

Operations Palomar — On the strength of intelligence reports that the district of Palomar in Tondo is a nest of dissident elements the Manila Police at three o'clock in the morning Sunday cordoned the place and launched a veritable "zona." Altogether a total of 68 suspects were rounded up by the police, two were held by them for illegal possession of firearms and the rest were turned over to the Philippine Constabulary G-2 for further investigation.

The two held by the police were Genaro Ramos, 36, of 1020 Narcisa Rizal street, and Ernesto Estrella, 22, of 821 Asuncion extension. From Ramos an unlicensed carbine was seized and a Japanese rifle from Estrella.

The cordoning of the district and the screening of all residents were made on the strength of reports gathered by Capt. Ambrocio Lorenzo who is in charge of the MPD intelligence section that the Huks had planned to rise up in arms sometime before or after the elections. Although no top Huks were taken, "Operations Palomar" proved to all and sundry that the police could cope with any situation that may arise.

Murray Case — The trial of Mrs. Ester del Rosario Murray who is accused of parricide for the death of her husband, George C. Murray, was scheduled to begin Tuesday at the Quezon City court of first instance. Mrs. Murray has for her counsel a battery of lawyers including ex-Justice Mariano H. de Joya and Atty. Amado Yatco.

On the prosecution side Asst. Prov. Fiscal Irineo V. Bernardo will appear, possibly assisted by legal experts from the PC and the NBI.

"Gloomy Sunday" — Whoever wins the Philippine presidency will not enjoy a holiday with the present precarious financial position of the Philippines. With a current annual expenditures of P250,000,000, low income and a de-



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ficit already reaching to P109,000,000, the difficult situation is further aggravated by the release of P30,000,000 for guerrilla currency redemption and the approval by the President of P2,000,000 corresponding to two months' bonus deductible from backpay certificates.

PC-AFP Vendetta — Two Philippine Army soldiers were killed and five PC men were injured more or less seriously, one of them a captain when members of the two units clashed in Bamban, Tarlac, last Friday afternoon. Killed were Pfc. Alfredo Guimba and Pfc. Juanito Jardeleza, both of the 3rd Heavy Mortar Co., AFP, while those suffering from grenade shrapnel injuries were Capt. Felipe Bruan, commanding officer of the 102nd PC company, Sgt. Alfonso Mabor and three privates.

Two witnesses declared that the two were drunk and they picked a quarrel with

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their objective was Taruc and Taruc was somewhere there. The dissidents would not fight so stubbornly if their Supremo was not among them in that barrio.

The barrio became a fort. Port holes were cut from the nipa sidings of the houses and rifle slugs sent from them with gaining rapidity. During the battle, shouts encouraged the Huk barrio garrison. Women's voices singing martial airs gave the scene a touch of a melodrama.

Soon the commandos got

two PC soldiers whom they manhandled. It was when the matter was reported to the PC that Capt. Bruan came with three soldiers and a non-com officer. He was trying to effect the surrender of the two privates when one of them hurled a hand grenade at them which exploded. The two were afterwards riddled with PC bullets.

Check Forgery — A clerk in the department of finance has been suspended by Sec. Pio Pedrosa in connection with a US Veterans Administration check in the amount of P9,309 which has been collected by impostors. The check belonged to Ruben G. Tiburcio of Barranka, Marikina, Rizal, who came to the offices of the USVA to claim the check. It was only then when the forgery was discovered.

"Collusion" — As Speaker Eugenio Perez expressed his fear of a Nacionalista inspired threat to peace and order,

within close range and they began using their flame throwers and hand grenades. This precipitated the climax and the desperados made a rush for the back way with the intention of effecting an escape. A hand to hand combat ensued. The Huks fought their way out of the barrio, leaving behind a few casualties.

Taruc narrowly escaped the commandos' clutches again. Part of his fleeing group was sighted by the Nenitas. But the Huk supremo seemed to bear a charmed existence. A hundred bullets were speeded towards him

President Elpidio Quirino charged the Avelino Party and the Nacionalista Party with "collusion," stating that the two partisan groups are conniving to reduce the majority party into a minority by excluding Quirino election inspectors from the chairmanship of the board.

Realizing that the Quirinistas are placed at a disadvantage as a result of the Supreme Court ruling granting the Avelino group an inspector, Perez proposes to file a motion for reconsideration seeking the withdrawal of such inspector. He recommends that instead of an election inspector of the Avelino wing, an inspector belonging to the commission on election be appointed.

and not one found its mark. He escaped without a scratch, hotly pursued, but never caught. Taruc was apparently sure of his safety. He had a ready exit in case of a tight pinch and he had wisely provided ample warning and protection around his camp. Had it not been for the fact that the commandos were delayed by three ambushes along the way, Taruc would have been easily trapped.

Strange as it may seem, this running fight lasted three days, with scarcely a stop for food or water for the commandos. Upon returning to the battalion headquarters in Arayat, Lt. Cruz and his men were summoned to Manila and individually commended for their courage and bravery by Gen. Mariano N. Castañeda himself.

(Next week we shall bring you the intriguing story of the capture and release of Huk Commanders LIWAYWAY and ILANG, said to be the most beautiful women in the whole Hukbalahap organization. Don't fail to get a copy of next week's issue of the NATIONAL WEEKLY, and read all about the inside story of these Huk Amazons. —Ed.)