

# COLOMBIA COUP LEADERS SEIZED

President Resumes Power After Surrender of His Kidnapers.

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 Tuquerres 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 Ariaga 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, 18 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 "piecemeal attacks" with a reminder that the field marshal "has little option in the 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.

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

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 will be favorable, and possibly one of surprise. Mr. Roosevelt's statement came a little less than 24 hours after De Gaulle had left Washington for his visits to New York and Ottawa.

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. But even some officials who were aware of it were surprised that it came to a head so quickly after De Gaulle's departure.

"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.

All administration will be under the supervision of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and the French committee will move into an area only after he has designated it as ready for civil administration. Mr. Roosevelt emphasized that the arrangement, which will eventually be embodied in a memorandum, would apply only to a metropolitan France.

Since last August the United States has recognized De Gaulle's committee "as administering those French overseas territories which acknowledge its authority."

If the French acceptance of the plan is received as enthusiastically as is expected here, there will have been removed temporarily one of the most difficult wartime diplomatic problems.

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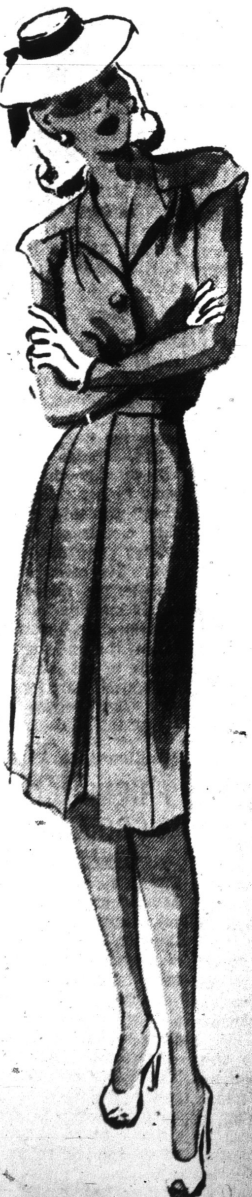
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