

BOLIVIA L.T.P.Q.T. nes, - Jan. 6 - '53.

Bolivia, today, had a revolution - which was quickly suppressed. Details of actual events in the sedition have not come through. But they must have been interesting - considering the general character of the affair.

The revolt was headed by the Chief-of-Staff of the Bolivian Army, and the Chief-of-Staff of the Air Force - together with other high military officers. Also - top ranking civilian officials in the administration of President Victor Paz Estenssoro. In fact, the abortive revolution was staged by one faction of the government - one segment of the political ^{group} ~~power~~ that brought about the election of the President, putting the present regime into power. It sounds like a formidable revolution, but it seems to have been suppressed with ease - no fighting, no bloodshed.

The military leaders and civilian politicians ~~had~~ declared against members of the presidential Cabinet, whom they called - Communists. Their purpose - to remove these Ministers from the government. They don't seem to have intended

to overthrow President Paz Estenssoro - but merely ~~to overthrow~~
~~various officials who serve under his administration~~ to eliminate
what they denounced as - Communist elements in an administration
in which they, themselves, were a part.

The Bolivian President, announcing the suppression
of the insurrection, says it was all a question of that cheap
white metal - tin. Bolivia, in the Andes, is a number one tin
producing country, the mines being its chief source of wealth.
Taking power, recently, Paz Estenssoro announced ~~a~~ ~~national~~
~~a~~ nationalization of the tin mines. Which follows a trend
familiar in more or less backward countries - the seizure of
resources developed by foreign capital. Like - the
nationalization of Anglo-Iranian oil, in Persia. ~~The Bolivian~~
~~tin industry was controlled by British and American interests.~~
~~Its nationalization threatening Bolivia with great financial~~
~~injury. The government trying to make a deal to sell~~
~~nationalized tin to the United States.~~

~~The government Ministers against whom the coup d'etat~~

The first purpose of the insurrectos was - to get hold of ministers prominent in the nationalization business. They seized one, and were looking for two others, but ~~none~~ couldn't find them. The Minister of Labor - and, significantly, the Minister of Mines.

But it all ended quickly - with President Paz Estenssoro addressing a huge crowd in front of government headquarters, and calling the insurrectos - "traitors." A later announcement states that the plotters have all been dismissed from their military and civilian posts in the government. Which would seem to mean that about half the government has been - fired.

Obstreperous goings-on - in the ^{Lofty Andean} Republic of tin.

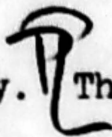
FRANCE

France has a government again - a new Premier. Rene Mayer, of the radical Socialist party. Which faction is, in reality, middle-of-the-road moderate.

For two weeks, France was without a Premier, without a minister. The crisis ending tonight - when, in Paris, the National Assembly voted to endorse the radical Socialist leader.

There's one important point. Rene Mayer won the support of a majority, on a pledge - that he would seek a modification of the North Atlantic Treaty program for armament of the West. He gave that promise to the followers of General DeGaulle - who objects to an integration of French military forces in that international army. So the new Premier will seek a modification.

BERLIN

A high official of Communist East Germany has taken refuge in the Western sector of Berlin, Dr. Leo Zuckermann - who, until a year ago, was "chief of the President's Chancellory." Which made him, in effect, ~~the~~ Assistant President of Communist East Germany.  This political refugee is one of a whole string of recent big-shots of the Reds - now denounced as traitors. He's a Jew - and, on Sunday, was excoriated as a "Zionist spy."

The same goes for Paul Merker, former member of the East German Politburo. And Kurt Mueller, who was Deputy Chief of the East Germany Communist Party. All - called members of a Jewish conspiracy. Accused of connection ~~with~~ with Slansky and his companions - hanged in Czechoslovakia, on charges that included Zionism.

In the Red zone of Germany, a Communist purge is building up - with a new crescendo of anti-Semitism.

U.N.

At the United Nations, David Weintraub has resigned - a high ranking American official accused of connection with Communism. As Director of the Division of Economic Stability and Development, he has been prominent in U.N. affairs. But he was named prominently in investigations of Communism - and now is out.

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill, this evening, is conferring with two top Eisenhower officials, who will deal especially with British affairs. The new Secretary of State - John Foster Dulles; And the new Ambassador to London - Winthrop Aldrich. They're meeting at the apartment of Bernard Baruch, elder statesman, where Churchill talked with Eisenhower last night.

Tomorrow night, still another meeting at the same place - Governor Dewey of New York, to dine with Winston Churchill. And General Eisenhower may be there.

Meanwhile, the President-elect has called a full dress conference of his own high command for Monday and Tuesday. Pre-inauguration talks - the new administration getting set for its assumption of power.

VOTE

Now, at last - it's President-elect Eisenhower.

We can call him that, and be technically correct.

Today, Congress went through the final formality. ~~and~~

~~making the election results official.~~ As we all know, the voters

back in November merely chose electors. That is, technically.

So the electors, meeting in their own states a couple of weeks

ago, cast their ballots - the electoral vote. These were

forwarded on to Congress - for an official count. Which

happened today. The two Houses met in joint session, ~~tallied~~

tallied up the ballot, and Vice-President Barkley announced -

what we all know. Eisenhower - four-hundred-and-forty-two

electoral votes, Stevenson eighty-nine.

All along we've been saying "President-elect"

Eisenhower. But that was incorrect - if you want to split hairs.

Tonight, we can say it - without splitting a single hair.

After the make-believe ceremony, today, Congress

got around to legislative business. The Senate - plunging

into a controversy over our old acquaintance, the filibuster.

A drive is on to keep the Southerners from blocking Civil Rights legislation - by talking it to death. The Southerners declare - there isn't a chance to change the rules. Everybody seems to agree that there isn't - not right away.

HUGH BAILLIE

General Eisenhower will hold news conferences when he becomes President. So states Hugh Baillie, head of the United Press - after a talk with the President-elect today.

It is known that, during the political campaign, the ~~General~~ General was uncomfortable, sometimes, in the rapid-fire questions asked by the reporters. So there has been a rumor that, as President, he might abolish those familiar White House news conferences, - with quick exchanges of question and answer between the newsmen and the chief executive. Or, at least, he might ~~would~~ modify them.

But now Hugh Baillie of the U.P., after talking with the General, states: "I think I can say that, ~~when he~~ gets to Washington, there will be press conferences." He added - he didn't know if they'd be the same as before.

WATERFRONT

At Newark, this afternoon, Mayor John Kenny of Jersey City gave evidence before the New Jersey Crime Commission. Previously, he had refused to testify - at the hearings on crime along the waterfront. But, today, he gave in.

The Jersey City Mayor told the investigators that politics plays a part in affairs along the docks. The question of what longshoremen shall work, shall be given jobs, is often decided by politicians - who operate in ^{collaboration} ~~cooperation~~ with the ~~United~~ Union leaders.

STRIKE

Mediation of the New York bus strike failed today.

A peace-making session at City Hall broke up in angry disagreement. Union Leader Quill telling a crowd of strikers outside City Hall - the strike will go on.

Meanwhile, the Big Town seems to be getting along without buses. The subways were unusually crowded today, *and*
~~but that was about all~~ *getting a taxi wasn't easy.*

SANDBURG

Chicago is hailing the poet, who once called Chicago - "the hog butcher of the world." Carl Sandburg, famous also for a Pulitzer Prize winning "Life of Abraham Lincoln." His Seventy-Fifth Birthday - which also marks the publication of his autobiography ^{— up to the age of 21.} Tonight, Chicago entertains him at a great banquet - neither white tie nor black tie. Carl Sandburg never would wear dress clothes.

The Swedish government presents him with a high decoration- Commander of the Order of the North Star. The poet's father was a Swedish immigrant to this country.

Chicago still remembers the poem that won a prize back in Nineteen Fourteen. Sandburg describing Chicago as - "the husky, brawling city of the big shoulders." Today he said Chicago is just the same, and he wouldn't change a word of that poem written, nearly forty years ago. ^P "Chicago," he declared, "stands up to New York and Paris and says: 'So we ain't got culture, but we're eating regular.'" ^P If you think that a bit slangy, Carl Sandburg once wrote: "Slang is language that rolls up its sleeves, spits on its hands, and goes to work."

HOAX

The news, today, is telling of - an astonishing hoax.

A literary fraud perpetrated in a prison - convict author, first class manuscript, novel about to be published. It happens at the Ohio State Prison - where one of the most famous of American writers began his literary career as a convict. That master of the short story - O. Henry.

Half a century ago, down in Texas, there was a bank clerk at Austin, named William Sidney Porter, who dabbled at writing. He dabbled also, at some sort of dubious finance - accused of embezzlement. To this day, there's a mystery about it all. He was tried and convicted - and sent to prison in Ohio, where he served three years.

That was when he really buckled down to the business of writing - he had plenty of leisure. In the Ohio State Prison, he mastered the art of the short story. Released from the penitentiary, he went to work for the old New York World, contracting to turn in - a short story a week. In a brief time, under the name of O. Henry, he was making literary

history, turning out classics of the short story. Dazzling - with all the brilliance of the "surprise ending."

So now, today, all of that seemed to be repeated, in a way - at that same prison. The convict - Robert Preyer, sentenced for burglary. His masterpiece, a novel of aviation, called - "Position Unknown." On a prison typewriter, he batted out a manuscript, and sent it to the publishing house of Little Brown, an old and highly respected firm. They read it - and it was excellent. They contracted to publish it, and sent the convict author an advance on royalties - six hundred dollars. They were all set for a possible best-seller.

Then came the painful disillusion - when a copy was passed along to a book reviewer, Virginia Kirkus of New York. She read the convict's novel, "Position Unknown" - and was ~~puzzled~~ puzzled. She had read that same book before.

She rummaged around, and dug out a novel called "Island in the Sky," by Ernest Gann, published by Viking Press in Nineteen Forty-Four. The title was different, the author

was different - but the rest of it was exactly the same, word for word. The convict author, it would seem, had simply copied a book of the prison library, and sent it out as his own.

There doesn't seem much that Little Brown can do about it. They can't get back their six hundred dollars of advance royalties. Word from the penitentiary is that the alleged author used part of the money to buy a new typewriter - to continue business, we presume. He spent some for luxuries in the prison commissary, and sent cash home to relatives. As for punishment, they can't put him in jail - he's already in jail.

But here's the latest. The convict denies that he copied the story from a book. He tells the prison warden that he got the manuscript, written in long-hand, from another convict. So, all he did was - ~~to~~ send this in as his own. Which merely complicates the strange hoax.

It all has elements of an O. Henry story, and he might have written it with all the glitter of a "surprise ending." That literary hoax perpetrated - at his own home prison.

BASKETBALL

In the world of sports, there's a spotlight on a small college in Ohio. Which emerges as a giant - of basketball. The team - unbeaten in sixteen games. Which gives Rio Grande College - number one standing.

Well, it's not the first time this institution of learning has been in the headline of sports. Ten years ago, Rio Grande was a wonder - at football. But - the other way round. The team set an all-time record - for losing games. Rio Grande went through six football seasons, without winning a game - losing thirty-two in all. During whole seasons, Rio Grande failed to score a point. And, capped the climax by losing a game - one-hundred-and-four to zero.

The College held the record for losing until Nineteen Forty-Nine, when the New Jersey State Teachers College did even worse - going through forty-five games without winning one.

But times have changed at the Grande. They were so bad at football, they tried basketball - and are challenging

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that old record of theirs. But - in reverse. Having lost
thirty-two games in a row at football, ^{Nelson,} they've now won sixteen
in a row at basketball - and are still going strong.