

Huge Terrorist Arms Cache Arouses Mexicans

Toledano Charges Gen. Almazan, Candidate for President, with 'Constant Provocation' to Create Pretext for Rebellion

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MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—Simultaneous with the discovery of arms caches established by followers of General Juan Andreu Almazan, the Party of the Mexican Revolution (P.R.M.) on Tuesday accused the fascist candidate for the Presidency with having fostered "constant provocation" in order to create pretexts for armed

rebellion.

The document issued by the P.R.M. stated that General Almazan has been accusing the leaders of the organized labor and farmers movement, Vicente Lombardo Toledano and Graciano Sanchez, as being responsible for the recent killing of one of his aides.

"Almazan's idea is clear," the statement said. "He is trying to confuse public opinion by attributing to members of the P.R.M. an attitude of constant provocation. Actually, such provocations are being started by the candidate himself, who has no scruples not only about attacking the regime but in going so far as to insinuate that he has no other recourse to save the country than rebellion."

Investigation showed that the killing of Almazan's aide, Lieutenant Somuano, at Zacapu last week, was the result of a drunken brawl

The seriousness of the present political situation was further emphasized by information revealing the discovery of several arms caches belonging to the Almazan forces.

Three machine guns, 1,000 rifles and 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition were discovered by federal authorities at Cuetzala, in the State of Guerrero. The arms were in the custody of one Eligio Apatiga, a follower of Almazan, according to dispatches to La Voz, organ of the Mexican Communist Party.

Another large quantity of arms

belonging to Almazan was discovered at Tlacotepec, Guerrero State, the La Voz correspondent reported.

He said that unrest in the state is growing because of the constant assassinations of peasants by "Guardias Blancas," White-Guard bandits of the ranch owners.

At La Cienega three peasants, Celso Alonzo, Eulalio Tavira and Luis Tavira, were killed recently, while Simon Perez was seriously injured by an Almazan rebel group headed by Porfirio Cruz and Eduardo Mozo.

The murders have been denounced to the federal authorities, the La Voz reported stated, because no satisfaction can be gotten from local authorities, who are followers of Almazan.

The Communist Party, in emphasizing the seriousness of the situation, publicly charges that local and State officials of Guerrero, "instead of suppressing and punishing seditious and criminal activities, are supporting them under the pretext of attacking the Communist Party."