

THIS IS A FAKE
 Wishing to cooperate with the spirit of the maneuver, The Pilot, has printed this front page, faked to represent an "occupied" newspaper.
 But, folks, DON'T GET EXCITED. NOBODY has been thrown in jail, NOBODY has been liquidated, and your old Pilot friends are still in possession of this newspaper.
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THE PILOT

THIS IS A FAKE
 Except for the following note: This newspaper wishes to take this opportunity to express its earnest thanks to those army and air force officers and men who have so kindly put up with our many inquiries, and who have given much help in getting out this issue of the paper.

Mountainian Forces Take Control of Town



TOWN OFFICIALS were routed from their desks early this morning and forced into jail cells after being charged by Mountainian troops with failure to cooperate in the liberation of the town. A sergeant of the paratrooper unit which landed shortly after dawn on the northern outskirts of town stands guard over Chief of Police C. E. Newton, Mayor Robert Ewing, and Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr. The officials will be confined to the jail, Mountainian officials said, "until they willingly extend their cooperation in matters we deem necessary." (Photos by Emerson Humphrey)

Officials To Be Tried By Military Court For Treason

Because of their unwarranted resistance to the liberation of this town by Mountainia this morning, three public officials have been jailed and will face charges of treason as soon as military courts can be established.

According to an official announcement made shortly before noon by General Felix Desperato, leader of the liberation forces, the three officials, whom he identified as Mayor Robert Ewing, Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., and Chief of Police C. E. Newton, will have no authority in the future and all citizens requesting services formerly provided by their offices have been directed to the office of Military Affairs in the Town Hall building.

Ewing was specifically charged with failure to turn over his office when requested, using profane language, and resistance to signing official papers of Mountainian forces. Scheipers is charged with conspiracy to spirit official records of the town to a small band of North Saladians who managed to escape, during heavy fighting, and was reported (Continued on Page 4)

Misled Citizens Challenge Troops; Many Arrested

Townpeople of Southern Pines have been quick to seize the opportunity to join with the brave Mountainian forces in their efforts to liberate this misguided country. However, incidents of stupidity and outrageous stubbornness have taken place and been quickly suppressed by the advancing forces.

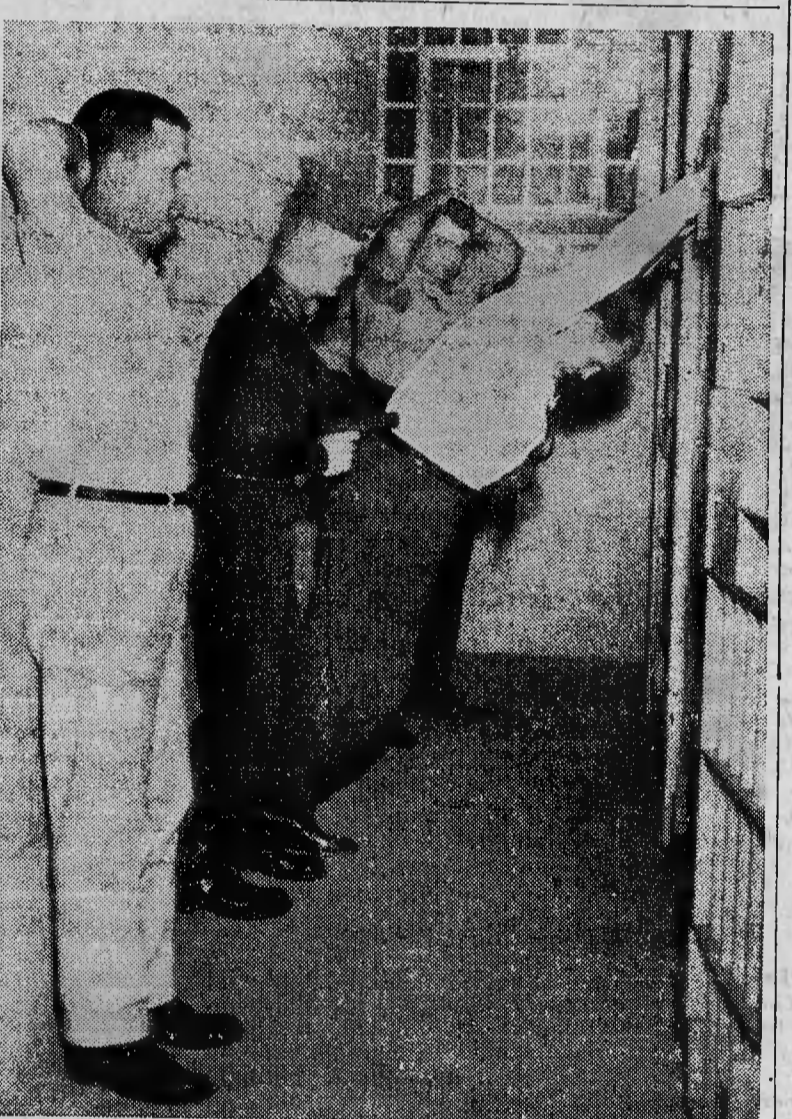
The ridiculous displays of resistance have aroused only laughter among the troops but strong measures have been taken to avoid further outbreaks.

In keeping with the Mountainian rule against employing any secrecy in their operations, a report to the people of Southern Pines is made as follows:

ARRESTS: 52. Men armed with bowie-knives, squirrel guns, Deschardt rifles, and pea-shooters taken into custody after short but fierce engagement.

129 B-B guns removed from the hands of bands of small hooligans hiding behind trees.

14 store-keepers routed out from behind barricades of cans of onion soup, chop suey, and sour pickles and put under arrest. Large stores of ammunition (hubbard squash, yams, ripe tomatoes and eggs) confiscated. Also onion (Continued on Page 4)



SEARCH FOR WEAPONS reportedly carried by town officials was conducted by a Mountainian trooper in one of the rooms at the Town Hall this morning. Mayor Robert Ewing consents to search while Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., and Chief of Police C. E. Newton await their turns.



MAYOR ROBERT EWING was grim faced this morning as he signed over his authority to Mountainian officials. He is shown at his desk in the Council Chamber putting his signature to a proclamation issued by General of the Brigade Felix Desperato while Mountainian trooper looks on.

PROCLAMATION

TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN PINES

WHEREAS, in liberating the Bramac Strip from illegal occupation by the capitalist satellite government of North Salada it has become necessary for Peoples Volunteer Forces of Mountainia and Mountainia Volunteer Brigade under my command to occupy the city of Southern Pines, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Peoples Volunteer Forces acting in the interest of Mudlin solidarity to extirpate the capitalist-sponsored government of North Salada from the Bramac Strip and restore that territory to its Motherland, Mountainia, and

WHEREAS, in order to reorient the currently prevailing decadent philosophy inspired by foreign capitalist elements toward vigorous and progressive materialism consistent with the dynamic teachings of the great Aggressor Leader and head of the International Circle Trigon Party, and

WHEREAS, to establish law and order and to provide security of my troops it is necessary to establish Military Government in the occupied territory. Now therefore I, Felix Desperato, General of Brigade, General Officer Commanding the Mountainian Volunteer Brigade and Military Governor of the territory occupied by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Supreme Leader of the Mountainian Peoples Volunteers, do hereby proclaim as follows:

I
 All power of government and jurisdiction in the occupied territory and over its inhabitants, and final administrative responsibility are vested in me as General Officer Commanding and Military Governor, and the office of Military Government is established to exercise these powers under my direction.

II
 All persons in the occupied territory will obey promptly all orders given by me or under my authority and must refrain from all acts hostile to the troops under my command or helpful to our enemies, from all acts of violence, and from any act calculated to disturb public order in any way.

III
 Your existing laws will remain in force and effect except in so far as it may be necessary to change or supersede them by proclamation or order issued by me or under my authority.

IV
 All Southern Pines civil and criminal courts and educational establishments will be closed until further orders of the office of the Military Government.

V
 All administrative and judicial officials of the city of Southern Pines and all other government and political functionaries and employees of federal, state and municipal government(s) residing in occupied territory will present themselves at the Office of Military Government located in the Southern Pines Municipal Center within twenty-four (24) hours after publication of this proclamation.

VI
 Further proclamations, orders, regulations and notices issued by me or under my authority from time to time, will specify what is further required of you, and what you are forbidden to do, and these will be displayed in the Courthouse, Police station, Post office, or other prominent public places.

VII
 So long as you remain peaceable and comply with my orders, you will be subjected to no greater interference than may be inevitable in view of military and political exigencies.

Signed:
 Felix Desperato
 General of Brigade
 The Military Governor
 SOUTHERN PINES
 May 28, 1959

EDITORIAL

This newspaper advises cooperation with the occupiers of the town. Do not listen to their propaganda; do not believe what they say. Do not attempt to collaborate with their plans.

We believe that Pilot readers, accustomed to plenty of argument and controversy, will ever maintain their independence under all conditions, no matter how.

Remember your heritage, Pilot readers! Work ceaselessly to the enemy's plans. Be ready to help.

Remember that as citizens of a great country, we must uphold the (Will finish when we get out of the pokey—KLB)

Townpeople Greet Arrival Of 150 Troops With Enthusiastic Reception

Mountainian troops took possession of Southern Pines a few hours ago and immediately put the town under full military control.

The Mountainians, members of infantry and paratrooper units, are under the command of General of the Brigade Felix Desperato, a veteran of many years military and public service in Mountainia. The troops are a part of the First Battalion of Mountainian Volunteers and have waged half a dozen successful campaigns on the northern front since the struggle to liberate North Salada started earlier this week.

Actual seizure of the town was at 10 o'clock when heavily armed Mountainian troops ran up their flag on the pole at the Town Hall. Several thousand enthusiastic townspeople watched the ceremony and cheered wildly during the parade through the streets that preceded it. The few who boomed were quickly suppressed.

About 8 o'clock this morning a highly trained band of Mountainian troops numbering 150 foot soldiers and paratroopers engaged North Saladian troops in heavy battle on the Veterans of Foreign Wars property just north of the business section. Details of the battle are still cloaked, necessarily, in military secrecy, but it was reported that the North Saladians put up light resistance in the skirmish, which was fought mostly with small arms and light artillery. No report on casualties is available.

The troops from Mountainia infiltrated outlying areas last night. Flanks were extended in East and West directions from town making it impossible for North Saladian units to hold back the main force.

After their arrival shortly after 8 o'clock the troops liberated the water plant on Carthage Road, the Town Hall, some warehouses, the police and fire department, the WEEB radio transmitter on Midland Road and the studios on New Hampshire Avenue, and The Pilot, despite some spirited opposition put up by town officials and the proprietors of private businesses.

Those facilities will remain under control of the Mountainians, General Desperato announced, until it is determined whether or not they are needed for military purposes or until officials agree

to cooperate with the Mountainians.

During the parade this morning a truck carrying a public address unit made repeated broadcasts of a recording by General Desperato in which he pointed out to citizens of this town and others in North Salada that they should feel lucky to be out from the tyrannical rule of the old leaders. The broadcast drew repeated cheers from the hundreds that lined the streets to watch the parade.

Thousands of leaflets outlining punishments that would be meted out to those who failed to coop-

NOTICE OF CURFEW

Until further notice no person within the town limits of Southern Pines will be permitted to circulate on the streets or outside the limits of their premises without a permit of Military Government authorities between the hours of 1800 and 0500.

Application for circulation permits may be made at the Municipal Center of Southern Pines between the hours of 0800 and 1400.

Any person found in the streets without such permit between established curfew hours will be severely punished.

All persons are further warned that military guards are instructed to shoot any person seen outside the limits of his premises after curfew attempting to hide or escape.

FELIX DESPERATO
 GENERAL OF BRIGADE
 Peoples Volunteer Forces of Mountainia

erate were also dropped from low-flying planes.

The same forces that are now in control of this town have been successful in seizing control and liberating other points in the "Bramac Strip," the center of a controversy between North Salada and Mountainia for some time. Officials have pointed out numerous times that the controversy stems from action following World War I when the League of Nations put the strip, long a part of Mountainia, under the rule of North Salada. Citizens of the area have been unhappy about the action since and repeated efforts to return it to Mountainia as an integrated part of that country have failed.



POLICE CHIEF C. E. NEWTON was forced at gunpoint earlier this morning to broadcast a proclamation to the people of Southern Pines of General of the Brigade Felix Desperato, who has assumed full control of the government. Chief Newton, who failed to cooperate with the Mountainian troops now in control of the Town Hall, has been lodged in jail awaiting trial.