



Fascist Neighbors

RECENT REVOLUTION and rioting in Latin America has pointed up what the American public has long dimly realized, namely that while we are fighting Communism in Europe, we are losing out to fascism at our own front door.

Fanama, which surrounds the most important waterway in the world so far as the United States is concerned, is now in the hands of a dictator, Arnulfo Arias, who had roots in Germany and Italy during the days of Hitler and Mussolini. Just before Pearl Harbor, we considered him such a menace the United States helped to ouster him out of the presidency.

In Colombia, a country equally vital to the strategic waterway which links east-west shipping, the bloodiest riots in history have been taking place. Approximately 1,000 people have been killed, and a Fascist party, deliberately aided and abetted by dictator Franco of Spain, has instituted such terror that it was impossible to hold two-way elections.

While U.S. senators have been gazing at Franco's lush wines in Madrid, Franco has been pulling the rug right out from under U.S. policy in one of the most important countries in the Pan-American union.

Months ago Laureano Gomez, now the Colombian strong man, went to Madrid and arranged with Franco to have his shock Falange forces smuggled into Colombia disguised in the robes of priests. Bloodshed and rioting has followed ever since.

Truman's Idea

In the White House, Harry Truman speaks glowingly of his visits to Mexico and Brazil. He is also delighted at the prospect of making a trip to Chile. He considers Pan-American relations one of his most important policies, and if anyone walked in and told him the good-neighbor policy had bogged down, he just wouldn't believe it.

But the trouble with President Truman is that he thinks of Pan-American friendship in terms of getting out a lot of flags and the brass bands to greet President Dutra of Brazil. He doesn't realize that the good-neighbor policy must be closely coordinated and carefully carried out every day of the year.

Over in the state department, meanwhile, one of the best young men in some years, Edward Miller, is assistant secretary for Latin America. Miller was born in Puerto Rico, speaks Spanish, knows Latin America intimately, works hard at his job.

Over in the export-import bank, also, far more loans have been advanced in Latin America than most people realize.

But a successful good-neighbor policy isn't built up merely by dumping money into Latin America, or giving rousing welcomes to visiting Pan-American potentates.

Today we have a lot of well-meaning cogs in our diplomatic machinery, but sometimes they seem to be turning separately and in different directions. In brief, the gears do not mesh.

Jesse Jones' Rival

It looks like Jesse Jones, long considered the financial czar and once an aspiring political czar of Texas, now has a real rival. He is Texas oil tycoon Glenn McCarthy of Houston, who recently helped mastermind "Sam Rayburn Day."

McCarthy already has built a swank 15-story hotel in Houston, the Shamrock, and now aspires to build a new business center on the outskirts of Houston. To finance it, McCarthy is reported in the market for an RFC loan, and it was considered significant that he sent his plush stratosphere private airplane to Washington to fly some RFC officials to Houston for "Sam Rayburn Day."

Taking the free ride to Texas for the big Democratic jamboree were James Considine, RFC controller, and Allen Freeze, his assistant, and their two wives. Neither is a Texan.

Another RFC official, Narvin Weaver, assistant loan manager, declined an invitation because, he admitted afterward, "It might not look right." It is seldom that an official has such scruples and refuses a free ride for this reason.

Of course, Jesse Jones, when head of the powerful RFC, did not hesitate to accept trips in a private car on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at a time when he was lending RFC money to that road. And it will be interesting to see whether Jesse's rival now will get a loan from the RFC.

Note - Democratic political factions in Houston were split over the Sam Rayburn celebration. While Sam is personally popular with all ranks of Democrats, the Old Guard did not cooperate.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS
Supreme Court Decision Declares 'Home Rule' Rent Controls Valid; Five Million Receiving Public Aid

EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.

RENT CURBS:
Home Rule Okayed

The 'home rule' rent control law—which allows states and cities to decontrol their own areas—was upheld by the U.S. supreme court in almost record time. The court's ruling came in less than a week after oral arguments were heard.

THE LAW was enacted last summer by congress and is due to expire June 30, 1950. It had lost in its first federal court test when a U.S. district judge declared it unconstitutional because it delegated powers of congress to the states and local governing bodies.

Tighe Wood and the justice department by-passed intermediate courts and appealed the finding directly to the high court.

While there had been no general statements to the effect, there was a widespread impression that many states and local areas had withheld decontrol action because of the pending suit.

IN ONE INSTANCE, a Kentucky county area had restored rent curbs after lifting them had resulted in what was termed "unreasonable" rent increases.

However short private building had fallen of its goals, there was no argument that the housing shortage had eased somewhat and it appeared that congress might find it relatively easy to abandon all rent curbs when the present "home rule" act expires.

But in view of what had happened in some isolated areas in rental charges, congress might leave the way open for restoration of controls wherever landlords displayed a tendency to gouge tenants.

PUBLIC AID:

Cost Enormous

In a country as powerful and prosperous as the United States it seemed an ironical paradox, but the record showed it to be true—more than five million Americans were receiving public assistance of some form or other, and at a cost of two billion dollars a year to the taxpayers.

JOHN L. THURSTON, acting security administrator, cited those figures at the opening of a 10-day congressional inquiry into the problems of the nation's low-income families. Thurston explained that the federal government provides about half of the two billion dollar annual outlay for public aid, with the other half coming from state and local community funds.

Thurston, himself, saw the contradiction in the situation as he indicated when he said:

"This seems to some people an astonishing phenomenon, considering the fact that we have had full, or practically full, employment for the past seven or eight years."

HE SOUGHT to clarify the situation, however, when he added:

"It is not at all astonishing, however, in relation to the large number of families with no earner, or a low-income earner, and in view of inadequacies of our social insurance program."

Then Thurston used the occasion to get in a few licks for President Truman's "Fair Deal" program, contending that its enactment would help provide "better living" for low-income families.

WAR VETS:

More Benefits

Slated for delivery after January 1 are increases in benefits for disabled U.S. war veterans, dependents and widows. The veterans administration reported that checks of some two million recipients were about to be increased.

THE LARGEST GROUPS to receive increases, the V.A. said, included nearly two million veterans with service-connected disabilities from 10 to 100 per cent.

This group includes World War I and II veterans disabled in service and other veterans disabled in peacetime service since July 15, 1903.

The old rates of payment range from \$13.80 to \$138 a month for war service, and from \$11.04 to \$110.40 for peacetime service.

THE NEW RATES are 8.7 per cent higher—respectively, \$15 to \$150 and \$12 to \$120.

About 58,000 widows receiving compensation because of the service-connected death of a veteran and who have one or more children also will get increases.

JOBLESS BENEFITS

Security Payments Continue to Increase

Officials in the federal labor department's bureau of employment security were expressing concern over the increase in the number of U.S. citizens exhausting their jobless benefit rights.

According to latest figures in the department, more than a half-million ran out of their rights to further employment compensation payments during the July-Septem-

Off to Prison



Rep. J. Farnell Thomas, sentenced to 6 to 18 months in prison and fined \$10,000 for salary kick-backs in his congressional office, is shown as he started for the Danbury, Conn., federal prison to begin serving sentence.

ECONOMY:

Over a Barrel

More than 500 national leaders, talking of the need of economy in operation of the federal government, may have felt themselves more over the barrel than around it when they met for a "cracker barrel" discussion of the problem.

It was a real cracker barrel, bearing the legend "citizens' committee for the Hoover report," set up amid the handsome appointments of Washington's Shoreham hotel.

DELEGATES HEARD Herbert Hoover, chairman of the committee appointed to study means of streamlining the government, praise the accomplishments of his commission and of the committee now seeking to get the commission's proposals adopted.

After pointing out that federal expenditure of more than 43 billion dollars and a deficit of more than five billion have been announced for the current fiscal year, he declared:

"I believe it may be much greater in the next fiscal year. We may be turning two Frankensteins loose in the land. Their terrifying names are 'higher taxes' and 'inflation.'"

HOOPER POINTED OUT that six months have passed since the commission he headed finished its reports on congress, and on economics and improvements in the executive branch, and, in the meantime, the "recommendations have had a magnificent support by the press and public."

All of which was true. The rub seemed to be in getting congress and the President to go all the way suggested by the Hoover commission in effecting more government economy and efficiency.

LABORITES: Ousted by Aussies

For the second time within 11 days proponents of socialism in the British commonwealth had been ousted by the voters. Advocates of free enterprise threw out Australia's Labor government, an action which paralleled the election verdict in New Zealand.

WERE THESE IMPORTANT reports or did they signify nothing? If one chose to place the events alongside the current difficulties experienced by the British Labor government, and attempt to evaluate them correctly, the answer would be on its way out in the British commonwealth.

On the other hand, the fogs of the free enterprise system everywhere, would doggedly stand on Labor's claimed progress over the years, and attempt to take the stand that those voting out were doing so simply because they did not know what was best for themselves.

ROBERT GORDON MENZIES, Australian Liberal leader who will now be restored to the prime ministry he held from 1939 to 1941, called the turn in an earlier comment on the Australian situation:

"The Socialists were brought to power in New Zealand, Australia and Great Britain in that order. The dramatic (New Zealand) result seems a happy omen that they will go out in the same order."

BRITISH DOCTOR: Change of Heart

Dr. E. F. St. John Lyburn had made no bones about how put out he was about England's socialized health program. The first British doctor to announce publicly he would operate it, he was also the first to announce he was going to quit it.

But the doctor changed his mind. He's returning to the program. But, he said, there was a reason. His patients asked him.

BUDGET:

How Much?

While President Truman sunned himself at Key West, Fla., posing for newsmen, busying himself with affairs of state even though on vacation, American taxpayers were particularly interested in the visit paid him by John Snyder, secretary of the treasury.

THE REASON, of course, was the forthcoming budget message which the President was preparing to deliver to congress. Until that time, no U.S. taxpayer would know just what the administration had in mind concerning taxes.

Everyone knew that the President had publicly stated he would need some 12 billion dollars more in revenue if the budget were to be balanced, but everyone knew, too, that there were many senators and representatives who would not go along with any such proposal.

It could also be regarded as significant or not that there had been no recent declaration from the President concerning taxation or any need for tax increase.

WHETHER THAT MEANT the President was prepared to recede from his original tax proposals was purely a matter of speculation, but such a course was probable, inasmuch as some of the President's cabinet members had been saying publicly that a reduction in taxes, or holding them at the present federal level would be good for U.S. business and the nation's economy.

And, as a rule, cabinet members don't comment on such controversial subjects until their remarks have been cleared previously with the White House. Henry Wallace didn't follow that procedure and now he's an ex-cabinet member.

INJUSTICE: Charged to Census

Twenty-three Republican congressmen wouldn't be alone in their attack on that phase of the 1950 census which will require every fifth person over 14 years of age to disclose all the facts about his income.

The Republicans banded together in a blast of criticism at the census bureau's planned procedure in an action following attacks earlier by Representative Brown of Ohio and Hinshaw of California upon the bureau's 1950 questionnaire.

THAT CRITICISM charged that the "Truman administration is perpetrating an outrageous discrimination against small-income people . . ."

Brown had demanded of Philip M. Hauser, acting director of the census, that he cite "legal authority" for the income questions. He charged that such inquiries are unlawful.

In the meantime, a spokesman for the census bureau told newsmen that "only a few" of the citizens asked the income question are expected to object to it. He explained that those who decline to give the enumerator the information personally would be permitted to mail it to the bureau in Washington.

The Republican critics' view was:

"IF A PERSON earns more than \$10,000, all he has to do is say so, without giving the amount, and the census taker is satisfied. But for all people earning under \$10,000, the questionnaire stands as written . . . This is a raw injustice."

As an added basis for its position, the census bureau stated the figures about income will be confidential, not even open to tax collectors or the FBI. That being the case, what good will the figures do anyone and why does the census bureau insist on having them?

ILL BRINGS GOOD . . . This Nationalist soldier was no good at arms since he lost his leg. He was captured by Communist troops who overran parts of China. When they saw he possessed only half of the usual complement of legs, they let him go. He is shown as he arrives at British crown colony, Hong Kong, as a war refugee. The British-held city is tightening its defenses, not because it expects a Red attack but to be ready in case attack comes.

AX MAN

Mayor-elect Andrew J. "Bossy" Gillis, of Newburyport, Mass., sharpened up the ax which he said will fall on the necks of a lot of jobholders after he takes over again at city hall. He landed back in office in a surprise victory.

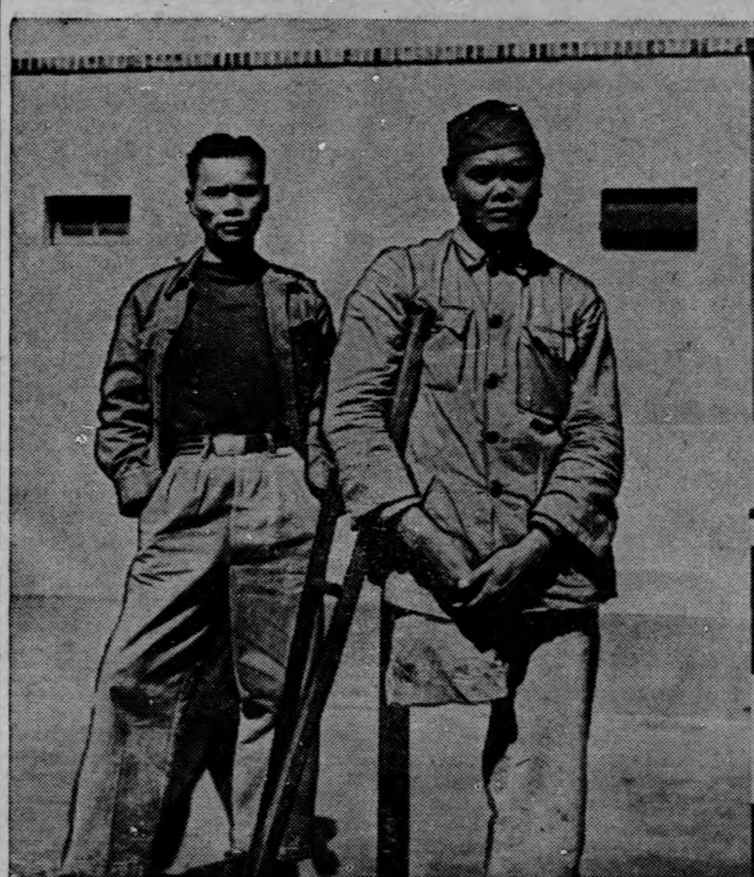
SHE FURNISHED EVIDENCE . . . Miss Helen Campbell, ex-secretary and co-defendant of Rep. J. Farnell Thomas on charges of payroll padding, sobs as she leaves a Washington, D.C., court after dismissal by a federal judge. Dismissal was on the grounds that she furnished evidence about the kickbacks. Thomas withdrew his "not guilty" plea and threw himself on the mercy of the court. With the 64-year-old secretary is her attorney, John R. Fitzpatrick.



CHARMING SHARMAN . . . Sharman Douglas, 21-year-old daughter of Lewis Douglas, United States ambassador to Great Britain, arrives with her grandmother, Mrs. Emma Zinner of Hastings, N. Y., at Idlewild airport, New York City, from London. Sharman is spending a Christmas vacation at her family's Arizona ranch.



ELBOW ROOM . . . "Give me a little space." That seems to be the request of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery as he nudges Warren E. Austin, permanent representative to the United Nations from the United States, during a light moment in their conversation at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City. They attended the annual dinner of the English-speaking union of the United States.



SCHOMAKER THROWS HAYMAKER . . . John Schomaker, union associate of Harry Bridges, testified in San Francisco trial of Bridges that he issued Bridges Red party cards several years ago and helped him solicit new members. Schomaker was a prosecution witness.



DER TAG . . . Wearing dog tags, Boots (canine) arrives in New York from Munich and joins boots (pedal) of his master, T/Sgt. Bernard Gajalik, for trip to Decatur, Ill. He awaits "der tag" (the day) when he will see his master again.

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