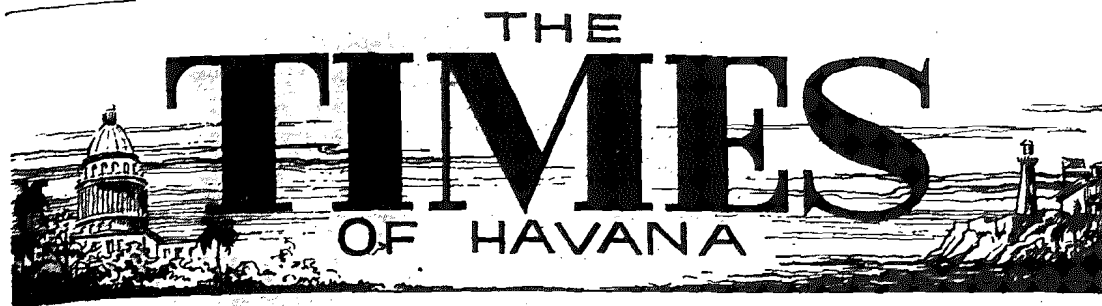


# Army Confident of Victory; Rebels Aim For Major City



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## Out of the Darkness

## CAME THE LIGHT

By HENRY GOETHALS

Electric power was restored throughout Old Havana at 11:10 a. m. today, 57 hours after the main power line at Suarez and Esperanza Streets was dynamited at 2:12 a. m., on Tuesday.

Thousands of residents, businessmen and workers in the heart of the city's commercial zone cheered the welcome news after more than two days without lights, telephone and elevator service, air conditioning and, in many cases, without food and water.

The lights went out in Havana

Havana without power to pump its water out of ground-floor cisterns. It closed many restaurants, large downtown department stores and all intown theaters.



dark and still without electric power was the old section of the city, from Belascoain Street east-

ward to the waterfront. In this zone lie most of the city banks, business houses, department stores, newspapers and many theaters.

Also in this zone are located hundreds of 'bo-and much of Havana's crowded, degas,' apartment houses, hotels low-cost dwellings.



## 'Revolutionary Government' Planned as Rebel Weapon

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The showdown battle between President Batista and his political opponents appears to have entered a decisive stage.

Indications are that immediate objective of elements in revolt include the capture of some major city in Oriente province, their stronghold, and the establishment of a "revolutionary government". Purpose would be to harass the present administration on the world diplomatic front.

Informed sources estimate reinforcements received in recent days by the Fidel Castro rebel group operating in Oriente since last November 30 at between 200 and 300 effectives. Between 120 and 180 of these, possibly staging from the Florida keys, landed from the American-registered yacht "Corinthia" in Nipe Bay, on the north-eastern Oriente coast, last Friday. Reports from the interior, not always accurate, said the yacht was skippered by a "Goodwin Ackerman", an American, and included two other Americans as crew members. All three were reported to have come ashore with the revolutionaries.

On Tuesday, a second landing was reported unofficially to have taken place at Ubero, on the southern coast of Oriente, between Pico Turquino and Santiago de Cuba and approximately 50 miles from that provincial capital.

This group was reported to have been led by Pedro Mirot, long-time lieutenant of Castro, who was arrested by Mexican authorities during the latter part of last year. His arrest led to seizure by the

were reported, an unknown number of wounded and the rebel forces were said unofficially to have taken some 25 prisoners.

Specifically, revolutionaries were said to have lost 16 men in the Holguin skirmish while the army officially admitted 11 dead in the Ubero clash. Dispatches from Santiago reported 19 army wounded. Rebel forces also were understood to have seized the Ubero garrison's arms supply and to have located food supplies stored in the vicinity.

Prior to the reported new landings, unidentified elements "raided" the arms arsenal in the giant U. S. naval base of Guantanamo to steal a case of pistols, seven mortars without ammunition and some tommyguns. U.S. Navy security forces were reported investigating the theft. Arms stolen were war surplus equipment.

In Santiago, the army took over the high school—although students have not attended classes since last Nov. 10—apparently in the belief it has been used as a rebel headquarters there.

Meanwhile, the army reiterated

The lights went out in Havana at 2:12 a.m. on Tuesday. They were blown out by a dynamite charge strategically placed under the main power line at Suárez and Esperanza Streets.

The blast which knocked out the lights also extinguished much of the commercial, social, and night life of this gay city.

It stopped elevators, cut off air conditioning systems and left Old

And at night it converted central Havana into a spooky no-man's-land patrolled by countless police cars, crossed by occasional buses and only a handful of pedestrians.

Fortunately the blackout covered only part of the city. Left in the

degas, apartment houses, hotels low-cost dwellings.

For many people the "blackout" was a blessing; they did not have to go to work, or simply remained at home. For others, businessmen particularly, it was a damaging blow.

It demonstrated vividly just how dependent a large, modern city

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during the latter part of last year. His arrest led to seizure by the Mexicans of great quantities of arms and ammunitions and was said to have prompted Castro to "jump the gun" on his original invasion plans.

In two clashes between government troops and rebel forces Tuesday, at widely separated points in Oriente; Uvero and in the neighborhood of Holguin, some 27 dead

Meanwhile, the army reiterated its belief in a quick crushing of the reinforced rebel movement. Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Francisco Tabernilla told newsmen at Camp Columbia that he "had no doubt" as to the "swift putting down" of renewed revolutionary activity.

The army general admitted, however, that troop reinforcements have been rushed to the Oriente trouble area. He declined to disclose their number. Tabernilla also reiterated the official version that seized documents aboard the "Corinthia" established that but 27 men arrived aboard the yacht. (The "Corinthia" is twice the size of the yacht "Gramma" from which Castro landed 82 men off Niquero, in Oriente, last November.)

Tabernilla said that of the 27 men he claimed to have landed from the "Corinthia", but five remain at large. He said 16 were killed, three "disappeared" and two were arrested.

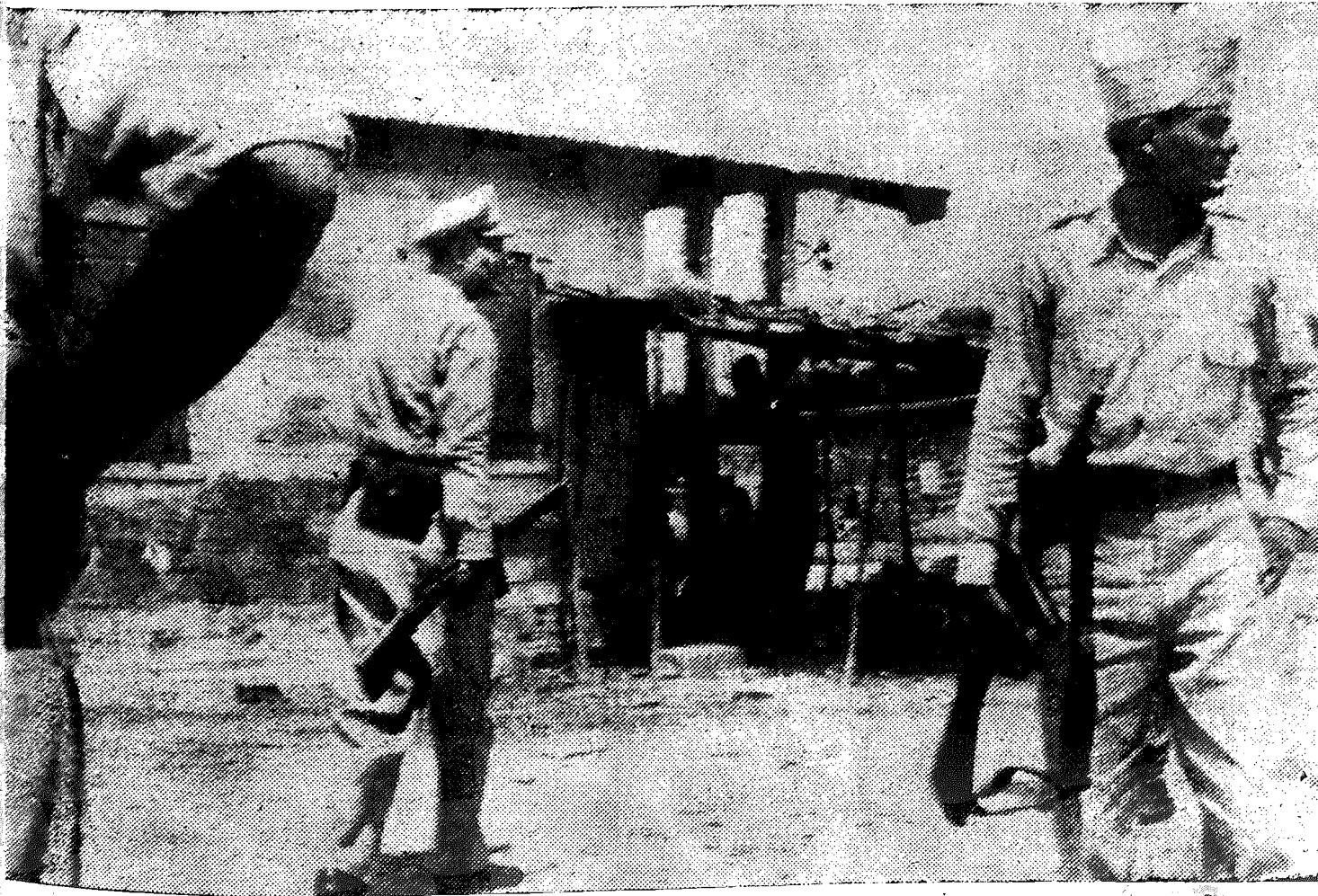
(The reference to three having "disappeared" was assumed to mean the three American crewmen who were reported to have sailed the "Corinthia" into Nipe Bay.)

Tabernilla attributed the success of the new landing to an extensive coastline which he said was difficult to patrol. He said it would take far more armed strength than available to prevent disembarkations. He pointed out, however, that the two landings to which the army admits, that of the "Gramma" last November and the "Corinthia" last Friday, were known to authorities within a matter of hours, and pursuit started.

The general refused to disclose how many troops have been flown into Oriente from Havana garrisons, or the places to which they have been sent, but he said "I can tell you that we have more than sufficient men to control and defeat the rebels."

In revolutionary activity elsewhere in the island, apparently timed to coincide with the new

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**HUNTING SEASON IN HAITI**—Two Haitian Army officers, carrying weapons, hunt down political partisans who had rolled telephone poles onto the main highway in Port-au-Prince. After 24 hours of violent fighting between two army factions seeking control of the country, Prof. Duménil was sworn in as provisional president of the country on Sunday. (United Press radiophoto).

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explosions in Oriente, 35 revolutionaries were said to have been arrested while meeting in secret in the seaport town of Cienfuegos, Las Villas province. Bombs also have exploded with regularity since last Friday, date of the "Corinthia's" arrival to Nipe Bay, in various parts of the island.

Three bomb explosions were reported in the Greater Havana area last night. One, in front of the Industrial Bank branch in nearby Guanabacoa, caused considerable property damage but no casualties. Another exploded in front of an automobile agency in suburban Luyano, also causing heavy damage but no casualties. The third went off, also in Luyano, a worker's district, in front of a night school. No casualties were reported.

Calixto Sánchez White, former secretary general of the Airline Pilots Federation and reported leader of the expeditionary group which landed near Mayarí in Oriente Province, was one of the 16 expeditionaries killed in yesterday's fighting near Río Grande.

Río Grande is northeast of the Sierra Cristal, where the expeditionaries were headed when intercepted by Cuban Army forces..

The army unit was under the command of Capt. Cárdenas Taylor and forms part of the overall area command of Col. Fermín Cowley. Col. Cowley heads a 200-man detachment combing the area for the expeditionary force.

The type of heavy weapons was not specified.

Calixto Sánchez, who left Cuba recently for the United States, was accused to having taken part in the frustrated attack on the presidential Palace on March 13. Following the attack he was granted asylum by directors of the Confederación de Trabajadores de Cuba (CTC) who escorted him personally to the airport when he left the country.

Among the expeditionary dead, according to government sources, was the body of Juan José Fornet Viñas, of Holguín, a former sergeant in the U.S. Army who had fought in Korea.

In Santiago de Cuba, meanwhile the bodies of the 11 army soldiers who died in the surprise attack on the Uvero garrison on Tuesday were buried with full military honors.

The bodies were buried in the Armed Forces Pantheon in Santa Ifigenia Cemetery. The funeral march started at the Moncada garrison. Each coffin was draped in a Cuban flag. Presiding at the ceremony was Gen. Pedro Rodríguez Avila, commander of Maceo Regiment No. 1.

Mariano Rey González, governor of Oriente Province, suffered a collapse during the ceremony and was helped from the cemetery. He recovered soon thereafter.

Also brought to Santiago were the unidentified bodies of two of the rebels who died in the attack on the Uvero garrison. The men were bearded and dressed in olive drab uniforms with rubber-soled canvas shoes.

# Came The Light...

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today is on electric current.

Several large department stores, long accustomed to air conditioning for the comfort of employees and patrons alike, did not open their doors. Among them were Sears Roebuck, Fin de Siglo, El Encanto and others.

Small businesses were hard hit, but most managed to open. Owners of "bodegas" arrived at work to find much of their stock already spoiling in defrosted refrigerators.

Orders were cancelled. Sales were made on an hour-by-hour, day-by-day basis as no one had refrigeration for their purchases. Small ice plants did a booming business.

Employees arriving at intown office buildings on Tuesday morning found a climb of two, five or eleven stories awaiting them. There was no elevator service.

Windows sealed for air conditioning, also a victim of the "knockout," were unsealed. Where this was impossible, the office force worked in unaccustomed heat and humidity.



In street-level offices which received little or no sunlight, kerosene lamps were pressed into service. Heat from the lamps added

to the discomfort of the employees and clients.

Tellers at the Chase Manhattan Bank on Aguiar Street fanned themselves and loosened their collars in the unaccustomed heat. The air conditioning was off there too, of course.

Hotels, in a highly competitive field, felt the power failure more than most other businesses.

Some, like the Sevilla-Biltmore had full water tanks on the roof at the time of the power cut-off. At the Sevilla water lasted through Tuesday. At other hotels, however, water was quickly used up and later had to be carried up to rooms in buckets.

The Inglaterra Hotel revealed late yesterday that it still had two hour's supply of water for its guests. The Inglaterra rations water, turning it on at only certain hours of the day.

Candles were distributed to guests for use in their rooms. In the lobbies, all the electric clocks pointed to the fateful hour—2:12.

Hotel restaurants which use electricity for cooking were closed down or served only light snacks and sandwiches. Other hotel restaurants which use gas and oil remained open.

Most hotelmen admitted that some tourists had moved to other hotels in Vedado or Miramar. But they added that many had stayed and were "sticking it out."

Casinos and night clubs were closed—tight as a drum. The Prado entrance to the Sevilla was closed and locked.

Hardest hit were the hundreds of lodgings, boarding houses and small hotels in the 170-odd blocks of tightly-packed Old Havana, which were left without water or light.

People long accustomed to two or three baths a day were reduced to none in two or three days. Laundry bags bulged with soiled clothing. For the first



time in years families found themselves going to bed at 8 p.m., for lack of light by which to read, sew or talk.

What water there was from the cistern was kept for drinking. In many instances housewives were forced to walk for blocks to make their purchases. Several neighborhood restaurants closed their doors.

As late afternoon approached, offices closed to permit their employees to get home before dark. The supper hour was moved up in many homes to save the candles for later use.

People thronged the balconies along the narrow streets until well after dark. Inside there was no light.

Telephone service, vital to the city's business, was badly interrupted and cut off completely in most of Old Havana.

In the evening most people stayed inside their homes. Few ventured into the street. Police cars and army jeeps carrying three armed soldiers patrolled the streets slowly. Groups of police stood at every intersection.

A steady ribbon of light moved down Neptuno from the Prado and Galiano. A constant stream of autos and buses moved onto Belascoain, dividing line between the "dark city" and the "normal city."

On the western side of Belascoain below Neptuno the lights were on in store windows, pharmacies and "bodegas." Along the other side, the city was in darkness.

At night the city wanted light. During the day, it needed water.

One long-time resident said: "We can endure without light. But water—we can't live without water for long."

Without the light, there was no water. But the majority of residents and workers alike in Old Havana were optimistic. "It'll be back on tomorrow," they kept saying.

# Cienfuegos Battle Nets 35 Captives

Thirty five men, described as conspirators against the government, gave themselves up to police and soldiers in Cienfuegos Tuesday following a 15-minute gun fight.

Soldiers of the 35th Squadron of the Rural Guard shot it out with the men who were holed up in a house on Calle Tercera del Oeste.

After a 15-minute gun battle the men surrendered. A large number of guns, hand grenades and bombs were found in the house.

The battle started shortly after midnight when members of the Rural Guard attempted to break into the house on a tip that a meeting was being held there. They were met with gunfire.

Emilio Aragones of Cienfuegos was said to be head of the group. He was not at the meeting and is said still at large Interior Minister Dr. Santiago Rey said in Havana that he had been told that several of the men were from Havana and other provinces. He termed the meeting seditious and conspiratorial.

## Four Slain In Santiago

The families of two of the four men found dead in Santiago de Cuba on Tuesday told of mysterious nighttime abductions in the aftermath of the violent killings.

Bodies of the four men were found in two separate areas. The victims had been shot and hacked to death by machetes.

Two of them, Roberto Lamelas Font and Joel Jordan, were found eight feet apart near the Mar Verde highway on the outskirts of the city. Eight .32 calibre shells were found nearby.

The bodies of the other two Orlando Fernandez Badell, 30, and Salvador Gonzalo Clavijo, were found Tuesday afternoon among some weeds on 13th Street.

Esperanza Lamelas, sister of Roberto, said that occupants of a patrol car called for Roberto at 10 p.m. on Monday at their home on Olarin and Santa Rita. She said Roberto was in hiding because of the "persecution" to which he was subjected.

The next day she learned of his death.

Edmundo Jordan, brother of Joel Jordan, reported that three persons in rural clothing carrying machineguns broke down the door of his home and dragged off Joel. Their mother, Encarnación Cause, wanted to go with her son but the three men prevented her.

# Bomb Goes Off By Home Of Dr. Morales del Castillo

Police were continuing their search today for the second of the two terrorists who placed a bomb in front of the residence of Dr. Andres Domingo y Morales del Castillo at Linea and "L" Street in Vedado on Tuesday night.

Dr. Domingo y Morales del Castillo "Ministro de la Presidencia," or presidential secretary, holds a top-ranking post in President Batista's cabinet.

One of the two young men was caught by three policemen stationed before the residence. The other managed to escape.

The explosion of the powerful

charge destroyed two automobiles parked in front of the house and did heavy damage to an electric light pole. The autos were property of the Presidential Palace.

Dr. Domingo y Morales del Castillo was not in his home at the time of the explosion, which occurred at about 10 p. m. Members of his family were inside the house, however. The doctor returned a short while later to view the damage.

Fragments from the blast shattered windows in a few nearby homes.

As described by the lieutenant

and two corporals on duty before the home, two youths approached the lamp post in the small park in front of the home and placed a small package at its base.

The lieutenant ordered them to stop, at which point both men started running down the street.

The officer opened fire on them with his M-1 rifle "to frighten them," while one of the corporals overtook one of the two bombers. The name of the arrested man was not revealed.

Police of the Eleventh Zone, meanwhile, are still searching for three men who dropped three bombs at the corner of Juan Delgado and Laet in Santos Suarez.

A guard noted that one of the three men was carrying a package under his arm. He ordered the trio to halt. When they started to run, the package fell to the ground. On examination it was found to contain three bombs.

## Life in U. S.

### Red Frogs

SAN FRANCISCO—(UP)—On a routine field trip to the San Bruno hills south of here recently, youngsters found two red frogs. They were turned over to the Steinhart Aquarium for public display. Herpetologists believe the flashy red-orange fellows are mutations of the common California red-legged frog.

### Close Quarters

WESTPORT, Mass. — (UP) — Burglars broke into a liquor store and made off with \$182 while 100 guests were attending the annual police ball 100 yards away.

### Girls Are Better

WEST HAVEN, Conn.—(UP)—President Edward Bonessi of the Connecticut Driver Education Assn. says girls make better drivers.

Gas Co., there was only a few minutes' supply of medical oxygen for every person in the United States, as measured by the annual amount consumed by hospitals. Today the amount has been raised to 71 minutes for each person.

### Mislaid

HOLYOKE, Mass. — (UP) — Fourteen months after a workman lost his pay envelope at the National Blank Book Co. plant, it turned up at Norfolk, Va. — 600 miles distant — in a shipment of notebooks from the local firm.

### Don't Do It

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — (UP) — Frank Santino appealed a \$15 speeding fine to a higher court. He wound up paying \$45.

### Good Deed

## U.S. Won't Alter Policy On China

WASHINGTON, May 30 — (UP) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said yesterday that the anti-American riots that occurred in Formosa will not affect the basic policies of the U.S. in the Far East or Nationalist China.

He added, however, that the U.S. will speed up the reduction of American bases overseas and the return of troops to the U.S. without endangering the security of those areas.

## Argentina Nabs Unexploded Bombs

BUENOS AIRES, May 30 — (UP) — Seven more unexploded bombs have been discovered under a rail-

## Yank Arrested

A twenty-one year old American is in Principe Prison today awaiting trial at Urgency Court on the charges of carrying firearms. Richard Merk of Exeter, N.H., was arrested on May 25 by plainclothes policemen while hitchhiking at Cotorro. Police said they found a .22 caliber pistol in his possession.

His case will come up in Urgency court on June 3.