

Revolution-Wise Mexico City Expects Election Trouble

CONSEQUENCES FEARED AFTER OFFICIAL VOTE

Believe Padilla Would Lead Rebellion If Asked.

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MEXICO CITY, July 22.—Will there be a revolution in Mexico? You hear that question everywhere in this capital today. Businessmen discuss it at the luncheon table. Waiters lean closer, hoping to catch the answer.

One thing is sure: Mexico's people do not want a revolution. They remember July 7, 1940, when the Avenida Cinco de Mayo was stained with blood. More than 100 were killed and some 300 wounded that day.

No, they don't want a revolution. But they shrug their shoulders and tell you that "politicos" make revolutions. The people only fight and die.

Mexicans take hope in the fact that, by old-time standards, the election of 1946 was practically bloodless. For the first time in 103 years, a presidential election has been held without wild rioting and unchecked gun-blazing.

Called Election Fraud

One man, perhaps more than any other here, can give the answer to Mexico's question-of-the-hour: Dr. Ezequiel Padilla, the runner-up in the recent election.

Padilla isn't talking. That is, he is not being stampeded into saying right out in public meeting that there will or won't be a mass uprising.

Asked, for example, if he thought the results of the July 7 election—which he has called an out-and-out fraud—would have revolutionary consequences, he said only this:

"It was a terrible fraud and must have consequences."

You can draw any inference you like from that remark, and you'll be as close to the truth as anyone in Mexico City.

Meanwhile, the people remember such Padilla statements as "the people have a right to rebel if they are robbed of their rights at the ballot box." And they wonder.

While it is generally believed that Padilla does not want to be the one to set a match to the heap-up revolutionary timber, it is felt that he wants the people to rise of their own accord and storm the governmental palace.

It is believed he wants them to besiege his home in Avenida Jalisco and demand that he lead them.

Padilla Is Idealist

But an element of character enters the picture here—Padilla's character. He's a good idealist, the Woodrow Wilson of Mexico; he has all the social ideals, too, of the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt. But Padilla is not the man of action that Roosevelt was.

If the time comes for Padilla to decide whether he will lead a rebellion, he will hesitate; he will count the cost in blood, and decide against revolution.

In the opinion of this observer, Padilla will never decide that people should do so that he can become president. He is too much the humanitarian, too genuinely interested in his Mexicanate.

In fact, Padilla has said that he will exhaust every legal method to upset the election. Obviously, there should be no disorder until after the courts have ruled.

Look for Trouble

Other circumstances besides Padilla's wishes may determine events of course. Two other presidential candidates went down to defeat with Padilla: Gen. J. Agustín Castro and Gen. Enrique Calderon.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Frank N. Wallace, entomologist for the Indiana department of conservation, will speak on "Our State" at the luncheon meeting of the Forty-Niners at noon tomorrow at the Washington hotel.

Cleo Murphy, 43, of 520 N. Alabama st., Apt. 10, escaped serious burns yesterday when he was dragged from his smoldering bed by a neighbor. Herbert C. Thompson, who smelled smoke while reading in the adjoining apartment, Mr. Murphy was given first aid by the police emergency squad.

Members of the Flackville 4-H Clover club will meet at Flackville school, 30th st. and state rd. 52, at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow and drive to Forest park, Noblesville, for an all-day outing.

Andrew E. Brock, 410 E. Walnut st., was sent to St. Vincent's hospital this morning with a back injury when he tumbled from a ladder while painting a house at 5040 Washington Blvd.

In another step to alleviate cross-town traffic congestion, the Works Board approved plans today to widen 10th st. by eight feet from Massachusetts ave. to Ft. Wayne ave. at an estimated cost of \$40,000.

A \$507 contract was awarded by the Works Board today to the Tri-State Construction Co. for resurfacing Berwick ave. from Vermont to Michigan st.

BOTARIANS TO HEAR DOCTOR
"Plans for Improving Indiana's Health" will be discussed by Dr. L. E. Burney, state health commissioner, at a luncheon-meeting of the Rotary club to be held tomorrow in the Claypool hotel.

Johnson County Has Own Bob Burns



Lewis Bradford Richardson of Trafalgar . . . He is the Bob Burns of Johnson county.

Listeners Find It Difficult to Break Away From 'Story Teller'

By VICTOR PETERSON
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TRAFLGAR, Ind., July 20.—The great-grandfather of Lewis Bradford Richardson, R. R. 2, fled England better than a century ago because he fell heir to the equivalent of 250,000 American dollars.

And as far as Mr. Richardson is concerned, he wants no part of the inheritance even if it still exists. That goes for members of his family, too, he believes.

The great-grandfather, Thomas Paskins, was an orphan living with relatives. Reportedly, he had to appear in court to collect the legacy. As he lay in bed he heard the relatives plotting his death after he should collect it.

Son Goes After Money
He didn't give them a chance. He slipped out a window and came to America. In 1834 he came to Johnson county. Years later, over his father's admonitions, Thomas Paskins' son returned to England to claim the money. He never returned.

"People say he committed suicide," Mr. Richardson said. "But it was under mighty peculiar circumstances."

All of this makes Mr. Richardson quite an unforgettable character. It is only part of the flavor surrounding this jack-of-all-trades which makes him a story in his own right.

Held Many Jobs

He is the Bob Burns of Johnson county both in stories and in twang of speech. He has tried his hand at any number of trades including farming, railroading, engineering and interpreting Spanish. A turn at newspaper reporting also is thrown in; but his chief love is the history of little known facts of Johnson county.

Currently he is writing a history lesson column for the Franklin Evening Star.

"I just get a right smart lot of fun out of this county," he said. "Except when they were in the old country, my family has lived right in these parts. All my eight great-grandparents lived and died in this country. Stories handed down by them are part of the lore around here."

Great Story Teller
A great teller of tales, it is almost impossible to get away from Mr. Richardson. It is not likely anyone would want to. I left the house four times, even was in the car once, and each time I went back when he recalled another story.

The 62-year-old historian can hardly start or ends a tale by remarking that this area "was settled by right good people . . . some of the best that ever troubled the

JUVENILE CRIME IS LEVELING OFF

Expert Says Low Will Be Reached in 10 Years.

By PAUL F. ELLIS

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NEW YORK, July 22.—Headlines telling of new juvenile crimes, sex and murder, are causing no unusual amount of alarm to white-haired Charles L. Chute, a veteran in probationary work.

He believes juvenile delinquency has reached its peak and is now leveling off.

Mr. Chute, executive director of the National Probation association, has figures and reports from various sections of the country to back up his belief.

They indicate, he said, that with the war over and the continued activity of social agency resources, juvenile delinquency will reach its former low within 10 years.

Cites Degnan Case

Mr. Chute, who organized the probation association 25 years ago, said delinquency which increased 50 per cent during the war is going down and that "there is no honest evidence of any great increase in the amount or severity of adult crime."

He said naturally such cases as that of William Heirens, held as the slayer of Suzanne Degnan in Chicago, cause concern, but it must be remembered that more publicity is given to such crimes; that there are many more newspaper readers; and that in the long run this publicity will have its good effect.

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50 Per Cent Climb

As for the figures on delinquency, he said that children in crime increased 50 per cent from 1941 through 1945, although in 1945 delinquency among girls decreased 5 per cent.

New reports from his associates, Mr. Chute said, indicate the juvenile crime rate is going down in 1946, and that "if we develop our resources, we will get back the low in another 10 years."

"Recovery is pretty slow," he said. Industrial upsets, such as the moving of families from rural communities to the larger cities during the war, were among the reasons delinquency increased, he said.

That meant in many cases broken homes, neglect of children, and unnatural situations all of which sent the delinquency rate zooming.

Dr. Luther E. Woodward, field consultant for the National Association for Mental Hygiene, also said child neglect was one of the big reasons for juvenile delinquency.

He said that as to the effect of the war on juvenile delinquency "we must wait at least 10 years." He reported many babies during the war and now in nursery schools were hyper-sensitive, over-active youngsters.

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