

CONGRESS SHOOTING

15 Normally quiet Capitol surroundings were in turmoil. A few minutes before, there'd been a shooting affray in the House of Representatives. How many injured? ~~Several~~ *Med ordly* ~~doctors~~ *depot* were fushed over from a nearby Naval ~~establishment~~. It became known just what had happened: five Congressmen wounded by four Puerto Ricans, just as the House was about to vote on a Farm Labour bill. The injured men were now 35 rushed to hospital; a near miracle they were still alive. They were, Representative Davis of Tennessee, Jensen of Iowa, Roberts of Alabama, Fallon of Maryland and, more seriously, A. M. Bentley of Michigan. A bullet-pierced a lung, his liver and kidneys. 60

in the House
Paramount cameramen were ~~made~~ immediately permission was granted. Four Puerto Ricans, one a woman, had fired thirty ~~shots~~ bullets. Mercifully, the would-be assassins were bad shots. A Congressman ~~shows~~ the chair where Davis sat. At first Members thought it was demonstrators firing blanks. They soon knew their mistake. The Luger and P-38 pistols were still smoking when the Puerto Ricans were seized. The prisoners are members of the extreme 40 Nationalist movement, demanding freedom from American control of their West Indian country. They all came from New York. 55 The woman, Lolita Lebron, is the most defiant of the four. Their dastardly action is disclaimed by the government of their fellow-countrymen at home.

CONGRESSMEN
SHOT BY
PUERTO RICANS!

Inside Congress within minutes ~~after~~ of assassination-attempt Paramount cameramen film scenes of chaos and alarm. Wounded representatives rushed to hospital, four Puerto Ricans (one a woman) arrested.

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SPECIAL SPOT NEWS REPORT SNIPERS FIRE ON CONGRESSMEN

Capitol Plaza in Washington crackles with the excitement, tension of the grim unexpected! The spectacle of tragedy, ambulances rushing away with victims of a wild fusillade. Medics dashing into the House of Representatives where five members of Congress were struck by bullets.

Their numbers might have been higher -- as fanatical Puerto Rican Nationalists began an astonishing shooting spree -- shouting "Free Puerto Rico" -- emptying their guns, while 243 Representatives were like targets on a shooting range.

The scene resembled this --- in a corner of the visitors' gallery the gunmen lurked. Suddenly..... (gunfire)

Representative Davis of Tennessee, Jensen of Iowa, Roberts of Alabama, Fallon of Maryland --- wounded. And, most seriously, Alvin M. Bentley of Michigan, his lungs, liver and kidney pierced by a bullet.

Up to 30 bullets struck crazily around the House chamber.

Paramount News cameras record the scene after calm had been restored. Incredible, but true, this wanton attempt on life.... the evidence equally shocking.

A hero in helping disarm the gunmen, Representative Van Zandt shows the chair where colleague Davis sat when hit.

The weapons, Luger and P-38 German pistols, were still smoking when the Puerto Ricans were seized and disarmed. And here in custody are the perpetrators of the crime..... Irving Flores..... Rafael C. Miranda..... Lolita Lebron..... and Andres Cordero. The woman remained defiant, "I want freedom for my country," she said.

All were arraigned initially on charges of assault with intent to kill. Puerto Rico's governor calls the shootings an act of "savagely and unbelievable lunacy."

Meanwhile, from eye-witnesses come accounts of those sudden terrifying seconds.

Congressmen picture the gun-wielding assault....(talk by Bishop)

and says Representative Alfred D. Sieminski of Jersey City, New Jersey..(Talk to En