reds Double Force

LONDON (AP) — Britain said Monday night that Communist East Germany's armed forces have more than doubled in size in the last six months. She warned her European allies to settle their differences and speed the rearmament of Western Germany to counter the increase in Red strength.

A press statement issued by the foreign office gave details of the development of the East German "people's police" (Pobeschtshafen) and said the force was well-organized, armed with modern weapons and closely supervised by Soviet officers.

Until recently the force was estimated to be about 55,000 strong, the foreign office said, but according to evidence reaching Britain in recent weeks more than 100,000 East Germans are now under arms.

The statement said this force is now equipped with Soviet tanks, self-propelled guns, howitzers and anti-aircraft artillery.

The three arms of the force include a high proportion of officers to serve as a nucleus for rapid expansion if the present coercive methods of recruitment are intensified, the statement declared.

"There can be no doubt that the final decisions by all countries concerned on the West German defense contribution are a matter of growing urgency in view of the increasing East German rearmament as an addition to the military strength of the Soviet bloc," the foreign office observed.

### Modoc Scout Council Meets

A simultaneous gathering here Sunday of all the operating committees of the Modoc Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America will see a congregation of about 50 Scout leaders from five Oregon counties and Modoc County in California.

The session, to be held at 1:30 in the Winema Hotel, is to set objectives of the Modoc Area for 1953, and plan the remainder of 1952 and the first quarter of next year.

Committee and chairmen participating include: Advancement, Vondis Miller, Prineville; Camping, Harold Ashley, Klamath Falls; Finance, Floyd Boyd, Tulelake; Health and Safety, Dr. L. C. Mosher, Bieber; Leadership Training, Ronald Phair, Klamath Falls; organization and extension, Douglas Fetich, Lakeview; Commissioners, James Pinner, Klamath Falls; Jamboree, Eugene Bucknum, Bend and Endowment, James Patterson, Klamath Falls.

William G. Ely, Klamath Falls, is president of the Council and is to preside over the meeting.

### Auto Dealers Elect Leaders

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Automobile Dealers Association Tuesday elected as president Russell E. Bonesteel of Salem. He and other officers will be installed Wednesday, when Gov. Douglas M. Kay is to speak.

Other officers include: Roy Burnett Jr., Portland, first vice president; Benjamin V. Collard, Eugene, second vice president. New directors include D. C. Clark, Baker; B. E. Owens, Salem; A. S. Foster of Pendleton was re-elected to the board.

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Dr. Joseph Stokes Jr., physician in chief at Children's Hospital, said the process is based on the principle used to separate cream from milk. It consists of centrifuging whole blood, separating the plasma from the blood, then the blood is re-injected into the donor.

Stokes said the method will increase the supply of gamma globulin, the fraction of blood that protects against polio and some other diseases.

Return of the red blood cells may make possible as many as 30 transfusions a year from an individual instead of the five or six now believed to be the safe maximum.

**SHIP SALVAGED**  
SINGAPORE (AP) — A salvage company has raised the barnacle and mud-covered hulk of the Japanese ship, Zensu Maru, off Singapore. The wreck has a large hole in its side big enough to hold three three-truck trucks, Capt. W. A. Doust, general manager of the salvage firm, said. No records exist as to how it was destroyed during the war. The ship will be broken up here and its steel used for building construction.

### Inauguration Poses Problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — Keeping Dwight D. Eisenhower's inaugural parade Jan. 20 within a two-hour limit has become quite a problem.

The inaugural chairman, Joseph C. McGarraghay, says he's getting so many requests for representation in the parade a rule has been laid down.

"Each state should be permitted to have one float and one marching unit," he said. "I think that is the formula that we will adhere to as closely as we can."

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