

BOLIVIA

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There was an outbreak of wild and ferocious violence in the ^{lofty Andean} ~~southern~~ republic of Bolivia today. A late news story from La Paz tells of the lynching of three persons by an infuriated mob -- after an attempt to assassinate President Bustamonte.

~~This was~~ ^{It's all} an aftermath of the revolution in July, which overthrew the previous government, and put Bustamonte into power. The would ^{-be} ~~be~~ assassin today was an army Lieutenant -- who, after failing to kill the President, made a dash to ~~escape~~ escape. He ran out of the President's Palace and was seized by people on the street. A mob of Bustamonte Partisans gathered and lynched him -- hanging him to a lamppost in the Square.

The fury of the mob was still unsated, and the crowd surged to the city prison --- where members of the ~~the~~ previous government were confined. They took ~~to~~ two of these, both high police officials of the former regime, and lynched them -- hanging them to the same lamppost, beside the Army Lieutenant who had tried to assassinate the President.

MEAT

The President has whipped his party into line -- behind the O.P.A. He seems to have quelled the insurrection of the Democratic leadership against the price controls on meat. In the face of a nationwide meat shortage -- or rather, famine -- the chieftains of the Democratic Party view the reactions of the voters with great alarm -- election day being little more than a month away.

Yesterday, at his news conference, the President stood firm for price-fixing and O.P.A., and today he summoned the first cabinet session in a month and got them into harness - bridling them with price-fixing and putting them into the paces of the O.P.A.

The effectiveness of the Presidential harness job is shown by the attitude of Postmaster General Bob Hannegan -- who represents practical politics in the cabinet. Yesterday, Bob ^{Hannigan} announced that the Democratic National Committee, which is the citadel of practical politics, had instructed him to take up

the meat crisis with the price control board or some other proper authority -- to get the O.P.A. controls lifted and put some meat on the shelves by the time election day rolls around.

Today, after the Cabinet meeting, Hannegan said he had given up the idea of going to the Price Control Board on the subject. But, what about the instructions he had from the Democratic National Committee? He pointed out that these told him to make an appeal either to the Control Board or to some other proper authority. And that was that.

The Postmaster General told the newspapermen that he and the Democratic National Committee, as well, will abide by the White House mandate -- and swallow the O.P.A. even if there are no beefsteaks to swallow. They hope that, with price restrictions on, the situation will remedy itself, and meat supplies will return to the market. It seems to be the old idea of letting nature take its course. If nature fails to do that before election day, it looks bad for a lot

of Democratic candidates -- the mood of the housewives being what it is, not to mention the husbands who are on a diet of fish and spinach.

At the meeting of the Democratic National Committee, during which it was decided to go along with the President and O.P.A. several prominent chieftains were missing -- ~~xx~~ one was Mayor Kelly of Chicago who is said to be hot under the collar about the way the O.P.A. and the meat shortage are making a hit with Chicago voters. Another still to be heard from is the Democratic leader, ~~xx~~ Congress^{man} McCormack of Massachusetts, who wants the O.P.A. controls to be lifted, for sixty days. People who fancy mathematics can add up the figures and note at what point a sixty day moratorium for O.P.A. would end with reference to election day.

~~How serious the meat famine is may be ~~xxxx~~ noted in one rather startling fact -- the army has backed down. It's mightyseldom that the army retreats, either in the face of the enemy or of us~~

civilians, ~~but~~ The War Department has taken back its demand for fifteen million pounds of meat every week ~~for~~ the armed forces at home and abroad. That requisition was put in several days ago but today the ~~Quartermaster~~ Quartermaster General stated that the priority has been scaled down to twelve million pounds a week -- because of the shortage, he explains that the G.I.'s will have to get along with more fish. That ~~is~~ should delight the troops; the G.I.'s being famous for their epicurian taste for such delicacies as cod fish, porgies, smelts and Mississippi River Catfish.

~~The ~~EXXYS~~ S.P.A. has climbed down one little bit -- along the line of the restaurants. The price fixers in Washington announce that its going to grant price increases for meat dishes in restaurants -- so that a steak or a chop or two, or maybe a bowl of beef-~~x~~ stew will get back on the menus.~~

Just to put the finishing touch to the gladness about the meat shortage, you may be going barefoot soon. It ^{is} not hard to figure the relation

between steaks and chops and shoes, because what are shoes made of? Today in Washington, the civilian & Production Administrator told a Senate Committee that the present meat crisis will result in a shortage of leather, and in several months there'll be a scarcity of shoes. *So, before long maybe we'll* ~~So, get ready, folks. You will~~ be paddling in bare feet to *a meatless* ~~an empty~~ dinner table.

That articulate Florida Democrat Senator Claude Pepper, is back in the good ~~xx~~ graces of the Democratic Party.

Perhaps a remarriage of convenience. At any rate, Senator Pepper announces that he has agreed to devote most of October to a speaking ~~xxxx~~ campaign, for the party.

The Democratic National Committee extended the olive branch to Senator Pepper. So announced today in a joint statement by National Chairman Robert Hannigan and Representative John Sparkman, who heads the Democratic speakers Bureau.

This apparently has wiped out all inter party strife arising from the Wallace incident -- Pepper and Wallace having expressed much the same views on foreign policy.

Also the word is that Wallace will play a part in the campaign, despite his

fall from grace -- President Truman dropping him from the Cabinet.

And so, despite the recent rift in their ranks the Democrats expect to show a united front now on until election day.

U N

At the United Nations conference, at Lake Success, American delegate, John Winant, proposed that the U.N. call a conference in Vienna this fall to discuss President Truman's plan for the internationalizing the Danube. Asking free international navigation of the Danube. For traffic on that great water route must move and move immediately, if millions of Europeans are to be fed this winter.

But the Russians don't agree. They are put out because our Army people have taken possession of the Danube river fleet -- boats belonging to Austria, Hungary, Rumania, Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

The Jugoslavs and the Checks, with Russian prompting, are asking for the return of their boats and barges. Our reply is "yes, but first let's make the Danube an Artery of free trade once more."

GREECE

King George II of Greece, the monarch who recently was voted back on his throne is on his way to Greece in a British plane ~~xxx~~ after a five year exile in England.

But he is returning to a land torn by civil war, and the king's future looks far from rosy.

BRERETON

A controversy broke out today on the subject of what is called -- little Pearl Harbor. That is, the Jap attack which devastated our Air Force in the Philippines on the day of the Pearl Harbor disaster. On the one side in the dispute is General Lewis H. Brereton, who at the beginning of the war was our Air Commander in the Philippines. On the other -- General Douglas MacArthur, who was top American and Philippine Commander out there.

The issue arises because of a book just out, called -- "The Brereton Diaries." The General kept a close, day by day account, of his career during the war, and gives a detailed recital of the events of little Pearl Harbor.

The date out in the Philippines, was December Eighth. The Jap attack at Pearl Harbor occurred at two thirty five A.M, Manila time. General Brereton relates how he was awakened from sleep by a telephone call breaking the fateful news. He immediately ordered his air squadrons to get ready. Then, having made

these dispositions, he reported to General MacArthur's Headquarters in Manila -- that was at about five A.M. He says MacArthur was in conference, and Brereton got instructions from MacArthur's Assistant, General Sutherland.

Brereton asked for permission to attack at once -- and send his flying fortresses against the Japs on Formosa. General Sutherland agreed with this, and said he would get an order from General MacArthur.

Permission to make bombing attacks was finally received. That was nearly eight and a half hours after the news of Pearl Harbor.

The flying fortresses, meanwhile, had been sent into the air for fear of a Jap air raid. Then they had been recalled. The bombers were just about to take off for the raid on Formosa, when the Japs hit them -- and most of the B-17's were destroyed on the ground at Clark Field.

In his book, the Brereton Diaries, the General explains in a footnote that he has never been

able to learn just why he was not given prompt permission to hurl his bombs bombers against Formosa. He says he feels that General MacArthur may have been under orders from Washington not to attack unless attacked. He supposes that MacArthur may have been trying to communicate with Washington and get such an order changed. Hence the strictly defensive attitude maintained for so long on that historic day.

So what does General ~~Mac~~ MacArthur say to all that. In Tokyo today, newsmen asked the question. The MacArthur reply is a complete negation. The General states that Brereton, in MacArthur's words -- "Never recommended an attack on Formosa to me, and I know of no such recommendation." And he adds: "Such a proposal, if intended seriously, should certainly have been made to me in person by him." The Brereton Diaries declare, ^{that} ~~of course~~ the plan to bomb Formosa was presented to MacArthur's Assistant, General Sutherland. MacArthur states, moreover, that a bombing raid on Formosa would have failed -- we hadn't the equipment for it in the

Philippines.

Today's controversy gives ^{us some} ~~a set of~~ new details of things that happened in the Philippines on the day of Pearl Harbor, but it gives little inner illumination of the secret of little Pearl Harbor.

GUAM

In the Far Pacific today, an apology was made by the Robinson Crusoe of Guam. He says he was wrong, did an injustice. So he apologizes -- and it's a case of the living asking a pardon of the dead.

The Robinson Crusoe of Guam, ~~is~~ Lieutenant George Tweed of the United States Navy, ^{— remember him. He got} ~~He gets his~~ ^{the} nickname of adventure from the fact that for three years he was a solitary fugitive in the tropical wilderness, a fugitive from the Japs. Lieutenant Tweed was on Guam when the Far Eastern enemy seized that island. He got away to the jungle, and thereafter lived a life of a hunted creature.

When he came back from the land of the missing, hailed a hero, he wrote a book -- "Robinson Cruso, U.S.N." In this he told how the native people of Guam had aided him, helping him whenever they could -- with one dramatic exception. He said he had been betrayed by a native Catholic Priest, a Father Duenas, who had broken the seal of the confessional, and had slipped word to the Japs about the fugitive American --

after which the Robinson Crusoe of Guam had had a desperately narrow escape.

Recently, Lieutenant Tweed returned to Guam, and the news told a surprising story -- demonstrations against him by the native people. Robinson Crusoe had gone back to his island, expecting to have a love feast with his friends and benefactors -- but these had received him with angry hostility. The reason -- the story he had told in his book, having been betrayed by the Priest, Father Duenas.

To the people of Guam the Priest was a hero -- a martyr. In the resistance to the Japs, he had been a leader, and the Japs had killed him. He had given his life and now was denounced as a traitor.

Robinson Crusoe of Guam was not ^a little disconcerted by all this. Could he have been wrong? Had he made a mistake? He started to investigate. He questioned, and he sought evidence, seeking the truth, Now he has found it, and apologizes.

He explained ^S that the story about Father _^

Duenas had been told him by someone else -- just malicious gossip. He says the accusation was, in his words today, -- "untrue in all details." He adds that he is -- terribly sorry."

So today, off on the distant tropical island there may have been a ghost in a clerical robe, listening in tranquil serenity to the apology of the Robinson Crusoe of Guam.

QUEEN MARY

In these days of jet plane speed in the air, it sounds like slow-poke news to tell of crossing the Atlantic in three days, fifteen hours and forty eight minutes. Nevertheless, that's a speed record. Reminding us -- that, in this ~~era~~ era of trans-Atlantic air travel, we still have steamships. And today the Queen Mary broke the record.

The voyage was from Halifax to Southampton -- a shorter trip than the crossing from New York to Southampton, with which the Queen Mary won the blue ribbon in Nineteen Thirty eight. The distance covered in this latest exploit was two thousand, five hundred and thirty one miles. Average speed nearly twenty-nine knots -- a new record for Britain's Queen of the seas.

The flash flood in Texas that turned the San Antonio River into a roaring flood, caused the death of twelve. Eight bodies have been recovered in so far. Four military police, doing rescue work, have been missing so long that they too must have perished. Scores injured, hundreds homeless. Property damage into the millions. Seven inches of rain fell in fifteen hours,

We think of southwest Texas as a vast expanse of dry prairie - verging on the western deserts. But in those southern climes, how it can rain when Jupiter Pluvius is in the mood.

They call it a "flash Flood". The heavens opened and it rained for fifteen hours -- turning the San Antonio River into a wild torrent - ■■ raging over its banks, and racing on toward the Gulf of Mexico, a hundred and fifty miles away -- driving people into the treetops.

The worst flood there since Nineteen Twenty One when forty-nine lives ~~xxx~~ were lost. And that one was before a great dam was built to protect San Antone ~~just~~ from just such a flash flood as this one.

Striking movie workers in Hollywood were in a rock-throwing mood today. Hurling rocks through bus windows; buses carrying rival unionists to studios. Despite the violence, work continued on most of the movie sets.

The rock throwing took place at the Warner Studios, where nine buses loaded with members of the theatrical stage employees' union broke a picket line. Windows of the buses were broken, but no one was injured.

FIGHT

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