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An investigation of the shooting in Congress this afternoon shows that there were four Puerto Rican fanatics in the plot - three men and a woman. Three, including the woman - in the actual gun play. One man - assigned to reload the pistols.

The leader was the woman, Mrs. Lolita Lebron of New York city. She's ~~an~~ thirty-three years old - a friend and colleague of the wife of one of the two terrorists in the attempt to assassinate President Truman <sup>several</sup> years ago. Oscar Collazo, who is now serving a life sentence in prison. One unconfirmed report is that Mrs. Lebron is the widow of the ~~late~~ terrorist killer in the Truman shooting. In the New York rooming house where she lived, police tonight found ~~late~~ letterheads listing her as - "President of the Puerto Rican women for liberty." The letterheads list Mrs. Collazo as - "the secretary." Other stationery is marked - "The Nationalists Party of Puerto Rico, junta of New York."

Recently, the two women were arrested for picketing the U N along with nine other women. Carrying placards demanding "freedom" for Puerto Rico. Moreover, Mrs. Lebron had been arrested several times for larceny.

The police have ascertained the plot was formed on February twenty-second - Washington's birthday. ~~Mr~~ Tonight, Mrs. Lebron stated that they picked <sup>this as the</sup> ~~today~~ for the shooting - because this was the opening of the Pan American conference at Caracas, Venezuela. They wanted to make a terrorists demonstration.

They proceeded from New York to Washington this morning - with one way tickets, expecting to be killed.

They had no trouble ~~gattings~~ getting into the Visitors gallery of the House of Representatives, which is open to the public. They sat quietly, until Mrs. Lebron gave the signal. She jumped up, waved a Puerto Rican flag and shouted "free Puerto Rico." Then - started shooting.



Firing a pistol with two hands - sweeping it like a machine gun. Two of the men with her joined in the fusilade - firing their pistols.

They raked the floor in the House of Representatives where two hundred Congressmen were in session. As many as thirty shots fired. Congressmen ducking to cover. Some - ~~falling~~ falling wounded, as they were sprayed with bullets.

Congressman Bentley of Michigan was hit by two <sup>bullets</sup> ~~bullets~~. One - striking him ~~in~~ in the leg. The other - piercing his ~~mid~~ body just below the ribs. He was rushed to a hospital where there was an immediate operation. Tonight the doctors declare: Congressman Bentley has a fifty-fifty chance of recovering.

Representative Ben Jensen of Iowa was shot in the back, and had to be given blood transfusions, apparently. But, tonight, his condition is reported to be -not critical.

Five legislators, in all, were hit in the wild shooting - the three others not badly wounded. Clifford

Davis of Tennessee, and Kenneth Roberts of Alabama- hit in  
the leg. Congressman Fallon of Maryland, shot in the hip.



SHOOTING-VAN ZANDT

~~The congressional hero of the affair was Congressman~~ <sup>Congressman</sup>

~~Van Zandt~~ <sup>Van Zandt</sup> of Pennsylvania - a decorated veteran of Two World

Wars, and former commander of the veterans of Foreign Wars,  
*got busy in a hurry.*

All the news dispatches are telling how the fifty-five year old

legislator went ~~in~~ dashing to the spectators' gallery, and

helped to disarm the terrorists. When it was all over,

Congressman Van Zandt told his own story to the United Press,

as follows:

"I was sitting about four or five rows from the back of the House chamber, when I heard what appeared to be fireworks," he relates. "I saw a group up in the gallery, waving guns, and firing. I immediately hit the floor in the aisle on my ~~own~~ stomach - and crawled to the Republican cloak room door, on my hands and knees."


So there you have the veteran soldier, who knows how to advance under fire.

"Then" Van Zandt goes on, "I ran up the steps to

the galleries. A girl was just coming out, and several people grabbed her. A six foot Puerto Rican came out next, and I grabbed him - and took a Luger pistol away from him."

Then the Congressman saw a spectator wrestling with a smaller Puerto Rican - who had a Luger in his hand.

"I ran to help the spectator," the Congressman relates, and adds: "The little Puerto Rican wouldn't let go of the gun.

Someone stepped on his wrist when we had him on the floor - another pulled his fingers, and I yanked his thumb. That's how we got the gun away from him." 

~~Congressman Van Zandt thinks there were other Puerto Ricans in the shooting - the group numbering as many as five, perhaps.~~



## SHOOTING NATIONALISTS

The Washington police say - ~~Today's~~ terrorism was the doing of the same fanatical outfit that attempted an assassination of President Truman several years ago when Puerto Rican gunmen killed a White House guard. Members of the "Nationalist party" in the Caribbean Island. A small minority - but dangerous. Crackpot zealots, animated by hatred of the United States, and calling for Puerto Rican independence.

The ~~is~~ bitter irony is that this country had repeatedly offered the Puerto Ricans ~~full~~ independence.

They voting it down by enormous ~~majority~~ majorities.

Preferring - the ~~gt~~ great economic advantages they enjoy by being tied with the United States. Including - the right to come into this country as they please. But, in spite of all that, a small number of fanatics continue to demand independence, and follow a policy of murderous ~~kind~~ terrorism.

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Tonight, Congressman Wingate Lucas, one of the legislators who helped ~~to~~ disarm a gunman, declared: That immigration from Puerto Rico to the United States "should be strictly limited." *And then he* ~~and~~ added: "If independence is what it takes to put a stop to this mass immigration, then we should give them independence."



WARREN

The Senate has confirmed Chief Justice Warren -

and there's not much to tell. After ~~it~~ all the weird

proceedings connected with the nomination of Earl Warren -

there was no argument, no opposition today, the Senate

confirming <sup>Earl</sup> Chief Justice Warren - by a voice vote. Unanimously

- nobody saying, no.

ATOMIC

*with what they call*  
The atomic tests have begun in the Far Pacific;  
a "device" tried out today. ~~This is~~ <sup>So</sup> announced by Chairman

Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission, who gives no further information. The tests are "top secret". But, the understanding was that the first explosion, in the present series, would be - a large atomic blast. Our newest, a-bombs having twenty-five times the destructive power of the Hiroshima type, now called "primitive."

But they are relatively feeble - compared with hydrogen. An H-bomb ~~will~~ <sup>is to</sup> be detonated out there in the Eniwetok-Bikini sector. A new type - understood to be twice as violent as the hydrogen ~~had~~ bomb which "obliterated" an island in the tests of Nineteen Fifty-two.



## INDIA

Indian Prime Minister Nehru, in rejecting an offer from President Eisenhower - explains the refusal on logical grounds.

The United States is giving military aid to Pakistan, which Moslem country is feuding with India - and the Nehru government has been protesting loudly. Whereupon, President Eisenhower communicated with Nehru, and offered - American military aid to India.

But Nehru says he objects to the whole thing on principle, and today told the Indian Parliament: "If we object to military aid given to Pakistan, we would be hypocrites and unprincipled opportunists to accept such aid ourselves."

Instead of being grateful for the offer, Nehru went on to say - that American observers in Kashmir are no longer welcome. The chief quarrel between Pakistan and India is over Kashmir, and the U N has a mission over there - trying to patch

things up. So now the Indian Prime Minister says that, with U.S. armament going to Paklatan, the American members of the mission cannot be considered neutral.



## SUDAN

Tonight we have a verification of reports from the Sudan - reports of savage bloodshed. Attending - a visit by the Egyptian President, Nohamed Naguib, to Khartoum.

Naguib had been having an exciting time in Egypt - where he was deposed, tossed out of power, and under arrest. Then, just as suddenly, restored as President - by the same army Junta which had overthrown him. Down again, up again - for a dizzy reversal.

Having been put back in power, in such surprising fashion - Naguib, promptly, proceeded from Cairo to Khartoum by air. His purpose - to attend the opening of the Sudanese Parliament.

That primitive African land was granted freedom by Great Britain - and, in an election, voted for some kind of tie-up with Egypt. But there's a strong minority demanding complete independence - no ties with either Egypt or Britain. So, at the capital city of Khartoum, a seething excitement prevailed - when Egyptian ~~Prime~~ Premier Naguib arrived.

There were wild cheers for Egypt, but there were other shouts - telling Naguib to go home. The minority, as it happened, consisted largely of tribesmen from the southern Sudan - warriors carrying spears. They went on a rampage, and tried to storm the Governor General's mansion, where Naguib was being entertained.

The police tried to ~~stop~~ stop them with tear gas, but the frenzied assailants dashed right on through - charging with spears. The police opened fire, and rioters fell, as they slashed at the police with their primitive weapons.

Today's dispatch says that twenty-five persons were killed, and one hundred wounded. Fourteen policemen ~~had~~ killed. Among them - two high police officials, one British, one Sudanese.

Tonight, Khartoum is under strong military guard - after the battle ~~between~~ between tear gas and gunfire on one side, and tribal spears on the other.



## MARQUETTE

Michigan City, Indiana, has acquired - a forgotten statue. For twenty-nine years - lost to memory, gathering dust in an old freight warehouse in Chicago.

Back in Nineteen Twenty-five, Chicago's Union Station decided to set up a statue of the discoverer of the present site of Chicago, Pere Marquette - the Jesuit explorer. It arrived, a terra cotta figure, fourteen feet high - but was never put in place. Stowed in a warehouse - where it ~~rem~~ remained for twenty-nine years.

Which seems like ~~xxx~~ a sad neglect of Pere Marquette the first great explorer of our own middlewest. The history books tell of that famous Marquette-Joliet expedition. The missionary priest and a fur trapper, ~~maxxag~~ navigating in a canoe - from the upper reaches of the Mississippi, and on down the father of the Waters. Far enough to ascertain the fact that the great river in the north was the same as the mighty

stream far to the south -- which the Spaniard Desoto had found, flowing to the Gulf of Mexico! Later, the great LaSalle navigated all the way down the Mississippi, from near the Great Lakes to the Gulf.

Recently, the statue of Pere Marquette came to mind again, and the manager of the Union Station, made an inquiry - to find a place for it. Twenty mid-western cities, put in bids. But Michigan City, ~~INDIA~~ Indiana, gets it. That was where, only a few days before his death, Pere Marquette preached to the Potawatomi Indians.



## FISHERMAN

The man who went on the longest fishing trip - announces his retirement from the art of angling. Alexander Kirkpatrick, now ninety-one, went fishing forty-four years ago, and just stayed on - fishing.

Back in Nineteen Ten, he was a telegraph operator at Pottsboro, Texas and, one day he telegraphed his district office, and said: "Going fishing. Send rep' cement."

The District Office replied: "Can't let you go fishing now, sorry."

Whereupon, Kirkpatrick wired back! "Not asking for vacation." *Then he explained that* ~~He said~~ he was going fishing for life.

He built a cabin deep in the woods near Rock creek, where he lived on fish he caught. He also did some hunting - and trapping.

But now, after all those years, he's back at Pottsboro. Saying: "I'm too old to stay in the woods any more, and I've lost my desire to do any more fishing."

One fisherman who has had enough - after forty-four  
years of it.



## LION

In Chicago, Albert Kuchta says - the petshop will have to take back that lion cub. They gave him instructions how to handle the young King of Beasts. That was the trouble. They told him the trick was - to demonstrate his own superiority. Show the lion - who's the boss.

Kuchta, who is seventy two years old, followed the instructions. Wonder if he gave the lion a poke in the nose? Anyhow here's what happened. The cub bit him and clawed him on both hands, scattered the furniture, pulled the tableclothes over the tables, and horror of horrors /ripped the nylon stockings off the legs of Kuchta's daughter.

Whereupon Kuchta called the police! But they refused to take the lion. So did six veterinarians. The city dog pound said - no! absolutely no!

So now Kuchta speaks as follows: "The cub goes back to the pet shop.", And he adds: - "That man said - to assert my superiority! But, he didn't say the beast would clobber me when I did."

ADD LION

Well, Kuchta has had his way. Today he traded the lion in, Mike. But ~~is~~ not for a new, younger model. He traded it for a cocker spaniel!

U.S. Attorney Rover announces that charges of assault with intent to kill will be placed before a grand jury tomorrow. The gravity of the crime he says is the reason for such quick action.

The women and three men are being held in jail under bond of one hundred thousand dollars each. If found guilty, they can be sentenced up to seventy-five years each. If Congressman Bentley should die -- then all of them will be sentenced to life in prison.

The Congressman that four of them are charged with murdering is in good condition. But not as well as he was in Michigan. The doctor still says he has a fifty-fifty chance. President Eisenhower wanted to visit his today but was asked not to -- his condition that critical.

Congressman Bentley requested the House Chaplain to