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Opportunity Apparent In Venezuela

Bread Basket Area Could Be Developed

Editor's Note: This is the eighth article in a series written by William R. Mathews, editor of the Star, while on a trip to Venezuela.

By WILLIAM R. MATHEWS BARINAS, Venezuela — A two-hour flight from Maracaibo in a seaplane brought us south to this small but growing city located at the western end of the great plains of Venezuela.

Their development is barely beginning. The soil is fertile. There are many fine forests of valuable timber. There are 50,000 square miles of land of such quality lying relatively idle and undeveloped in the United States!

The underground water level is shallow. All it needs is some human initiative and muscle to make it produce an abundance. It could be the bread basket of Venezuela, and change the paradox of poverty in the midst of potential abundance that characterizes Venezuela.

Until recent years malaria has prevailed or dulled initiative, but malaria has been conquered. It is true that 15 or so traditional landowners have great haciendas. But it is equally true that much of the land is public domain.

If it were opened for settlement, the way the Homestead Act opened the West in the United States, these great plains would be producing a wealth of food and raw materials each year. Two young men from North Carolina, who knew how to grow tobacco, have established a tobacco farm that is successful. A few others are growing cotton on some 10,000 acres.

America's oil scouts found a small oil field which is producing 80,000 barrels a day near this city. Such information has been blighted by the government's new oil policy of making no more concessions of land.

Instead of formulating a program that could stimulate a vast increase in wealth production, the government, under the excuse of "agrarian reform," has begun a program to divide the great haciendas, and their animals. Small 30-acre farms are the result. This amounts to establishing a system of subsistence homesteads and merely dividing existing wealth. Such a program will defeat the purpose that take care of the problem of doubling of Venezuela's population within the next 20 years. Today they are 4 per cent above the increase in population is the highest in the world.

Barinas has grown from a small town of 1,500 in 1945 to 10,000 today. (Continued on 2A, Col. 1)

Strong Tremors Felt In Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 5 (AP)—A series of powerful protracted ground tremors shook the Valdivia area in southern Chile Tuesday afternoon. Valdivia, 600 miles south of here, was almost destroyed by an earthquake in May, 1960.

Thousands of frightened people ran into the streets. There were no reports of damage or injury.

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New Look For Tucson Landmark

Here's an artist's conception of the proposed Pioneer Hotel complex showing the 23-story tower, 800-car parking garage, convention center and heliport. Expansion of the hotel will cover 400,000 square feet and cost in excess of \$6 million. The tower will rise from the present site of Packer's store and the hotel's ballroom.

23-Story Hotel Envisioned

The complex will cover 400,000 square feet on the site of Pennington, Stone and Alameda. The ground floor of the 200,000 square foot tower building will be held for the proposed Union Bank, and the two stories immediately above will be for rental office space.

Three hundred hotel rooms will be provided on 14 floors and the top six floors will be luxury apartments, of which the Pioneer will own several units. The tower will have two-story penthouse apartments.

Financing of the expansion and construction program has been discussed with the Arizona Bank, said Linger, adding, "We will see in the preliminary stages."

The largest complex to be undertaken in downtown Tucson, the tower will rise from the area now occupied by Packer's and the hotel's present ballroom. In addition, the expansion plans call for a 300-car garage and a heliport.

Construction is due to begin next fall after Packer's lease expires Aug. 31. Completion date is scheduled for late 1964, according to Linger.

Crash Kills Six MEIRA, Mozambique, Feb. 5 (AP)—A Portuguese Air Force plane with eight people aboard crashed near here Tuesday, killing six and injuring two.

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Kennedy's suggestion was Shoup's command. As a result, 20 Marine officers will take the T.R. test at Camp Lejeune, N.C., next week.

But Kennedy didn't leave it at that. He told Shoup that, if the Leathernecks were equal to the task, he would give his nimble-footed press secretary, Pierre Salinger, "a look into the matter personally and give me a report on the fitness of the White House staff."

Foes Combine, Top of Diefenbaker

Cries For Probe On Cuba Charges. Opinions Voiced In Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Calls for an investigation of just how much this country knows about what is going on in Cuba arose in both houses of Congress Tuesday.

Members grew increasingly edgy over charges that the Soviet military threat in the island might be dangerous than the Kennedy administration admitted.

In the Senate, Assistant Democratic Leader Hubert H. Humphrey, of Minnesota, called a news conference to urge a public congressional inquiry at which the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, among others, would be questioned.

2. In the House a brief but sharp debate broke out over Kennedy's critics of Kennedy administration policies. Rep. William E. Marshall, R-Calif., proposed a joint congressional investigation into all federal intelligence agencies.

3. Rep. Samuel S. Stratton, D-Iowa, introduced a bill asking that the House and Senate establish a committee to investigate the situation in Cuba.

4. A Keating reply that "the situation in Cuba is extremely critical and is becoming more so every day."

5. Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., who presided over a closed investigation of the 1961 invasion failure, told the Senate the record of that hearing should now be made public.

He said the transcript would show that about \$40 million was spent on preparation for the invasion under the Eisenhower administration, and about \$5 million under Kennedy.

The superintendent said the branches would be used at first for "profoundly handicapped" children. This means those who are mentally and physically incurable.

A day treatment program for those best to need of full-time institutional care will be sought in a separate bill which probably will not be offered this year.

Canadians Face New Elections

Parliament Will Be Dissolved

OTTAWA, Feb. 5 (AP)—With cabinet deliberations the combined opposition in Canada's Parliament struck down Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's conservative government Tuesday over the issue of his induction on accepting U.S. nuclear warheads.

The former prime minister went down to defeat with bitter words for U.S. policy and Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

Diefenbaker immediately let in motion the machinery for dissolving Parliament and calling new elections, probably April 18. Announcement on both is expected after he confers Wednesday with Gov.-Gen. George P. Vester.

The State Department in Washington had no comment on the fall of Diefenbaker's government.

A last-minute attack by Diefenbaker on so-called U.S. intrusions in Canadian affairs failed to save his minority government. The opposition Liberal, Social Credit and New Democratic parties combined forces in the House of Commons and won a vote of confidence down with two quick no-confidence motions.

The votes on the Social Credit and Liberal motions were identical, 142 to 111.

Only once before since Canadian confederation in 1867 has the federal government been beaten on a no-confidence vote in the Commons. This was in 1926 when Arthur Meighen's Conservative administration was ousted.

Liberal Party Leader Lester P. Pearson predicted Tuesday night that history would repeat itself.

Delighted at the government's fall, he told newsmen: "The people now will have a chance to replace this government with one which I feel can do a better job."

There was no question he meant his own Liberal party, which in last June's legislative elections bounded back from the edge and blocked the Conservative bid to retain a majority.

De Gaulle Explains Blackball

PARIS, Feb. 5—President De Gaulle revealed Tuesday that Britain's choice of a Polish pact with the U.S. changed the tenor of his press conference of Jan. 14 that probably led to France's rejection of British entry into the European Common Market.

De Gaulle's statement, made in French parliamentarianism, was released by a French press service late Tuesday night. It followed a six-day tour of the United States by Georges Pompidou, French premier.

Both De Gaulle and Pompidou were making it clear that France's choice of a Polish pact with the U.S. rather than a nuclear tie with Europe was a major cause contributing to France's rejection of Britain's entry into the Common Market.

De Gaulle indicated that when Prime Minister Macmillan came to see him in December, he told Macmillan that Britain and France should "unite our two forces and put everything together."

A few days later, De Gaulle commented, Macmillan went to the Bahamas and "naturally, this changed the tenor of my press conference."

The French leader said that Macmillan told him that France was right to build up her own nuclear striking force and that Britain was trying to build up one of its own.

De Gaulle's comments on the U.S. took on their customary sharpness. He said that the administration sought to establish a war-free trade area, using England, Ireland, and other countries.

In at least 10 weeks' test at Camp Lejeune, more than 100 Marines will participate. And Shoup has warned that those selected should not be told about the experiment in advance.

As a matter of fact, Shoup instructed the base commander to avoid all advance publicity. Of course, this should not be construed as meaning that Shoup has any misgivings about the ability of his officers to perform.

Kennedy, in writing to Shoup, noted that Roosevelt laid down fitness requirements not only for Marine officers, but for members of his own family, members of his staff and cabinet, and even for unlucky foreign diplomats.

Bring On The Marines—For Pierre (Or Somebody)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—A heated rivalry threatened Tuesday to erupt between the White House staff and the Marine Corps—over who can walk furthest and fastest.

This interesting possibility arose after President Kennedy suggested that Marine officers of 1963 be tested to see if they can meet the rigorous fitness standards prescribed for Leathernecks in 1958 by President Theodore Roosevelt.

T.R., the Rough Rider, decreed in a long-forgotten executive order that every Marine captain and lieutenant should be able to hike 50 miles in 20 hours—with active permits to stretch the ordeal over a three-day period. In addition, T.R. ordered that officers do the last half-mile at a double-time pace, and the last 200 yards at a dead run.

When the Marine commandant, Gen. David L. Shoup, was shown a copy of this recently uncovered document, he promptly forwarded it to Kennedy as a historic curiosity.

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