

FOREIGN NEWS

"DEAD" MAN RETURNS TO LIFE - WOMAN DIES OF SHOCK.

VENEZUELA, Oct. 2.: When grave-diggers shovelled the first spadefull of earth into a grave in the village cemetery at Pecaya, Venezuela, the "dead" man, Roberto Rodriguez, victim of a heart attack, broke open the lid of the coffin, scrambled out of the grave and ran home shouting and swearing.

His mother-in-law, who was standing at the grave side, dropped dead from shock. She will be buried tomorrow in the grave prepared for her son-in-law - once doctors have made absolutely certain there is no mistake this time.

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RICE CONFERENCE A FAILURE.

Georgetown, 5th. Oct. (CP)- Minister of Trade and Industry, Jocelyn Hubbard, said he would be happy for British Guiana to be rid of West Indies Market. He was back from Trinidad where conference held October 2nd. and 3rd. failed to agree to recommend any increased price for rice to the West Indies for next year.

Hubbard hit out at behaviour of West Indians. He said on first day of the conference it seemed clear that the purchasing territories had made up their minds on British Guiana's request for 2½ cents per pound increase even before they had heard arguments put forward by British Guiana. Hubbard charged chief Trinidad delegate, Honourable John O'Halleran was absent for lengthy part of negotiations as were delegates from St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. Hubbard said conference was not held in Federal House as customary but Shell Theatre in Salvatori Building. He said "Proceedings were indeed a pantomime. Federal delegations demonstrated spirit which drove Jamaica out of Federation and will make survival of rump impossible." Hubbard said "West Indian politicians still in

short pants and seems many years will have pass before they can reach stature of men. Our restraint over a generation has been wasted. It is clearly unwise to continue doing business with people who refuse to be businessmen. It is clear spirit of Regional Rice Agreement is dead and only remains to bury form as soon as possible." Hubbard said agreement is due end December 1963, but British Guiana may decide to take matter to arbitration. He said under existing agreement British Guiana is committed to continue supplying rice to West Indies at price less than it receives from Cuba.

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