

TREASURY BOMBED IN HAVANA STRIKE

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EMPLOYES THEN QUIT JOBS

Government Redoubles Guards
and Holds Army Ready to
Take Drastic Action.

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HAVANA, March 6.—Ten persons were wounded today in five bomb explosions at the Custom House and the Treasury Department as radical students sought to force walk-outs by governmental employes in an attempt to promote a general revolutionary strike to oust President Carlos Mendieta and his Cabinet.

In another outburst, one person was killed and three were wounded when a band armed with machine guns and sawed-off shotguns attempted to assassinate Ramon Vasconcelos, political commentator of the newspaper El Pais, who has been attempting to revive the old Liberal party.

The assassins, riding in an automobile, drew alongside the car of Señor Vasconcelos on Belascoain Street and opened fire. José Herrera, army sergeant and bodyguard of Señor Vasconcelos, was killed. His chauffeur was seriously wounded, Señor Vasconcelos was shot through an arm and a passerby suffered a slight wound. The assailants escaped.

The authorities attribute this attack to a revolutionary element who fear Señor Vasconcelos may be able to persuade the Mendieta government to restore the legal status of the Liberal party, which is now outlawed. It is conceded that the Liberals would draw many votes in the interior if they were permitted to enter the elections.

Strike Had Been Called.

The heads of the employes' union of the Treasury Department, which includes the Custom House employes, had called a strike for noon today, but the reluctance of the workers to obey was plainly manifested. Soon after the order had been given two bombs exploded almost simultaneously in the Treasury building and two in the Custom House, wounding Captain Oscar Hernandez, chief of the port police; two marines, and five employes and causing considerable damage.

Marines immediately occupied the Custom House and arrested the watchman and ten other persons, including four women, suspected of complicity in planting the bombs.

The fifth bomb explosion occurred at 1 P. M. in a corridor of the Treasury Building, wounding a porter and marine guard and damaging several offices.

The employes of the Treasury Department quit their jobs shortly after noon, following the issuance of the strike order, but there is considerable doubt that they will remain out. It is apparent that the majority are not in sympathy with the strike movement, but are being coerced by a group of employes belonging to the A. B. C. revolutionary organization.

Employes of the Department of Labor issued a manifesto to the press tonight declaring themselves on strike, and they will not report to their posts tomorrow morning. Thus employes of two governmental departments have definitely joined the students-teachers' general strike movement.

All the striking employes of governmental departments will be replaced by a new permanent personnel under the protection of armed forces, according to an agreement reached tonight in a meeting attended by the Cabinet and high officers of the army and navy. It was also agreed that the greatest precautionary measures should be taken to combat the general strike movement.

Details of marines and policemen

are now stationed all along the main thoroughfares of the city, and they are minutely searching all vehicles, including street cars and buses, for bombs, arms and ammunition. Thus far the searches have proved fruitless.

Striking students, abetted by factions both of the A. B. C. and of the revolutionary party headed by former President Grau San Martin, continue their efforts to bring about a walk-out in other government divisions and are concentrating on the Departments of Communications, Education and Public Works.

Defensive Plans Pushed.

Government officials declare the strike movement will be fought with all the forces at their command. All soldiers and marines were ordered today to remain at their barracks ready for emergency service. Guards at strategic points were strengthened and other precautionary measures were taken. Machine-gun crews are stationed in the newly constructed "pill-boxes" at Navy Headquarters and the guards atop the ramparts of the forts have been doubled.

Declaring the present strike movement was a disgrace to Cuba as a civilized nation, Colonel Fulgencio Batista, the Chief of Staff, warned tonight that the armed forces were ready to take drastic action to suppress any revolutionary attempt.

The government late tonight established what is in effect a censorship over the local press when the Cabinet approved a resolution ordering all newspapers to refrain from publishing alarming news items tending to incite the public to disorders. Newspapers disobeying will be immediately closed.

Havana University was occupied by military forces who expelled faculty members who had been holding an all-night meeting there, as well as all students. This provisionally terminates the autonomous status granted to the institution by the Mendieta administration.

The teachers now striking have until Monday to return to their posts or lose all rights to their positions, according to a resolution of the Cabinet.

Employes of the Bureau of Internal Revenue walked out at Matanzas, Cienfuegos, Santiago and Santa Clara in support of the striking employes of the Treasury Department. Postal and telegraph office workers are momentarily expected to follow suit.

Six men carrying machine guns tonight raided the CMK radio station and destroyed its broadcasting equipment. The station had for some time been broadcasting sharp criticisms of the Mendieta administration. The damage from the raid was estimated by the manager to exceed \$8,000.

Dr. Leonardo Naya, a magistrate of the Urgency Court, has been appointed Secretary of Education to replace Dr. Ricardo Duval, who resigned last night.