

# U. S. FLIES TROOPS TO CARIBBEAN AS MOBS ATTACK NIXON IN CARACAS; EISENHOWER DEMANDS HIS SAFETY

## ROCKS SMASH CAR

### Vice President Unhurt As Furious Crowds Halt Reception

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CARACAS, Venezuela, May 13—Hundreds of fury-spouting demonstrators attacked Vice President Richard M. Nixon's car with rocks and heavy sticks on his arrival today from Bogota.

About ten minutes later another mob, described as being in "lynching mood," tried to assault Army and Navy attachés of the United States Embassy at the National Pantheon. The Americans were there to attend the laying of a wreath by Mr. Nixon.

The ceremony never took place and two companies of helmeted infantry with poised bayonets were necessary to escort the two officers to safety.

#### Rocks Shatter Car Windows

In the first attack, three windows in the Vice President's closed limousine were smashed by melon-size rocks and Mr. Nixon was covered with shattered glass. Venezuelan Foreign Minister Oscar Garcia Lutin, riding next to the Vice President, was struck in the eye by a piece of glass.

[Later in the day mob violence broke out at the Government Palace as members of Venezuela's ruling junta returned from a meeting with Mr. Nixon, The Associated Press reported. The Government leaders' cars were stoned and two windows of one were smashed. Soldiers fired into the air and used tear gas to disperse the mob.]

The Vice President canceled all his scheduled visits in Caracas and said he would be seeing as many persons as possible at the Embassy residence. That building was the center of an armed camp tonight as more than 400 soldiers and military and civil policemen guarded Mr. Nixon.

#### Nixon Sees Red Direction

The Communist-led demonstrations appeared tonight to be turning into general manifestations against the Venezuelan armed forces and the governing junta.

Mr. Nixon, in a news conference, acknowledged that "a great majority of those who participated in the riots were not Communists." But he said "those who organized it were subject to central direction and are without a doubt Communist-dominated."

The Vice President's recognition of the fact that the presence in the United States of Venezuela's former dictator, Marcos Pérez Jiménez, and his police chief, Pedro Estrada, is one of the main irritants under-

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DAMAGED CAR that carried Vice President Nixon is guarded by soldier after mobs' rocks shattered windows.

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lined the seriousness of the anti-United States sentiment here three and a half months after the dictatorship was overthrown.

Mr. Nixon said that, in the light of an extradition treaty with Venezuela, the United States would be glad to take proper action and turn over Gen. Pérez Jiménez and Estrada if Venezuelan courts requested it.

"I personally could not think less of any of them," Mr. Nixon said.

[Gen. Pérez Jiménez has bought a home at Miami Beach and is believed to be in New York.]

Speaking of the attack on him, Mr. Nixon said: "It is not easy to endure the kind of activity we went through today. It certainly is not pleasant to be covered from head to foot with spit and to have a man spit directly in the face of my wife.

"We have a situation where the Communists were able to gain great support from students in this country because of what has happened here over the last ten years. What we are seeing is a terrible legacy of the dictatorship of Pérez Jiménez."

Venezuela's Ministers of Interior and Education and the heads of the three principal political parties went on the air tonight to appeal to the population to remain calm.

The assault on the Vice President came about noon when the Nixon motorcade was brought to a standstill by heavy lunch-time traffic on the Avenida Sucre. The cars became sitting targets for a screaming, enraged crowd.

As if by prearranged signal, the mob, made up of students, teenagers and older men, emerged from a side street. To newsmen watching from a truck about fifteen feet ahead, it seemed several times that the rioters were on the verge of breaking into the big black car and dragging the Vice President out.

The car's doors were locked from inside. When the windows were smashed, two United States Secret Service agents riding in the limousine pulled out revolvers, ready to fire at the attackers.

Mr. Nixon had been warned that violence against him was expected. Last night there was even a report of an assassination plot. But he insisted on going through with the visit. However, he agreed not to use an open car, and this may have saved his life.

Mrs. Nixon was riding in the second car, which also was showered with rocks. With her were the wife of the Foreign Minister and Maj. Don Hughes, Air Force aide to the Vice President. Later Major Hughes said, "Mrs. Nixon was as brave as any man I have ever seen."

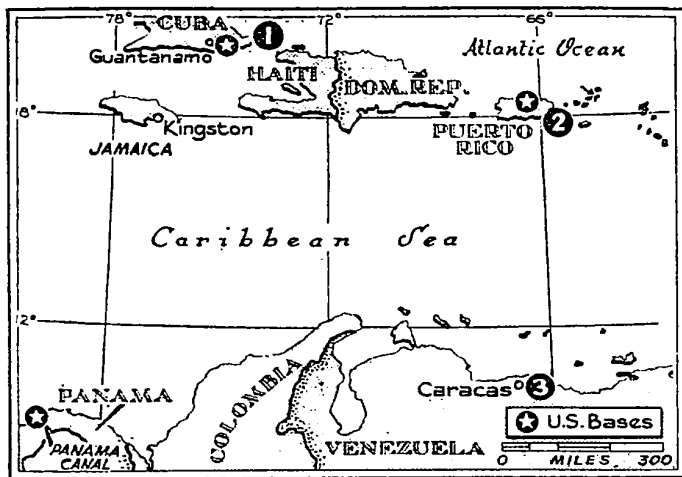
## Mob Menaces U. S. Attachés

The mob outburst at the National Pantheon, a shrine to Simón Bolívar, occurred after Mr. Nixon's party had bypassed the scheduled ceremony there. A car carrying Lieut. Col. Gerald Dailey, Army attaché, and Capt. Robert Hughes, Navy attaché, and three Venezuelan officers missed the turn and drove up to the Pantheon.

Immediately they were engulfed by a mob of demonstrators, who forced them up on the steps of the shrine. The demonstrators had pelted the building with eggs and smeared the walls with "Go home, Nixon."

Colonel Dailey and Captain Hughes were rescued when two infantry companies on hand as an honor guard rushed up the steps and circled the officers. To escort them to safety at an Army barracks three blocks away, the soldiers had to jostle the crowd with bayonets.

This was by far the biggest and most violent organized dem-



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onstration against Mr. Nixon since he began his eight-nation

South American tour April 26. Whereas in Lima, Peru, last

Thursday the highlight of two student demonstrations against Mr. Nixon was the heaving of a handful of stones, oranges and bottles and one man's spitting on the Vice President, today so many rocks were hurled that count was lost.

Spitting at Mr. Nixon and his party became so intensive that hardly a person in the group escaped it. Later the Vice President remarked: "I was covered with glass and something that was not rain."