

# Army Junta in Peru Bars Political Activity By Followers of APRA

Communist Party Also Outlawed; Pardons Issued to Military Rebels

The new military junta of the Peruvian government, which came into power as a result of the recent revolution, today prohibited political activity by the Apra Party.

Shortly after Gen. Manuel Odría was inaugurated as "president of the military junta with the powers of chief of state," the government announced:

"By constitutional mandate the Peruvian Communist Party is declared illegal and the Alianza Popular Revolucionaria Americana (APRA) or People's Party is not permitted to exercise any political activity."

A government proclamation also restored the civil rights of revolutionaries who participated in the July revolt headed by Lt. Col. Alfonso Losa, the new Minister of Security.

United Nations  
JULIUS KATZ-SUOHY of Poland accused John Foster Dulles, who may be the next U. S. Secretary of State, of using the same arguments against communism as Adolf Hitler and Joseph Goebbels.

He attacked Mr. Dulles in the United Nations Political Committee session at Paris during a debate on Greece. He said Mr. Dulles in his speech last week found "it easy to blame world communism" for the Greek trouble.

As the political committee discussed the Greek question most of the other top diplomats at the United Nations session remained idle awaiting results of the American presidential election.

Romania  
SEVEN members of an alleged spy ring were sentenced today to life terms at hard labor, the maximum penalty under Romanian law.

Japan  
THE Allied Military Tribunal for the Far East will meet Thursday to begin reading the judgment on Japanese wartime Premier Hideko Tojo and 24 other top-ranking Japanese accused of war crimes. Because of the length of the verdict, the accused may not learn their fate for 10 days or more.

# Mrs. Counts' Death Laid to Stove Fumes

Coroner Absolves Police in Delay

A coroner's verdict today blamed coal stove fumes, rather than a leaking gas refrigerator, for the death of Mrs. Miriam Counts, 42, 8. Audubon Rd., Sunday.

Meanwhile, her husband, Edward Counts, 29, and their daughter, Bonnie, 5, were in critical condition in General Hospital while their baby, Edward, 10 weeks old, remained in serious condition. All were overcome when carbon monoxide filled their home as they slept.

Dr. Roy B. Storms, Marion County coroner, gave the death verdict and at the same time absolved police of negligence charges for a seven-hour delay in answering a call to the home.

Blames Faulty Furnace  
Dr. Storms said tests showed positively that Mrs. Counts died of carbon monoxide. He said an old model gas refrigerator which was leaking could not have caused the fumes which filled the home.

Instead, he blamed a faulty furnace in a coal-burning stove and lack of ventilation in the home.

Earlier Dr. Storms had expressed the opinion that leaking fumes from the refrigerator were responsible.

The coroner also said he had investigated police records and found no record of the call which the Counts' next door neighbor, Leola Finley, reported making at 2:30 a. m. No police were dispatched until Mr. Finley made a second call at 9 a. m.

Deny Getting Call  
Police Chief Edward Rous, who has warned repeatedly that many calls are delayed because of an understaffed police department, said the switchboard was overloaded Saturday night and early Sunday and that no operator or dispatcher had noted a call to the Audubon Rd. residence.

Fourteen other persons were overcome by gas yesterday but none was seriously injured. Six persons at the home of Mrs. Betty Hendrickson, 1806 Ringgold Ave., were saved when a relative, Fenton Marshall, New York, found he had a four-hour wait at Union Station and decided to visit his relatives. He found all unconscious from carbon monoxide.

Three were treated at Methodist Hospital and three others recovered after Mr. Marshall pulled them out of the house. Other victims of gas fumes yesterday included Jeffries DePrend, 619 E. 9th St. and four other persons overcome by fumes in his home. All were revived by General Hospital ambulance physicians.

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# Social Workers Prepare For 3-Day Convention Here

Indiana State Conference on Social Work will hold its annual three-day meeting tomorrow, Thursday and Friday in Indianapolis, with headquarters at the Claypool Hotel.

More than 500 social workers, teachers and students in this field are expected to attend with general sessions open to the public tomorrow and Friday.

The two principal speeches of the meeting will be given during these sessions. The first will be on Wednesday by Robert Yoho, president, who will deliver the president's message. On Friday, Dr. Edward Lindeman, of the New York School of Social Work, Columbia University, will speak on "Indiana Today and Tomorrow."

Six division meetings set for Thursday and Friday will culminate with an all-division meeting Friday in which "Mental Health in Indiana" will be the subject for a panel discussion.

In addition, 13 associated groups will hold individual sessions during the three-day affair. Their assembly times vary from breakfast through afternoon "cocktail" get-togethers, dinner events and evening meetings.

Another phase of the state conference is the Laura Greeley study courses program, to be given tomorrow and Thursday. Fourteen courses, held simultaneously, will consist of three sessions of two and one-half hours each, and are open to those attending the meeting and to members of the community interested in social welfare.

The 1948 annual meeting will close with the ending of the second general session Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Oder Tells Of Shooting  
"Harvey, don't come any farther. I've got a gun," Jeannette Oder testified she warned her ex-husband before she shot him on her steps the night of Feb. 3.

The 46-year-old housewife, who is on trial in Criminal Court 1 on a first degree murder charge in the shooting of her ex-husband, Harvey Broglin, last February, told the jury:

"After I warned him, he lunged at me," she said. "I fired."

Mrs. Oder's defense counsel, Frank Symmes, asked, "at the time you made your warnings where was Broglin?"

"At the bottom of the steps leading into my home," Mrs. Oder answered.

"When you fired the shots did you feel that your life was in danger?" Mr. Symmes continued.

"I knew it was. I was scared to death," Mrs. Oder replied.

Mrs. Oder trembled noticeably when her attorney handed her a pen and asked her to mark on a photograph of her home where she had placed her gun after firing the fatal shots.

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