

Deaths Left in Puerto Rico After Assassination Try

Police Push Investigation Of Attack Murder Charged To Injured Man

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman's guard was increased and extraordinary precautions taken for his safety today while the Secret Service dug into whether others were involved in the attempt by two fanatics for Puerto Rican independence to kill him.

The investigation here centered on questions of Oscar Collazo, 47, one of the men who fired yesterday to blast their way into a shot into his White House official home as he was cut down by the bullets of guards.

Collazo fell on the steps of Blair House, a temporary residence. He was shot in the chest, but was reported today to be in first stage. His companion, Griselio Torrelaso, was killed by a bullet through the head.

The police, who were in the battle. One, Pvt. Leslie Coffelt, 40, died of a night wound. He was formally charged with Coffelt's murder.

The investigation was being pushed also in New York, which has a large population of Puerto Rican natives, and in Puerto Rico.

(More pictures of yesterday's attempted assassination of President Truman by two fanatics, Oscar Collazo and Griselio Torrelaso, are on page 3-A.)

Collazo and Torrelaso came here from New York.

In New York, a charge of conspiracy in the assassination attempt was brought against Collazo's wife, Mrs. Rosa Collazo, 46, who was jailed in default of \$50,000 bond.

U. S. Commissioner Edward W. McDonald said conspiracy warrants also were being prepared for two persons he did not identify and for Collazo. At least thirteen persons — most of them relatives of Collazo — were questioned.

In Puerto Rico, the island government named Pedro Albizu Campos, 63, head of the U. S.-hatting independence-demanding Nationalist Party. He was rolled out of his home by a tear gas barrage. Collazo and Torrelaso were Nationalist Party members and had two letters from Albizu on their persons.

OTHERS ARRESTED
Puerto Rico police also took into custody leading known Communists and a number of other Nationalists. One of the Nationalists was Elio Torrelaso, brother of Griselio Torrelaso.

The Nationalists attempted a revolution in Puerto Rico this week and a roundup of the party leaders was undertaken even before the assassination attempt.

In Blair House, the number of guards for Mr. Truman was increased and police roped off part of Pennsylvania Ave. Blair House fronts on the famous avenue until yesterday's assassination attempt. The White House claimed secrecy on the details of the extra precautions taken for Mr. Truman's safety.

Presidential Secretary Charles C. Whelan.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Friday.

Temperature, 64.5 A. M. Sunset, 5:23 P. M.

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VITAMIN THIEVES
We're approaching the time of year when the vitamin supplements are stolen from us—the vitamins in the ultra-violet rays of the light. In late Fall and Winter, sunlight is on the wane and so the light rays are less abundant. Cloudiness often reduces the amount of light that reaches the earth. But the worst vitamin thief is the smoke from a cigarette. In a smoky city, less than 10 per cent of the maximum possible sunshine may get through. From that amount, less than half the length, has been filtered out by the smoke.

Total U. S. Population Is Put At 150,697,361

WASHINGTON — Final official figures today put the 1950 United States population at 150,697,361.

The census tally, taken every ten years, reflected a shift in the population that will cause several states to gain and nine to lose seats in the 435-member House of Representatives scheduled to be elected two years from now.

The total population figure, announced at the White House, was calculated as of April 1. It showed an increase of 19,028,966 since the 1940 census — the greatest gain for a ten-year period in the nation's history. The increase was 14.5 per cent.

HOUSE CHANGES
House seat gains will be seven in California, two for Florida and one each for Maryland, Michigan, Texas, Virginia and Washington. Losses will be three for Pennsylvania, two each for Missouri, New York and Oklahoma, and one each for Arizona, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

The Census Bureau calculations on the reapportionment of seats were the mathematical answer to what changes will be made if the 1953 House membership total remains 435 as at present.

Congress presumably could make a different matter of it by voting to enlarge the House. The House's own enlargement is certain if Congress admits Alaska and Hawaii to the union, a question to be taken up at the session to convene Nov. 27.

The final 1950 census figures were given to President Truman by Census Director Roy V. Pewe and Secretary of Commerce Sawyer and announced as they left the White House.

Puerto Rican Red Rebel Leaders Held

By JAMES FOWLER
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Police seized the president and top leaders of the Nationalist and Communist Parties today in a roundup begun by Puerto Rican authorities a few hours after the Washington attempt on the life of President Truman.

Pedro Albizu Campos, president of the Nationalists, was routed from his besieged home with tear gas and surrendered without a fight. He did not identify and had been under siege since Monday when a Nationalist uprising — reported to have been staged on the

Would-Be Assassin Is Moved

WASHINGTON — Oscar Collazo, Puerto Rican revolutionary who attempted to assassinate President Truman, was moved to another hospital today under police guard.

Collazo, who was shot in the chest in yesterday's bid for exchange of gunfire at Blair House, was transferred from emergency hospital to Gallinger Hospital, a city institution about two and one half miles across town.

The transfer was made by ambulance, escorted by two motorcycle police abreast and a scout car behind.

WOUND SHOT IN
Before his removal Collazo was said by an emergency hospital physician to have been in good physical health. The doctor said Collazo himself reported he felt all right and was not having any irritation.

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ATTRACTION CROWD
The transfer attracted a crowd of passersby. Nurses and hospital attendants watched from the windows and the fire escape.

Collazo was covered by black and red checkered blanket with only his head and shoulders showing.

A swarthy-faced, thin-featured man, he appeared grim as he was hoisted into the ambulance. The only apparent evidence of yesterday's melee was a slight scratch on his forehead.

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Where Assassination Was Thwarted



The general view (top) shows the entrance of Blair House where Griselio Torrelaso was killed. (2) spot where Oscar Collazo, second assassin, was wounded. (3) entry box where guards fired on would-be assassins. (4) spot where Torrelaso wounded two Blair House policemen and (5) where Blair House policeman was wounded in the knee. Photo (center left) shows a policeman writing in pain from bullet in leg and photo (center right) shows Leslie Coffelt, policeman who died of wounds. Bottom photo shows body of Oscar Collazo, still alive although seriously wounded, lying at foot of Blair House steps. (Acme Telephotos by Charles Corte)

San Juan was virtually under a state of siege today. Police blocked off roads in their hunt for Nationalist and Communist leaders, and required special police passes for those seeking to go through the lines.

LEADERS QUESTIONED
Albizu Campos and other Nationalist and Communist leaders were whisked to police headquarters for intensive questioning. It was learned that some 600 Nationalists and Communists in all were to be rounded up 300 of them in the metropolitan San Juan area.

Before noon, 130 Nationalists and Communists already had been rounded up by police authorities.

A search of the Albizu Campos home there said uncovered "numerous documents and lists" — several of ammunition and three copies of a manifesto.

Among those arrested were the Communist Party president, Carl Alderson Iglesias.

The Communist Party secretary, Juan Santos Rivera.

The president of the General Union of Workers, Sam Correas.

Police Lt. Munoz Marin says he knows a Communist front, a group of the executive vice president of the Puerto Producers Association.

The police say Garcia is a Communist.

Governor Munoz Marin said he has called President Truman notifying him that Albizu Campos has been arrested and a scout car behind.

CITY HOLIDAY
San Juan closed up for the emergency Residents of the city and of the island were warned not to leave their homes. Government offices were closed today.

Students abroad during the day were checked by National Guardsmen.

Munoz Marin said last night he was more certain now than ever that there is some Communist link part in the Nationalist movement, at least 30 lives earlier this week.

POVERTY - STRICKEN Puerto Rico Restless Isle With Turbulent Political History

By ROBERT EUNSON
NEW YORK — Puerto Rico was liberated from her feudal Spanish overlords by the United States in 1898. Yesterday two sons of that tiny Caribbean Isle tried to murder the American President.

Standing in a dim-lit New York tenement, the wife of one of the would-be assassins demanded if defendant knows.

"Why should I be sorry? We are both members of the Nationalist Party."

"Why did Oscar Collazo and Griselio Torrelaso try for the steps of Blair House, guns blazing and murder in their hearts?"

How did it happen that the Colossus of the Caribbean, the Spanish Republic, was in New York City?

What is the Nationalist Party?

To answer these questions, it is necessary to delve back into the history of Puerto Rico, which was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493, 47 years ago on Nov. 3, 1493.

The explorer found the island which is 100 miles long and 35 miles wide — inhabited by aboriginal Boriquen Indians, a primitive agricultural group.

Conquered in the name of Spain by Ponce De Leon in 1509, the island was settled in the 16th century by Spanish overlords who destroyed the native tribal structure and exploited the people.

Under Spanish rule, chief crops of Puerto Rico were coffee and tobacco. More than 80 per cent of the children were not in school and the annual death rate was 35 per 1,000 of the island's 1,000,000 population.

Following the Spanish-American War, Puerto Rico was ceded to the United States.

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G's Ordered To Attempt Break-Out

SEOUL — (AP) — American cavalrymen gave up tonight a day-long fight to rescue nearly 5,000 foot troopers surrounded by Communist forces in Northwest Korea.

The trapped men were ordered to attempt a break-out on their own. They faced terrific odds — and grinning furiously fighting Reds who turned captured American guns against the surrounded U. S. soldiers.

Some Americans already had escaped the trap. It was clamped shut last night by overwhelming Communist troops in strength.

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U. S. First Cavalry Division was cut off near a dry river bed four miles southeast of Uman. This is the area where the Reds have made their strongest fight of the North Korean campaign.

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Soviet Charges U. S. Uses Japs

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Russia charged in the 18-nation Far Eastern Commission today that the United States used Japanese soldiers in the Korean fighting.

The Soviet representative noted that the charge had been made previously by the North Korean Communist regime. He said Russian troops joined in the protest sent to the United Nations by the North Korean foreign minister.

Repeating the North Korean charge, the Soviet representative said that the United States used Japanese soldiers in the fighting at present and in the past.

The Chinese representative noted that the charge had been made previously by the North Korean Communist regime. He said Russian troops joined in the protest sent to the United Nations by the North Korean foreign minister.

U. S. Casualty Total 27,610

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Announced American casualties in the Korean conflict rose today to 27,610. The increase of 909 over a week ago.

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AUSSIE COMMANDER KILLED
CANNBERRA, Australia — (AP) — Government announced today the death from battle wounds of Lt. Col. Charles Hercules Green, commander of the Australian force in Korea.

The Red's obvious were throwing everything into a desperate fight to hold a bridgehead in North Korea and protect the annual damns on the border-making Yalu River between Korea and Manchuria as well as their Korean industry.

The reported presence of thousands of Chinese Red forces in Korea was viewed uneasily by American troops. Lambert said only a few days ago, disabled with round-the-victories, they were talking about getting out of Korea by Christmas.

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