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Guatemala - Truce Conference as fighting ends

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Guatemala: The revolt is over. Carrying anti-red banners, the rebel forces advanced upon the key city of Zacapa. And this strongly-worded display of strength - rather than military action - compelled the downfall of President Arbenz's pro-Communist Government.

Indeed - it seems that the toughest battle was faced by our correspondent, in covering this almost bloodless revolution. Travelling by mule train, over narrow ravines and across swollen rivers, it took him two days to cover forty miles.

Fortunately, he didn't have to swim the swiftly-running torrents. Though at times, he took both his life, and his camera, in his hands to film the downfall of Communist rule in this Central American Republic.

With the "cease-fire", a truce conference was held in neutral Salvador. There, it was decided that <sup>UNTIL ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD,</sup> the leader of the revolt, Colonel Armas, and his Defence Minister, would serve on a ruling military council.

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