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Military Junta Jails 2,000 In Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY — Guatemala's five-man military junta said Monday that 2,000 persons had been jailed in a roundup of Communist supporters of the deposed Arbenz regime, with further arrests coming as soon as jail space becomes available.

Col. Elfege Monzon, temporary head of the junta, announced that Guatemala is now firmly re-established in the family of Western democracies after a 10-year swing to the left. He said the country would have no further dealings with the Soviet orbit. Relations with Czechoslovakia, the only Iron Curtain nation with a diplomat accredited to Guatemala, will be suspended at once, he said.

Guatemala will respect the right of asylum under which former President Jacobo Arbenz and his foreign minister, Guillermo Toriello, have taken sanctuary in the Mexican embassy. But Col. Monzon said the new regime would not grant safe conduct for "criminals" among the scores who have taken asylum in foreign embassies.

These criminals include Arbenz and Toriello, according to rebel leader Lt. Col. Carlos Castillo Armas, who presided jointly with Col. Monzon at the Junta's first press conference.

Col. Monzon announced Guatemala would rejoin the organization of Central American States, from which it resigned more than a year ago when the organization denounced Communism. The nation also will support the Organization of American States and refrain from intervention in other countries.

All assets known to be Communist were frozen Monday. Col. Monzon announced suspension of the Agrarian law, thus barring further land confiscation unless the law is reapproved in the new con-

stitution, which is highly unlikely. A constitutional convention will be called in the near future, Col. Monzon said.

The Junta pledged full freedom of the press, which operated under stern censorship during the last weeks of the Arbenz regime.

Foreign investment, frightened away by Arbenz, will be encouraged. Col. Monzon said the nation's new economic policy would be to assure security for capital investments that would further Guatemala's economic development. He conceded that the present economic condition is shaky.

Speaking in a low, barely audible voice, the 40-year-old rebel leader denounced as "absolutely false" reports that the Junta wants to abolish social reforms.

Segregation

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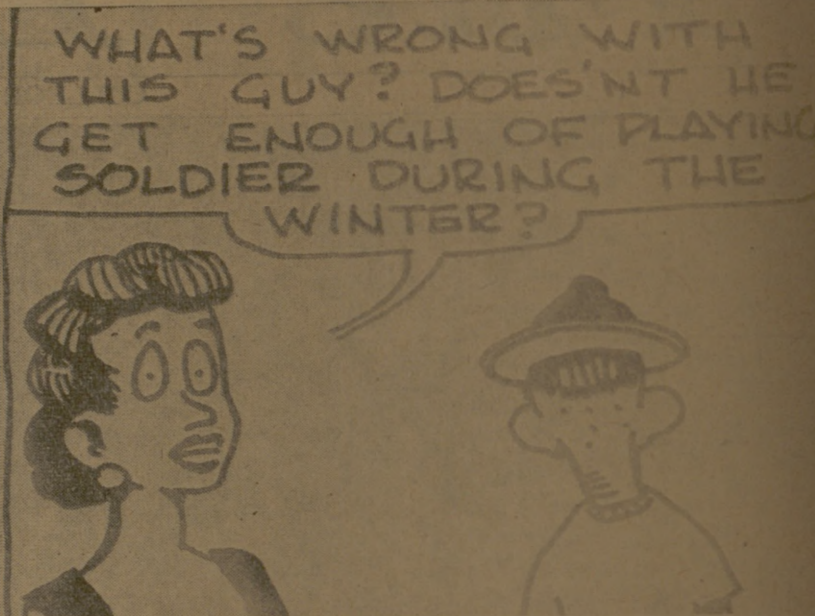
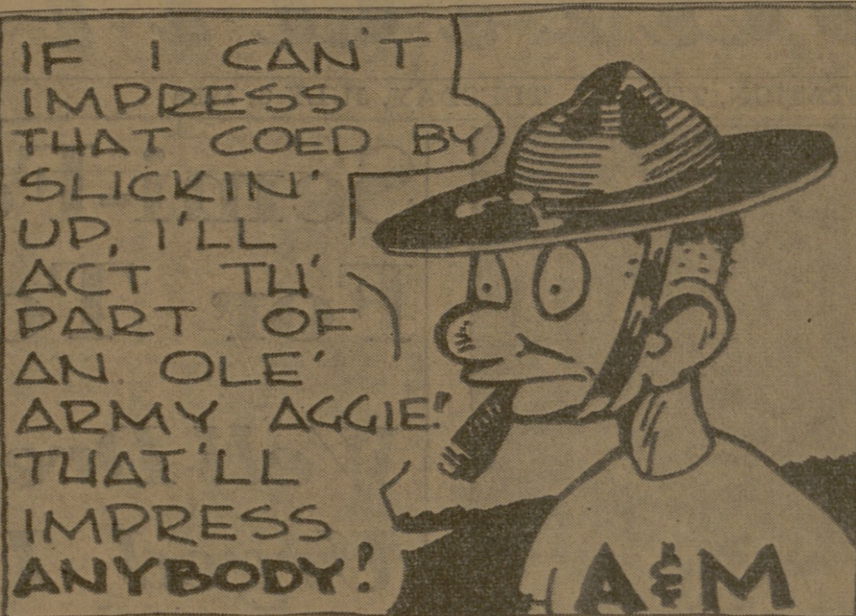
Texas Education Agency reported that 1,704,327 children were eligible for public schools in Texas this year. By September, 1955, another 100,000 youngsters will become of school age, it noted, continuing the trend of all years since World War II.

The board called for bids next November on an estimated \$5,500,000 worth of free textbooks.

The "minimum foundation program" provided by state and local taxpayers will cost about \$224,000,000 this year. Next year's cost is estimated at \$258,000,000 because of increased enrollment and higher teachers' salaries.

The Legislature this spring voted a \$402-a-year raise in teaching salaries. The new minimum is \$2,804 a year for a beginning teacher with a bachelor degree.

Cadet Slouch



Holiday Deaths Near 500 Mark, Autos Take 284

By Associated Press

The closing hours of the Fourth of July weekend Monday brought a heavy rush of home-bound highway traffic—and sudden death in unexpected accidents.

But the price of the nation's holiday in terms of fatalities appeared lower than estimated.

With less than eight hours of the three-day period remaining, the traffic death toll reached 284. The over-all tally of accident fatalities was 485, including 141 drownings and 60 dead in miscellaneous mishaps.

The National Safety Council's preholiday estimate of traffic deaths was 430, which would have been a record.

Ned H. Dearborn, council president, said it was possible the actual number killed in highway traffic may be 50 to 100 lower than the estimate. He warned against a "surge of carelessness" by weary motorists intent on ticking off the last few miles home.

"Experience has shown," he said, "that the final day of a holiday recreation period is usually the most costly in terms of accidental death and injury. It is then that the traffic is heaviest and the driver is most irritable. Irritability causes many accidents."

Fireworks, once counted a major hazard of Independence Day celebrations, killed two youngsters, one in Illinois, the other in Maine.

Last year, only one death was reported as caused by fireworks. In 1952 the figure was two.

The record number of July Fourth traffic deaths—for a three-day (78-hour) period—was 366 in 1952. The all-time accident toll for the three-day July 4 holiday, in all types of mishaps, was 676 in 1949.

1200 May Attend Next Term

H. L. Heaton said Tuesday that 1200 to 1300 students are expected to register for the second semester of summer school.

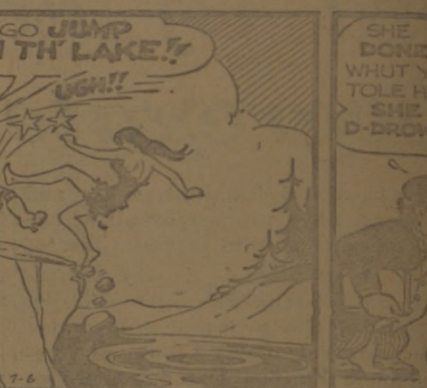
The first term will be over with

the end of finals on July 16. Monday, July 19, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon is the time for registering for the second semester with classes starting on Tuesday July 20.

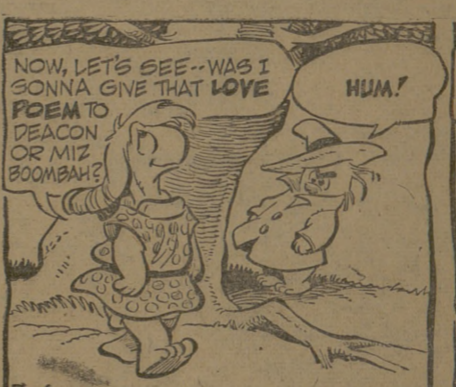
NORTHFIELD, Minn. — (AP) —

Every year since 1900 when Imbert Roe enrolled at St. Olaf College there has been at least one Roe registered at the school. Alfred Roe of Montevideo, Minn., who entered St. Olaf this year, is the 45th member of the family to become a student there.

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