

## Uprising in Colombia Hed Red Maneuver To Embarrass Marshall

U. S. State Secretary Links Revolt to World-Wide Tactics of Communists

By CHARLES FERNANDEZ, Times Foreign Correspondent  
BOGOTA, Colombia, Apr. 13.—Communism's familiar pattern was behind the destructive revolt that swept this capital.

Consensus among top drawer diplomats here for the Pan American Conference is that the orgy of killing, looting and arson was a Red move to embarrass U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall and the American democracies.

Mr. Marshall himself has left no question of what he thinks. In a statement to the other chief delegates at an emergency session yesterday, he declared:

"This situation must not be judged on a local basis, however tragic the immediate results may be to the Colombian government and people.

"This occurrence goes far beyond Colombia. It is of the same definite pattern as the occurrences which provoked strikes in France and Italy and that are endeavoring to prejudice the situation in Italy for the elections on Apr. 18.

"In action we take here in regard to the present situation, we must have clearly in mind the fact that this is a world affair, and not merely a Colombian or Latin American one."

What that "same definite pattern" is, was unfolded before my eyes in a manner difficult to believe possible in America, land of the tree.

There is little question that the temper of the Colombian people has been ripe for revolution against the conservative government of Mariano Ospina Perez.

But it is generally unquestioned, too, that the systematic demolition that resulted when Friday's outbreaks flared was typical of Communist opportunism.

That explains why Mr. Marshall has decided to stick it out in the private home here, where he has been housed since he arrived for the conference, and why the various delegations have voted unanimously to continue the conference amid the ruins of Bogota.

Line Tautly Drawn  
With the Ospina government's rupture of diplomatic relations with Russia, after announcing the capture of two Red agents, there seems little doubt that the line has now been tautly drawn between the Americas and the Soviets in the cold war of ideologies.

Immediately at stake is the election in Italy next Sunday. If the Communists win, Italy will go the way of Czechoslovakia, and the democracies will have suffered another body blow. Latin Americans are aware of all its implications.

Though far removed from Rome, the ferocious uprising here is interpreted by many as following the Communist line aimed at showing that the western world is washed up.

A high-ranking South American military officer, here for the conference, told me how the Communist pattern was clearly outlined throughout the four-day revolt that cost the capital nearly 1000 dead and millions of dollars worth of damage.

Rebellion swept Bogota like a flash flood on the heels of the assassination of the Liberal opposition party leader, Jorge Eliezer Gaitan. And to a large measure it was a sincere and spontaneous reaction of the angered people.

Couriers Busy  
Outwardly there appeared to be no guidance, but this top officer and I could see couriers running in and out of Communist headquarters across the square from our hotel, presumably with orders.

Two days later snipers who had been harassing troops guarding the hotel, were ferreted out of that headquarters building.

Soon after the outbreak, a rebel squad, reported to have been

led by an exiled Dominican Communist, struck with precision to capture the government radio station and began broadcasting instructions for the formation of neighborhood militias, looting and burning.

When the army recaptured the station, the rebels kept up the same line from an underground radio in Bogota's residential district.

At the height of the initial public indignation, an obviously Communist pamphlet was circulated exhorting the populace to do away with "reaction and Yankee imperialism."

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## High Meat Costs Blamed on Thirst In U. S. for Whisky

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13 (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson said today that the "near record" rate at which distillers are using grain threatens to prolong the period of high meat prices.

In a letter to Rep. Brooks Hays (D. Ark.), Mr. Anderson recalled that "distillers refused to limit their use of grain to 2.5 million bushels a month as requested by the President."

FOR THE last two months, he said, they have been using two and a half times that much—even though the nation has a six-year supply of whisky.

He said the distillers also were using a lot of scarce corn, which caused meat and milk prices to rise. Prices won't drop, he said, until increased feed supplies enable farmers to raise more meat, milk and eggs.

## Institute Chief Fired For 'Carelessness'

ATLANTA, Ga., Apr. 13 (UP)—The director of Georgia's Juvenile Training Institute was fired for "carelessness" today after authorities found he had placed

two boys in solitary confinement in unheated rooms, causing them to suffer frozen feet and partial amputations.

The State Board of Corrections discharged J. T. May, supervisor of the institution at Rome, Ga., and voted to compensate the two prisoners for the loss of portions of their feet.

## Today's Weather Fotocast



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TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—Wet, rainy weather will continue tonight and early tomorrow from the Gulf States to New York and southern New England. The moist air extending up into the Carolinas shows the direction moisture laden air from the Gulf of Mexico will stream into the eastern states causing the continued wet spring weather. By daybreak the Weather Bureau says the mercury will be in the 40's all the way from Boston to Washington, in the Ohio Valley, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma. The dark affected areas on the fotocast show where rain and snow are likely to occur in the next 24 hours. Skies will be cloudy from New York and southern New England to North Carolina and the Ohio Valley.

## British, Russ At Odds in Probe

Berlin Air Crash Inquiry Bogs Down

BERLIN, Apr. 13 (UP)—A joint British-Soviet inquiry into the Berlin air crash Apr. 5 broke down today when the two powers were unable to agree on whether to hear American and German witnesses.

Gen. I. A. Alexandrov of the Russian Air Force refused to hear any German, contending that he would be unreliable. Alexandrov maintained that American testimony would be "improper" because the investigation was on a two-country basis and word from other nations would be unacceptable. Fifteen died in the crash of a British transport and a Russian fighter.

Intends to Hear All  
Air Commodore R. N. Waite, chief of the British inquiry staff, replied to Alexandrov's objections:

"We intend to hear all witnesses. Germans and Americans are both available with evidence. In view of the loss of American lives (two Americans were killed) I consider we should hear American witnesses. And I do not regard German witnesses as unreliable just because they are German."

The tentative reports of the crash by the Russians and British conflicted basically. The British said the Soviet fighter buzzed the transport. The Soviets said the transport burst out of a cloud and crashed into the fighter.

On another front in the verbal battle of Berlin, a Soviet official charged that the European recovery program meant "Germany's division, Europe's partition and war."

Col. Sergei Tulpanov, political and information officer of the Soviet military government in Germany, asserted also that the Marshall Plan is "an attempt to save the sinking capitalist ship."

## Official Weather

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU

—Apr. 13, 1948—

Sunrise 5:11 Sunset 6:31

Precipitation 24 hrs. end 7:30 a. m. .34

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 . . . 12.97

Excess since Jan. 1 . . . 1.33

The following table shows the temperature yesterday in other cities:

Station	High	Low
Atlanta	55	42
Boston	44	32
Chicago	46	32
Cincinnati	46	32
Cleveland	46	32
Denver	43	28
Evansville	45	32
Indianapolis	45	32
Kansas City	42	31
Los Angeles	69	49
Miami	77	76
Minneapolis-St. Paul	42	35
New Orleans	67	52
New York	45	32
Oakland	45	32
Omaha	42	30
Pittsburgh	44	31
San Antonio	55	41
San Francisco	45	41
St. Louis	46	32
Washington, D. C.	49	30

## UP Reporter Gets Word to Get Out

NEW YORK, Apr. 13 (UP)—

Advices received here today reported that United Press Staff Correspondent Ed Thomas at San Jose, Costa Rica, had been given 24 hours to leave the country.

Mr. Thomas was assigned to San Jose recently from Mexico City to report the uprising by right-wing rebels in Costa Rica.

Police were reported to have told Mr. Thomas that the government no longer considered his presence in Costa Rica "desirable" and that his reporting had been "unfavorable" to the government.

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## Sparks Blamed In Gas Tank Blast

LA GRANGE, Apr. 13 (UP)—

Authorities today blamed sparks caused by a pump motor for the explosion of four 10,000-gallon gas tanks late yesterday.

No one was injured. The tanks were hurled several hundred feet into the air.

The explosions occurred on the farm of oil distributor John Kennedy. Two other tanks, both underground, did not explode. Mr. Kennedy's home was partially destroyed.

Firemen restricted the flames to a small area and saved most of Mr. Kennedy's property.

## McCabe Given OK Of Reserve Board

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13 (UP)—

Thomas B. McCabe, Pennsylvania banker and paper manufacturer, prepared today to take over as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

Mr. McCabe's appointment was confirmed by the Senate late yesterday despite opposition by southern Democrats. They contended that the South should be represented on the seven-man board.

The McCabe appointment was criticized several weeks ago when President Truman announced he planned to appoint him chairman of the board and demote Mr. Eccles to vice chairman.



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