

Uprising in Colombia Held 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 diplomatists 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 delegations 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."

'A World Affair'
"In action we take here in regard to the present situation, we must have clearly in mind the fact 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 free.

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 Americans 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 Eliécer 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

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.

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 wait 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.

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.

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