

Bolivia Reds Resent Yank Aid, Interference

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Back in 1932 when Bolivian President Victor Paz Estenssoro took office the first time it was with the support of Bolivia's turbulent tin miners whose Trotskyite leadership had aligned itself with Paz's national revolutionary movement.

A first step of the Paz government was to nationalize the country's tin mines, upon which most of its wealth depended, and give the miners unprecedented veto powers over the mine management.

Back of this was the busy figure of a man named Juan Lechin, son of an Arab father and a Bolivian mother, said to have first been hired by the Paz mining interests for his ability as a football player.

With this as a start, Lechin had advanced swiftly from executive secretary of the mine union in 1945, to senator in 1947 and to successful revolutionary leader in 1952. His was a powerful voice in calling Paz Estenssoro from Argentine exile to assume the presidency.

In Bolivia's present crisis, Paz

and Lechin once more are central figures.

Paz is serving his second term as president and Lechin has risen to vice president, but the two are in bitter conflict and the outcome could determine whether the moderate left-of-center government of Paz is to continue or whether Bolivia is to become the first Communist-controlled nation on the South American continent.

Paz, long since disenchanted with his former Communist supporters, now relies upon the Bolivian peasants who have benefited from his land reform program.

For Paz, as for Hernan Siles Zuazo, the in-between presidential office holder, the job has been to stabilize the Bolivian economy and by development of its other rich mineral and agricultural resources to rescue it from its one-sided reliance upon tin.

It has been uphill going.

In the 11 years since the revolution, what little stability Bolivia has enjoyed has been possible only through U.S. aid amounting to around \$20 million per year.

A constant opponent of U.S.-supported stabilization programs has been Lechin, who today joins the Marxists and Trotskyites in accusing the government of bowing to the dictates of the U.S. State Department.

At the core of the dispute are the efforts of the Paz government to rehabilitate the mining industry through \$38 million in aid from the United States, West Germany and the Inter-American Development Bank.

The industry is heavily leather bedded and production has fallen steadily since nationalization.

The history of the state mining corporation is one of woeful mismanagement and corruption so that not even expert auditors have been able to trace income and outgo.

The miners, with guns left over from the revolution, are resisting government efforts to reduce the work force by 6,000 and introduce modern efficiency to the mines.

Upon the outcome of the struggle depends the future of \$65 million in promised U.S. aid.

LITTLE PEOPLE'S PUZZLE

Menon Defends Record Before Parliament

NEW DELHI, India (UPI)—The acid phrases which reverberated across the world for years from the United Nations rostrum now are heard mostly at neighborhood political meetings.

The ambition which not long ago aimed at succeeding Nehru as prime minister now is reduced to fighting local precinct elections.

The steep and rapid decline has been a humbling experience for the former international figure who, aloof and proud, snapped at his critics and newsmen and defied American and other Western leaders. Since his decline, Menon has tried to win friends in hopes of organizing the Congress party's left-wing into a potent political force.

Inadequate Military Leader

The immediate reason for Menon's downfall was his inadequacy as leader of India's military machine, a position he held for five years. He left his country so vulnerable to attack that Red Chinese troops were able to penetrate far into Indian-claimed territory last fall, creating one of India's gravest crises. The Chinese offensive showed India's armed forces to be ill-equipped and poorly trained.

Despite a friendship of nearly three decades, Nehru found it necessary to fire Menon last November because of mounting criticism.

Menon fell even more swiftly than he rose. Where he formerly commanded attention in the high-est circles, his main platform now is his seat in Parliament. He has represented a North Bombay constituency for the last six years.

HURT IN FALL

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Retired Marine Corps commandant Gen. Lemuel Shepherd was reported in satisfactory condition at the Bethesda Naval Hospital today from injuries suffered in a fall from a horse.

Shepherd, 67, a World War II combat hero who served as commandant from 1951 to 1953, was thrown from his horse Monday during a fox hunt near his home at Warrenton, Va. He suffered a broken arm and head injuries, authorities said.

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NORTH

▲ K 10 9 7 6

♥ 5

♦ 5

♣ A Q J 10 4 3

WEST

♥ 4

♦ K Q 9 7 6 3

♣ K 3

♠ K 8 5 2

EAST

♥ 3

♦ J 10 8

♣ A 10 9 8 7 6 4

♠ 8 6

SOUTH (D)

♥ A Q J 8 5 2

♦ A 4 2

♣ Q J 3

♠ 7

North and South vulnerable

South West North East

1 ♠ 2 ♥ 4 N.T. 6 ♥

7 ♠ Pass Pass Double

Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead—♥ K

South Overbids, Then Uses Head

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Here is a hand for which I am indebted to Marshall Miles. The moral seems to be: If you must overbid, play well.

East's six-heart bid was designed to upset North-South's orderly flow of bidding and it succeeded admirably. North went hog wild and jumped to seven spades.

When it got back to East he decided to double. This double told his partner not to lead a heart, but West opened the king of hearts anyway.

Declarer won with the ace and was duly thankful for small favors. Still he had work to do. He needed to set up three clubs in dummy for diamond discards. If clubs were to break 3-3 or if the king of clubs would drop singleton or doubleton he could set the suit easily.

Suppose an opponent held four clubs to the king? He could still make the hand if he could guess where the king of clubs was.

South decided it was a sure thing. West knew that his partner was asking for a club or diamond lead but had opened a heart. West had to have a reason and this appeared to be that he held both minor suit kings and was afraid to open the wrong one.

Therefore South took a first round club finesse against West. It was well that he did. Otherwise the grand slam would not have been made.

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♥+CARD Sense▲

Q—The bidding has been:

East South West North

1 ♠ 2 ♥ 4 N.T. 6 ♥

Pass 7

You, South, held:

▲ A Q 8 7 ♥ A K 6 5 ♦ 3 ♣ 10 8 6 2

What do you do?

A—Pass. You may be monkeying with a buzz saw if you bid again.

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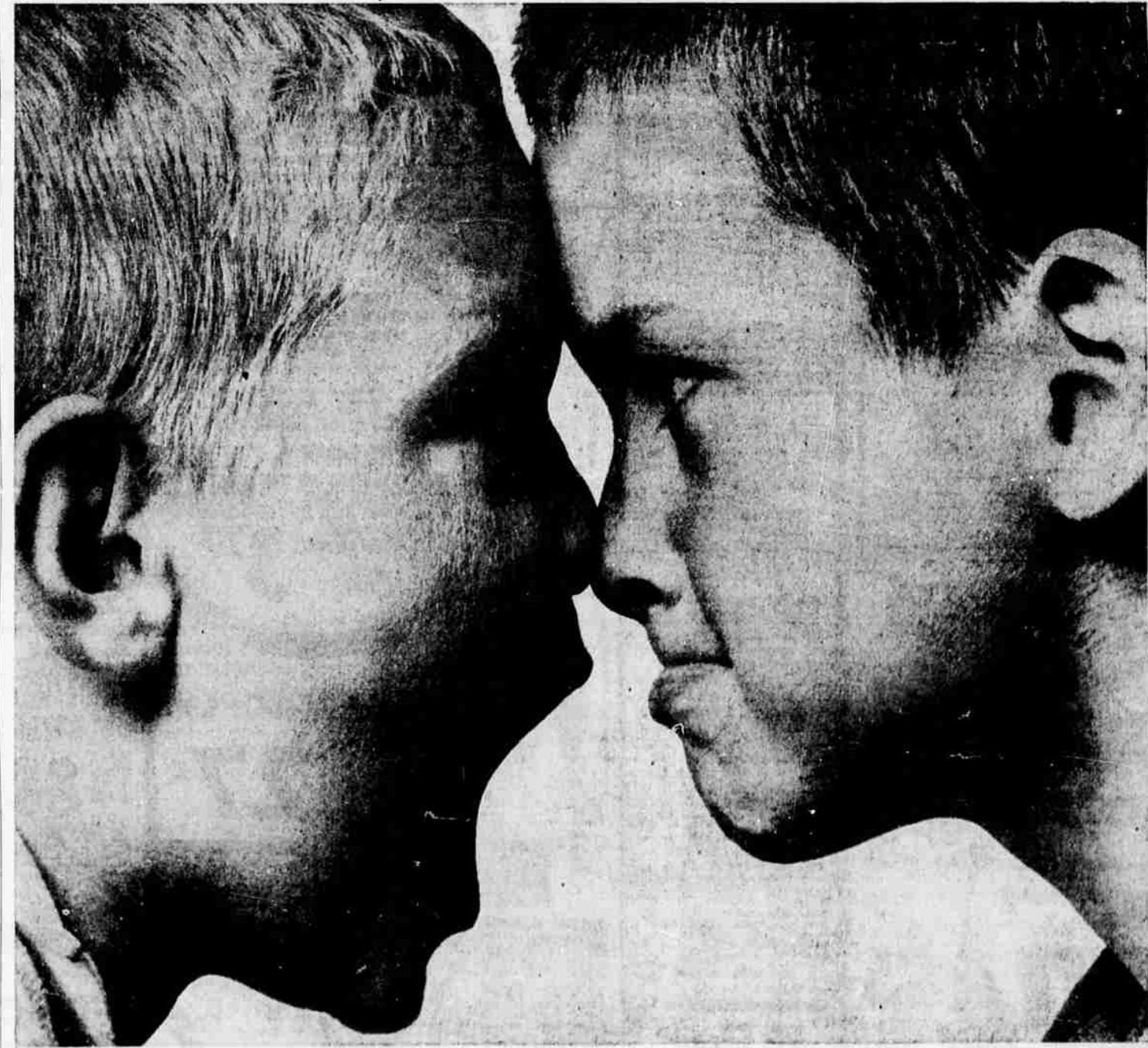
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