

COLOMBIA

L.T. - Deleo. Fri. May 10 - '57

Colombian President Rojas Pinilla - is out.

Resigning today - with, virtually, the whole country in a peaceful revolt. A revolution - with little or no violence.

Nothing more - than opposition everywhere.

Two days ago, Rojas Pinilla was re-elected President - in spite of a constitutional provision, limiting a President to one term. He had his hand picked legislature change that.

Whereupon the news told of strikes - on every side, by all kinds of people. Business - going on strike. The university - on strike. The final blow - when the Roman Catholic church turned against Rojas Pinilla. Top ecclesiastics - declaring against the regime. The primate of Colombia - Cardinal Luque - accusing the police of murdering two students and profaning churches.

That settled it, and El Presidente knew - he'd ^{had} ~~have~~ it. Today - enormous crowds in Bogota and other Colombian

cities - jamming the streets in uproarious demonstrations
of joy.

Tonight, there's a five-man ~~military~~ military junta -
acting as a provisional government. Promising - Presidential
elections next year.

CUBA-BOY

At the Guantanamo Naval Base, at the far end of Cuba, two American boys - were telling their story today. Teen-agers - who enlisted in the rebel band of the Cuban insurrecto, Fidel Castro, now brought out by CBS News reporter Robert Faber.

Victor Buehlman, is all of seventeen. Michael Garvey - fifteen. But they set out for adventure - to fight in a guerrilla war.

They joined Castro - the exile, who slipped back into Cuba last autumn. Taking to the mountains - leader of a band of some sixty guerillas. Government forces - unable, still, to rout them out of their craggy strongholds.

Today, Victor Buehlman was asked - had they seen much of Castro? To which a jaunty answer was given by the gangling six-foot seventeen year old.

"We were with Castro all the time," he laughed.

"He spoke English a little bit when we got there in February. But it improved a lot - in the time we spent with him."

The two American teen-agers may not have won the revolution - but they taught the insurrecto leader some English.

There was a third youth, twenty years old - along with them. But Charles Ryan didn't come back. Deciding - he would remain with Castro and the rebels in their mountain lair.

FORMOSA

A new flareup -- in Formosa Straits. A heavy artillery duel -- between Communists and Nationalists.

For a long time, things have been quiet in ~~that~~ that sector - where both sides hold islands near each other. But, today, the Reds fired one barrage after another. The Nationalists -- shooting back.

One supposition is that the sudden activity by the Communists may be an answer to announcements that American guided missile units will be stationed on Formosa.

NEPAL

The "snow-devils" of the Himalayas - have struck again. Three lives lost - when an avalanche hit a British climbing expedition.

The mountain - Jugal Himal. Not such a big one, by Himalayan standards - only twenty-three-thousand,-three hundred feet high. Mt. Everest - towering more than a mile above that. But the lesser mountains of the Himalayas can be, sometimes, even more dangerous - than the top most giants.

The expedition - ~~is~~ two Britons and four Sherpa guides. The leader, Crosby Fox - linked by a rope with two Sherpas. When the avalanche came down upon them - and they simply vanished. Lost - in an immensity of snow, plunging on down into Himalayan chasms.

The survivors, George Spenceley and two Sherpas - taking ten days, getting back to villages of Nepal. Bringing the news - of this latest of Himalayan tragedies.

MOSCOW

A move in Moscow, today-is being described as a propaganda gimmick. A neat, clever gimmick - it would seem. The Supreme ~~Soviet~~ Soviet - asking the American congress and the British Parliament to join with the Supreme Soviet, ~~In~~ bringing about a ban on atomic test explosions.

Today, both houses of the Moscow ~~is~~ Parliament voted unanimously, to send messages to the National Legislatures in Washington and London. A joint committee - set up to begin an exchange of views between the Supreme Soviet, on one side, and Congress and Parliament, on the other.

This action in Moscow followed an address by Soviet foreign Minister Gromyko - our old dead-pan pal, Gromyko. Who blasted away with denunciations of the usual kind. Excoriating ^{what he termed} American "aggressive policies". After which - the proposal was adopted for talks between the legislative bodies in Moscow, Washington and London.

Quite an idea for Congress, over here. ~~To~~ ^{To} deal with the Supreme Soviet behind the President's back. The

British Parliament asked to do the same with regard to Her Majesty's cabinet. In Washington, leaders of ~~EMERGENCY~~ Congress are quick in saying, "nothing doing." Same response - in London. The proposal called sheer propaganda - a gimmick. Sounds like something - but means nothing.

ATOMIC

International observers - to attend atomic ~~tests~~ tests in Nevada, this month. The United States inviting forty-seven countries to send representatives for the purpose - to let the world see the precautions we use in holding atomic experiments.

Two countries - not invited. Soviet Russia - which never gives out information about its own atomic explosions. And India - sharply critical of American atomic policy.

TEAMSTERS

In a Washington court room today, a whole cartful of newspapers and clippings - wheeled in. Somebody - an enthusiast for journalism, you'd think. But the cart-load was produced - as evidence in the case of James R. Hoffa, of the Teamsters Union. Hoffa - considered the number two man to union President Dave Beck. All those newspapers and clippings - to back up a legal argument.

Hoffa - accused of trying to bribe members of ~~the~~ the staff of the Senate rackets investigation committee. Appearing, today - before Federal Judge Burnita, Hoffa's lawyer - request^{ed}~~ing~~ a postponement of the ca^{se}~~s~~. Saying- there had been, what he called, "infectious publicity". An immense amount of unfavorable publicity - for Hoffa and the Teamsters Union.

To prove which - he wheeled in a whole cart load of the publicity. Newspaper articles - with harsh expressions.

Well, I don't want to get into any argument, but I would say that the teamsters union ^{had} have been having a "bad ^{press}"

press *ll*

Anyway, Judge Burnita granted a twenty-one day
postponement.

ADD TEAMSTERS

Hoffa's lawyer, today, declared that committee chairman Senator McClellan of Arkansas - had committed an impropriety. Asking - how much of a fee the lawyer was getting. To which Senator McClellan ~~was~~ retorts - he did not ask about the fee. He inquired - whether or not Hoffa's attorney was being paid out of union funds? The Senator adding - he'd ~~is~~ also like to know if union President Dave Beck is paying for legal services out of union dues.

BECK

Testimony, today, indicates - that Teamster President Dave Beck and an associate made a quick profit. In connection with a memorial fund- established for the widow of Beck's best friend.

The witness - Donol Hedlund, Beck's partner in various business ventures. Who told the Senate investigators how he and Beck had made profitable deals - receiving brokerage fees in the investment of Teamster Union funds.

He likewise told how the union set up a fund to take care of the widow of a union official, Raymond Leheney, Beck's friend. Beck and Hedlund - selling a bloc of mortgages to the widow's fund. Profit - eleven thousand, five hundred and ninety-five dollars.

MISSISSIPPI

In Mississippi, the state police did a fast job. But, maybe, the real task of law enforcement was ~~over~~done - by the Mississippi mosquitoes. Leading - to the solution of the diamond-jubilee-celebration bank robbery.

Laurel, Mississippi, was hailing the ~~the~~ seventy-fifth anniversary of the town's foundation ^{- its} diamond jubilee. When the first National Bank was held up - by a robber wearing the mask of a clown. Getting away - with ten thousand dollars. After which - the manhunt was on. A clue - given by a housewife, who had spotted a suspicious character tramping along the road.

They found him today. Charles Lawrence Sullivan of Syracuse, New York. A fugitive - wanted by the police on other charges. He surrendered - eagerly, ^{saying!} "I'm tired of running."

Also tired - of the mosquitoes. Wandering along by day, sleeping under railroad trestles at night - the mosquitoes nearly ate him alive. Two days of this - and he was

happy to be in jail.

Two other men implicated. One - a local taxi driver. The other - an ex-convict from Alabama. Who, it is now disclosed - played an interesting part in the bank robbery. Entering the bank - dressed as a priest. The hold-up man in the clown's mask - protected by the supposed clergyman among other people in the bank.

CRIME

Here's a crime story - about as fantastic as anything I've ever had occasion to recite on the air. A murder plot in Miami - featuring a report in Washington. Where there was news of a Washington attorney taken to a hospital, in a dying condition. After a fatal beating - at the hands of a thug.

Today, the police arrested a prominent Miami Beach contractor, George Laris. Charged - with plotting the murder of the Washington Lawyer - Raymond Dickey.

They say - it all came about because of a race track in Puerto Rico. Laris - revengeful, because of dealings with Dickey in the race track business. Blaming the Washington lawyer - for squeezing him out.

So he engaged a man from New York, Spiro Williams - to hire a killer. Who would go to Washington - and murder Dickey. Whereupon Williams, we are told, offered the job to a Miami bartender, Alfred Coradi. The price of the murder - one thousand dollars. Coradi - accepting. The money to be

paid - after he had killed lawyer Dickey in Washington.

But, when the deal was concluded, the "hired killer" got in touch with Miami police. Who told him - to ^{make} ~~make~~ believe he was going ahead with the deal. And - they'd set a trap. Which they did.

Whereupon, a show ~~is~~ was put on in Washington. Lawyer Dickey - in a hospital. The word given out - that he was a victim of a fatal beating. Anybody inquiring was told - he was in a dying condition.

Then, in due time, back in Miami - Coradi, the supposed "hired killer", arranged a meeting with Williams - to collect his thousand bucks. The rendezvous - at a parked automobile. Where Williams - refused to pay more than five hundred dollars. Half the money - because the murder job was only half done.

At the proper moment, the cops walked in - and sprung the trap, arresting Williams. Followed - by the

arrest of Laris, at his fashionable home in Miami Beach.

Such is the story told by the police, who say they have iron clad evidence - including tape ~~RECORD~~ recordings.

FASHIONS

In Chicago - fashions for women in the year two thousand. Marshall Field - presenting styles the ladies will wear in the coming era of space travel. Futuristic dresses and hats, created by some of the leading fashion designers. Like a costume of jet black - when milady goes wandering around on the surface of the moon.

Most wonderful of all - an outfit intended to show how futuristic the styles will be by the time the year two thousand rolls around. Designed - by an architect, straying into the world of style. Called - an "upside down dress", and - it's all that.

The skirt - at the top. The bodice - at the knees. The top of the skirt flaring out at the altitude of the shoulders. On her feet, the model wears - a headdress of flowers. On her head - shoes.

So there you have it, ladies, your beautiful - .
Henry, would you call it
with shoes on your head and flowers on your feet. The upside
down dress!

END

Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T. I have many fond recollections of the early days of radio. Including the time - when the networks were just beginning. In New York, CBS began as a local station and then affiliated with out of town stations. Which took - its programs. The first CBS affiliate a - station WCAU, in Philadelphia. Which, today - celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary. You ~~wik~~ know the proper song to sing, and it makes a sort of rhyme:

~~Happy birthday, dear WCAU~~

Happy birthday - to you

Happy birthday, Dear WCAU.

That's the best I can do - as I say

And, solong until Monday.