

COLOMBIA COUP
LEADERS SEIZED

President Resumes Power
After Surrender of His
Kidnappers.

BOGOTA, Colombia, July 12 (U.P.)—President Alfonso Lopez resumed power in Colombia today after rebellious army officers, who had kidnapped him and several other high officials, were captured while attempting to flee toward Ecuador.

The leaders of the revolt, Col. Diogenes Gil and Maj. Paz Figueroa, were seized in an automobile last night in the small frontier town of Tiquerres and personally surrendered to the president.

All rebel leaders will be brought to trial before a military court, under martial law now existing in Colombia. There is no death penalty in the nation, however, under any circumstances.

Companions Released

Lopez was kidnapped while reviewing maneuvers at Pasto Monday. Labor Minister Adan Arriaga and members of the superior war college staff, all of whom were kidnapped with him, also have been freed.

Upon his release Lopez disclosed that neither he nor the other captives suffered the slightest harm at the hands of the rebels. He appealed to his people that absolute tranquillity be maintained throughout the country.

Regarding the outbreak in Bucaramanga, Lleras Camargo, interior minister, said that revolt definitely had been smashed with order gradually being restored. The rebellious troops, who barricaded themselves in the barracks, have surrendered, he said.

The only prominent victim of the revolt was Col. Julio Guarin, chief of the loyal garrison at Bucaramanga, who was shot and killed by rebel Capt. Gregorio Quintero. Guarin, whose funeral will be held at the cathedral in Bogota, was promoted posthumously to general and decorated with the cross of Boyaca.

ARMY CITES 'SLIPS'
IN WAR PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON, July 12 (U.P.)—To support its opposition to relaxation of production controls to permit some civilian manufacturing, the army service forces today noted these "slips behind schedule" in munitions output for the first half of 1944:

Heavy trucks, 22 per cent; 150 mm. field guns, 33 per cent; power generators, 24 per cent; crawler tractors, 15 per cent; field wire, 15 per cent; air and transportable ground radio, 35 per cent; tank and vehicle radio, 10 per cent; and cranes and shovels, nine per cent.

PENSION SESSION SET
Old age pension group 3 will meet tomorrow at 8 p.m. at 2217 E. Michigan st.

A Bomber Now



Lt. Albert Danner

Second Lt. Albert R. Danner, former state police officer, recently completed a B-26 bomber pilot course at Dodge City field, Kas.

Lt. Danner, who also was a swimming instructor and life guard for the Indianapolis parks and recreation center prior to joining the police department, is now in combat training at Barksdale field, Shreveport, La.

He is the son of Mrs. Gene Anderson of New Augusta, and his wife, Katherine, and 14-month-old daughter, are with him in Shreveport.

THE NAZIS CAN'T
PICK OWN FIELD

Forced by Necessity to
Fight to a Decision in
Normandy.

WASHINGTON, July 12 (U.P.)—British military experts here and in London were agreed today that the Germans have discarded plans to pick their own battlefield in the interior of Western Europe and instead have decided to fight it out with the allies in Normandy.

The latest Nazi tactics, according to Brig. Gen. Horace S. Sewell, attached to the British information service in this country, are similar to those Field Marshal Erwin Rommel used in North Africa "where he could always be counted on to dispute his opponent's advance."

The London commentator Veritas, meanwhile, dismissed references to Rommel's "lack of wisdom" in wasting his tank resources by "piece-meal attacks" with a reminder that the field marshal "has little option in this matter."

Rommel has been unable to conserve his panzer concentrations for a major counteroffensive because "he must stabilize the front"—a task which the German infantry in France is "quite unable" to perform, Veritas said.

Sewell predicted that Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery will launch a full-scale attack only when he can throw both his 1st and 2d armies at the Nazis with "maximum strength" and at the same time.

Sewell estimated German strength in France and the Low Countries at from 60 to 65 divisions, one-third of them in Normandy.

WELFARE WORKERS
TO HEAR STATE CHIEF

Robert Hahn, supervisor of security aid, Indiana state welfare department, will discuss the concepts and functions of public welfare administration Friday at 10 a.m. at 141 S. Meridian st.

His address will mark the seventh meeting for volunteer social service workers this year and the 10th year the program has been sponsored by the Indianapolis council of Social Agencies. Courses are offered to volunteers in social work from either public or private organizations.

U. S. Recognition Possibly Came as Surprise to Gen. De Gaulle

WASHINGTON, July 12 (U.P.)—Well-informed sources believed today that American acceptance of the French committee of national liberation as the working civil administration of France was more than Gen. Charles De Gaulle expected from President Roosevelt at 141 S. Meridian st.

There has been no statement from De Gaulle since Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference yesterday that, until the French people can choose their government, the United States is prepared to accept the committee as the de facto authority for the civil administration of France.

De Gaulle's reaction undoubtedly some time. But even some officials

who were aware of it were surprised that it came to a head so quickly after De Gaulle had left Washington for his visits to New York and Ottawa.

"De facto authority" means that De Gaulle's committee will in fact

exercise the authority of an administrator and will be recognized as exercising it, but will not be recognized diplomatically or politically by the United States as a government.

Diplomatic observers said that De Gaulle knew that the trend of his

talks here with the President and other officials had been favorable,

but they said he probably did not know that a decision would be forthcoming so soon.

It was understood that the arrangement announced by Mr. Roosevelt has been under study for

some time. They have been hoping that some arrangement would be worked out that would relieve the military of the burden of civil administration in France.

CLUB TO HEAR TIERNAN
The Indianapolis Kiwanis club will hear Miles Tiernan, Indianapolis Star, speak on "Newspapers in Wartime" today at noon at the Columbia club.

STAR REVIEW MEETING
Silver Star Review 15, Women's Benefit association will meet tomorrow at 8 p.m. at Castle hall.

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