

BOLIVIA SNUFFS OUT STUDENTS' UPRISING

One Is Reported Killed in La Paz Demonstration—Regime Says Nation Is Calm

By Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BUENOS AIRES, July 19—Troops have been fighting civilians in Bolivia, that mysterious inland country of South America, it became known today. While the Bolivian Government—operating under strictest censorship—claimed that it had quelled the revolt, reports from the border painted a different picture.

With telephone service between Buenos Aires, Chile and Bolivia interrupted, border reports, despite possible exaggeration, offered the best available information, for travelers who have reached Arica, Chile, near the Bolivian border, were in La Paz when the revolution of "men without arms" began against the army of Col. Gualberto Villarroel, the virtual dictator.

According to those reports, a strike of the teachers' union, reinforced by students, was begun yesterday against the Government. One border arrival said he had seen soldiers fire against the demonstration of students and professors in Plaza Morillo in La Paz. He said one person was killed, although the death toll is reported much higher.

Other reports said that international trains were carrying Bolivian troops to the capital.

With all communications controlled by the Bolivian Government, its Embassy here said tonight that the revolt had been suppressed and that clemency had been shown toward the students. This report was quite different from the earlier communiqués issued, which claimed the general strike had "failed."

The communiqué issued by the Bolivian Embassy here says that because of "subversive activities" that had impeded traffic in the center of the city yesterday, tying up all activities, it had been necessary for the Government to act. It is claimed that the students had plenty of arms but that since they had been "misled" by their professors, clemency was being shown to them. What happened to the professors is not revealed.

Actually, it is reported, sanguinary fighting has been going on.

Bolivia is ruled by an extremely repressive dictatorship. This is the second attempted revolt within five weeks, the first having been made by part of the army.

After the first revolt, the Government nationalized two of the leading dailies and put Government editors in the rest. According to unconfirmed reports, it also jailed many persons and established a tyranny.

Disturbance Several Days Old

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, July 19 (U.P.)—Carlos Rodríguez Rivas, secretary of the Bolivian Legation, confirmed tonight that there had been "several casualties" in armed clashes in La Paz early today. The disturbances began several days ago, he said.

Señor Rodríguez said he had received reports from La Paz this morning describing the disturbances as a "show of force by oppositionists, taking advantage of prevailing unrest" among teachers and students.

He said the demonstration in La Paz had been dispersed by the police with tear gas and that three civil policemen had been shot and wounded.

Villarroel Reported Shot At

ARICA, Chile, July 19 (U.P.)—President Villarroel of Bolivia narrowly escaped death or injury today in an assassination attempt in which three high Bolivian officials were wounded, according to reports reaching this border town tonight from La Paz.