

RIOTERS SACK BOGOTA

First pictures from Bogota reveal the capital of Colombia in the grip of unrestricted anarchy, following the assassination of the Liberal Party leader Dr. Getan. Mobs sweep through the streets armed with guns and machetes. Hardly a building or a shop of any size is left undamaged; the assassin of the party leader is lynched by the crowd; his body dragged through the streets and left before the Presidential palace.

Incited to further violence by broadcasts from seized radio stations, the mob destroys one Government building after another. The Headquarters of the Pan-American Conference is burned out, its equipment and records destroyed. Inside two days the Bogotans gut their own city in an orgy of senseless destruction.

Five hundred people are killed, their bodies lying in the streets for days. Water supplies are contaminated. The city is without light or power. Under a new coalition Government (which blames external influence for the disorders) the rioting is quelled. Bogota remains a city in a state of siege.