

GUATEMALA L.T.-W. Mon. June 28 - '54,

The Communist party in Guatemala was outlawed, today.

So announced on the radio by Colonel Diaz, head of the new regime. He declared - the Communist Party in Guatemala is now illegal and will be suppressed.

This, at first glance, would seem to meet the demands of the anti-Communist insurgents. But they now reply with a statement that Colonel Diaz ~~was~~ usurped authority, when he took over from ^(ousted) ~~Arbenz~~ President Arbenz. The rebels have been insisting on full surrender - the government to be turned over to their own leader, Colonel Castillo-Armas.

Events over the weekend were swift. After days of "phantom war" the anti-Communists went surging forward. Masses of the ~~mass~~ people were coming over to them - especially the soldiers of the pro-Communist government.

In Guatemala City the crisis produced a "palace revolution". Army leaders told President Arbenz - he must get out. The rebels had said, all along - the Communist controlled regime couldn't control the Army. Which was a

fact. [Arbenz quit - and the outlawing of the Communist party came less than twenty-four hours later.]

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ADD GUATEMALA

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City. Bombing - and strafing. This - following a refusal

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CHURCHILL-EISENHOWER

The headline conference at the White House today produced a communique - issued by the President and the Prime Minister. It's in vague, general terms, and contains only one possibly important bit of phraseology. This - on the subject of southeast Asia.

"We will," says the statement, "press forward with plans for collective defense."

Which sounds as if Churchill had switched over to the American proposal for an anti-Communist alliance to protect southeast Asia. There's no mention of the plan propounded by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden - for a South Asian Locarno. A non-aggression pact -- in which the Communist powers would be included.

Later, Churchill told newsmen that Britain will press the "collective defense" plan - "now and immediately." He said he is not fully committed to the "Asian Locarno" propounded by Secretary Eden. Presumably, he's in favor of some sort of non-aggression pact with Communism - but he's going ahead with

"collective defense" on the part of the West.

Churchill told the newsmen that "peaceful co-existence" was possible between East and West. And advised what he called "a cool, friendly examination of what the Russians want."

All this transpired at a luncheon given by the National Press Club. Sir Winston talking to a large audience of Washington reporters - radio, newspaper, TV and magazine people, was at his best. It was question and answer, with Churchill saying - he wanted no holds barred. Explaining that, in the House of Commons, he's used to being questioned. British parliamentary practice - ministers of the Crown running a gauntlet of critical questioning. Therefore, Sir Winston was at his ease, brilliant, in answering the reporters. In fact he spoke for nearly an hour - politics, world affairs, and that lively Churchill wit.

BRITAIN-TRADE

A trade mission arrived in Britain today. Communist economists, looking over prospects of commerce between Britain and the Iron Curtain countries. A delegation of seven, from Geneva - invited by a committee of British business men. The Red experts - to be shown around British factories and commercial establishments.

It's unofficial - but the London government gives a tacit approval.

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Red Premier Chou En Lai ~~is~~ was in Rangoon today - discussing ~~the~~ relations between Communist China and Burma. All - part of a diplomatic parade by Chou En Lai in southern Asia.

He was greeted at Rangoon airport by ^{the} Burmese Prime Minister. ~~He~~

Together - ~~is~~ with other high officials. A huge crowd acclaimed the Premier of Red China; a crowd of Chinese. Reminding us - of the countless Chinese who have settled in countries like Burma, Malaya, and the East Indies.

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said - that was the right medicine for Indo China. Into which country his own government has been pouring weapons and munitions to support a Communist insurrection.

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INDO CHINA CONFERENCE

In Indo China, the "Little Geneva" conference ran into trouble today before it even got started.

At the "Big Geneva" Conference, the decision was - to have military negotiators, in Indo China, map out a line for an armistice. So both sides appointed representatives out there and they were to begin today - meeting in a village forty miles from Hanoi.

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INDO CHINA TROOPS

The Reds, in Indo China have begun the removal of some invasion forces from the Kingdom of Laos.

This, in accordance with an agreement in Geneva.

The Peace Conference there agreed, last week, that the Viet Minh troops should leave both Laos - and Cambodia.

INDO CHINA WAR

The Reds, in Indo China, claim a victory - the capture of an important highway junction. The Viet ^{Minh} ~~Nam~~ radio stating - that the French garrison was wiped out. The French do not confirm this latest enemy claim.

Tonight's medical report on former President Truman says - his condition is "somewhat less [^]erious."

The crisis came suddenly over the weekend - following ~~that~~ operation. Specialists came hurrying to the former President in a Kansas City hospital. They say he developed what they called - a "hypersensitivity to anti-biotics." That is, he reacted against the anti-biotic medicines.

Today, H.S.T. was cheerful. - [^]that's his temperament. Mrs. Truman was at his bedside [^] on their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

FLOODS

The Rio Grande - on a rampage, a record-breaking flood. The crest of the deluge is at sixty- feet. Seven feet higher than the previous record in Nineteen Forty-two.

Laredo, Texas, ■■■ expects the brunt of it tomorrow. Already, seven towns on both sides of the border, have been ~~xxx~~ washed out. Bridges across the Rio Grande wrecked by the surging power of the flood water. The span at Del Rio went out yesterday. And the fear is that the international highway bridge at Laredo will go.

The Rio Grande can be a petty river in the dry season. But it is grande, in a terrifying way - when the great flood is on.

AGRICULTURE

An appeal to farmers was made, tonight, by Vice President Nixon, and Secretary of Agriculture Benson. They argued against what they called "false ideas" about farm policy. And urged the people to rally behind President Eisenhower's plan for flexible ~~ex~~ price supports. They declared that the high, rigid supports would "undermine all agriculture" by piling up huge surpluses indefinitely.

HEIRESS

Today brought a new climax in the stormy matrimonial affairs of the shipping heiress, Mrs. Andrea Luckenbach Hammer. Her ~~husband~~ estranged husband, Fred Hammer, shot her ^{four times} ~~husband~~ - and tonight, she's in the hospital, seriously injured.

She inherited three million dollars from her father - founder of the Luckenbach shipping line. Hammer - her third husband. He was a race track employee, working on the starter's ^{(gate} ~~stand~~ ⁾ at Hialeah, near Miami.

In Nineteen Forty-Nine she charged that he beat her, and held her a prisoner on their yacht for eight days, off the Florida coast. Later- she said - he beat her again - in May -- she filed a suit for divorce.

Today, the thirty-three ~~year~~ year old heiress was at a race track - Delaware Park, at Wilmington. There in amid a crowd of jockeys and horse trainers, the paddock, the shooting occurred.

ARREST

Here's a story featuring - the telephone.

At Albany, New York, Nicholas Ryan, ~~an~~ an official of the U S Income Tax Bureau, was charged with embezzling fourteen hundred dollars. Twelve days ago, he was served with a warrant for his arrest, but escaped. He asked for permission to make a telephone call - which was only a dodge, enabling him to get away.

Today, Ryan was being held in Cincinnati - having been arrested there. Caught - because of a telephone call.

In a Cincinnati restaurant, he put in a long distance call to his mother. A customer in the restaurant over-heard him talking on the "phone. And got the idea - that he was a fugitive from justice. The police were informed - and the arrest was made.

CONCERT

Boston is having a symphony concert - which certainly rates a mention of any news broadcast. Boston's famous "pops" orchestra presenting - "newspaper night." All the music - having to do with the news, one way or another.

The opening ~~mus~~ selection will be - the "United Press March". Composed by Paul Lavalley, in honor of Hugh Baillie's news-gathering organization. After which the orchestra will play the "Morning Papers waltzes" by Johan Strauss, the Waltz King. Also - the "Washington Post March" by John Philip Sousa. And a symphonic composition - "The Typewriter" by Anderson.

Talk of news about music - that's music about news.

HERO

On this program, during the years, I've told of - many a deed of heroism. But I can't recall ~~any~~one to compare with the story we have this evening - from down in Mississippi. A rescue - from drowning.

Two girls, fifteen and eighteen years old, went wading in the Pascagoula River, near the town of Lucedale. Barbara Wood and Annie Louise Ball - splashing along, when they stepped off into ~~deep~~ deep water. The Pascagoula - a swiftly running stream. And they were swept away by the current.

James Peacock, saw their peril and plunged in - swimming out to save them. But, he couldn't make it. He'd been ill - and was too weak. So all he could do was ~~to~~ shout the alarm to a man on the bank. The girls too, were yelling. Yelling - for help.

The man on the bank was Charles Vines, ^a twenty-two year old ex-Marine. A powerful swimmer;- but, here's the startling thing! - Charles Vines is - blind. Serving with

the First Division of the U S Marines in Korea, he was a victim of mortar shell fire - and lost his eyesight. So there he was - on the river bank - unable to see anything. But he could hear - the calls for help.

The blind ex-marine waded out into the stream and started swimming - guided by sound. He swam toward the yells of the girls, and reached Annie Louise Ball. Got hold of her ~~xxx~~ -- held her up. And shouted to Barbara Wood - to cling to Annie Louise. Barbara did - and Vines then started for shore towing the two girls.

As they neared the river bank, Barbara said: "I think I can make it now" and started swimming on her own. Vines - putting Annie Louise ashore.

But Barbara couldn't make it - the ~~xx~~ rapid current sweeping her out again. So, once again the blind ex-marine swam out. Guided by the sound of Barbara's voice. He reached her - and brought her in.

But, meanwhile, James Peacock was having trouble -

unable to battle the current. So Vines had rescue number three. And by now, he was nearly all in himself. But, once again, guided by the sound of Peacock's voice, he swam out and helped him in.

Today the ex-Marine, who lost his eyesight in Korea, explained in a simple statement: "Even if you are blind, you just can't give up when you hear someone yelling for help." So he said.

And I think that - Harry - is the finest deed of heroism I ever recited on this program - or ever will.