

PUERTO RICANS WANT NATIVE AS GOVERNOR

Americans Not Qualified to Rule, View Taken by Leading Candidate.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Puerto Rico desires an end of carpetbag and lame duck rule and is preparing to ask President Roosevelt to name one of its own citizens as governor shortly after March 4.

The present governor is James R. Bevley, independent Republican of Texas. He was attorney-general under Governor Theodore Roosevelt and succeeded to the governorship when the latter was transferred to the Philippines.

Martin Travieso, former Puerto Rican secretary of state, member of the New York bar and native of the island, is a candidate to succeed Mr. Bevley. A tall, scholarly man of dignified bearing, he speaks English perfectly, as a graduate of Cornell

System Called Unfair

"Picking a man from some remote corner of the United States and making him governor of Puerto Rico, just to pay a political debt, is unfair both to the people of the United States and to the people of Puerto Rico," says Travieso. "The fair name of America is at stake and so is the happiness of the people to be governed."

"How can such a man—often not speaking our language—understand the psychology of our people? The chances are he never even saw the island before he landed to take charge, and no man can govern well without a deep knowledge of, and sympathy with, the people he governs."

"During the last thirty-five years, the young men and women of Puerto Rico have been coming to the United States to be educated. Cornell, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and our other leading universities have helped in the preparation of a new generation of Puerto Ricans. The island now can boast of several thousand men fully prepared in every way to assume the responsibility of government."

Offensive to Islands

"It is offensive to the manhood of Puerto Rico to have our men rejected and disqualified for the sole reason that they were born in the island. As a matter of justice, birth in the country to be governed should be the deciding factor in appointment of a man otherwise fully qualified for the governorship."

"Puerto Rico has a tremendous importance bearing on the future of the United States. The eyes of all Latin America are upon our island. Whatever happens there inevitably will be taken by Latin Americans as a sort of yardstick by which 'American imperialism,' of which they have heard, and still hear, so much, will be measured."

The imperialistic policy followed by the Republican party and its dealings with Puerto Rico is one of the reasons why the Latin Ameri-

FIVE GENERATIONS MEET



REDFERN HUNT IS HELD FUTILE BEFORE SPRING

Rivers Far Out of Banks in Region Where Airmen Is Reported Living.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Search for Paul Redfern, American aviator, who disappeared into the South American jungles, but whom many of his friends believe to be still living, is useless at present. So declares Dr. Otto W. Ulrich, German explorer, who has had much experience in the interior of Brazil and now is preparing for another journey into the jungle.

Dr. Ulrich believes that Redfern, still living, probably is with the Indians in the Maseria region. At the present moment, with the rainy season on in full force, all the rivers are out of their banks.

The tribes have of necessity taken to the higher ground, far back from

'Model' High School Youth Who Killed Policeman Set Free by Chicago Jury

Mind Unbalanced by Too Thrilling Movies, Lurid Stories, Is Defense.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—A "model" high school youth, who spent the last hours of his murder trial praying for acquittal was free today of charges accusing him of slaying a policeman.

A jury in criminal court decided that the youth, Varner Corry, mentally was irresponsible for killing Patrolman Edward Smith of Memorial day, 1931. Varner, at that time, was 15 years old.

After deliberating four hours,

practicable routes of travel, so that it is of no use to make a search until April, when the rivers will have subsided.

Redfern's failure to find his own way out of the jungle can be explained by the mutual hostility among the Indian tribes, Dr. Ulrich stated.

Jurors said they believed the boy's mind had been excited by movie

thrillers and lurid stories to such a degree that he was unable to discern right from wrong.

"I know I'm going to be a good boy from now on," was Corry's first comment. A few moments before, brought from his cell to hear the verdict, he was praying and weeping. His parents, both emotional, rushed to his side.

The trial was Corry's second. In the first, he was found guilty and sentenced to eighteen years' imprisonment. The state supreme court reversed the verdict several weeks ago.

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By Science Service
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