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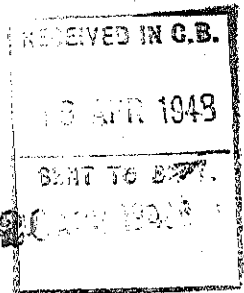
In Costa Rican Presidential Elections held on 8th February Government candidate Rafael Calderon was defeated by Otilio Ulate, leader of opposition group. Largely at insistence of leftist elements supporting Government group, validity of election results was challenged by Calderon, on ground that Ulate had fraudulently obtained preference for opposition group in preparation and distribution of voters' lists. On 1st March Costa Rican Congress passed a resolution declaring elections null and void. Negotiations between both parties to find a "compromise" candidate were abortive, and political tension mounted until on 12th March fighting broke out some 30 miles from San Jose between armed groups of Ulate's supporters and Government troops.

2. Actual course of fighting has not been clear, but it is evident that insurgents have met with some considerable success. On 12th April His Majesty's Minister, San Jose, reported that fighting was in progress within a few miles of capital, though situation there at time was quiet.

3. Insurrection has been marked by accusations and denials of outside aid received by both parties. Costa Rican Government has accused Guatemalan Government of supplying arms and ammunition to insurgents, and has itself admitted that it has received help in men, arms and aircraft from Nicaraguan Government.

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4. It has now been reported that a truce has been arranged in San Jose, after Government had requested members of diplomatic corps to act as mediators.

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