

Here Are Principals Involved In Assassin Plot Against Truman

**Seek Death
For Assassin;
Manhunt On**

**'Boss' May Go
To Electric Chair
As Conspirator**

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service, their numbers reinforced, kept pace.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said he knew of no plan to move the Truman family from Blair House "to a more defensible place." He indicated the President has no plans for cutting down the number of public appearances.

Mr. Truman's assassination is an occupational hazard of the presidency was illustrated by a remark he made to Fleet Adm. William D. Leahy. Adm. Leahy told reporters after a White House call that the President said:

"The only thing we worry about is bad luck—and I never have been bad luck—and I never have been bad luck."

Hold Mystery Men
In New York, police seeped through the city's 300,000 Puerto Rican residents searching for tips on other possible conspirators.

Two mystery men who called at the apartment of one of the would-be assassins of President Truman shortly after midnight were held for investigation.

Also held there was Mrs. Rose Collazo—wife of Oscar Collazo, 37-year-old Puerto Rican who lies in Emergency Hospital here with wounds suffered in the gun battle with Mr. Truman's guards.

Arraigned on a conspiracy charge and held in \$50,000 bail, Mrs. Collazo said defiantly: "I am not surprised and I am not sorry."

She said that she, her husband and others were "fighting for an ideal."

That "ideal" resulted in the death of one Puerto Rican who tried to kill the President, the wounding of her husband, the death of a White House guard and the wounding of two others.

Guards 'All Right'

Dead from the blazing battle outside Blair House in yesterday's warm November afternoon were Grisello Torresola of New York City and Pvt. Leslie Coffelt of the White House detail—who even as he fell mortally wounded, put a bullet into Torresola's head.

Two other White House guards—Joseph H. Downs and Donald T. Birdzell—were wounded.

Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, Mr. Truman's personal physician, called at Emergency Hospital this morning and reported both guards will be "all right."

Torresola, the dead assassin, may have had a double motive when he and Collazo attempted to storm the Blair House yesterday—furthering Nationalist Party's aims in Puerto Rico and personal revenge.

If so, both backfired.

Gov. Luis Munoz Marin sent in Puerto Rican police on a wide round-up of suspected Nationalists. He accused Alibiz, who was arrested, of directing the assassination attempt against Mr. Truman and of staging the recent island revolt.

Given 'Mission'

Papers from Alibiz, found in Torresola's pockets, bore out the fact that Torresola had been given a "mission" in the United States and was expected to carry it through to "triumph."

Torresola was directed to "assume leadership of the movement in the United States" without hesitation at any time he wanted.

The attempted assassination had some repercussions in Congress. Sen. Owen Brewster, (R. Me.) said that apparently the Congress had not been fully informed of the extent of the Nationalist movement in Puerto Rico. He was talking of an investigation.

What effect the attempt would have on Puerto Rican-United States relations was not fully assessed. Gov. Munoz prompt action in jailing and rounding up the revolutionary party members may soften the American attitude.

Collazo, the 37-year-old thin-mustached Puerto Rican from New York, was reported in good condition at Emergency Hospital. He is charged with murder and



Pedro Alibiz Campos . . . al-
leged to be mastermind of at-
tempted assassination.

could, upon conviction, receive the electric chair.

Shift Rumor

Collazo later was transferred from Emergency Hospital to Gal-
langer Hospital where Wash-
ington police have a prison ward.

Maj. Robert J. Barrett, super-
intendent of police, told reporters
the transfer was ordered because
"we have a regular guard force
set up there" and Collazo is bet-
ter equipped to handle prison
cases. Mr. Barrett would not let
reporters talk to Collazo.

Letter on Body
This possibility stemmed from a letter found on Torresola's body. Secret Service agents said the letter was written by Pedro Alibiz Campos, leader of the Puerto Rican Nationalist movement, at San Juan last Sept. 21.

It instructed Torresola to assume leadership of the movement in the United States "without hesitation of any kind" if he found it necessary to do so.

Extra guards were assigned to the Blair House. Uniformed off-
cers patrolled the entire block
from 16th to 18th and Indiana Ave. Pedes-
trians who usually are permitted to stroll within a few feet of the
Blair House entrance were shunted to the other side of the
avenue.

Collazo was wounded in the chest, but his condition was described as good.

Secret Service Chief U. E. Baughman quoted Collazo as saying he and Torresola alone de-
-change Mr. Truman's plans to

start a revolution in this country and win independence for Puerto Rico.

He said the two revolutionists hatched the plot in New York Monday and came to Washington Tuesday.

But federal officials did not discount the possibility that the plot may have been master-minded in Puerto Rico and perhaps was linked with the Nationalist uprising in Puerto Rico.

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