

Reports From Cuba Estimate 50,000 Political Prisoners Are Now In Jail

WASHINGTON (AP)—Reports from Cuba indicated today that the Castro regime has 50,000 political prisoners crowded into Cuban jails.

This was one of the considerations listed by U.S. officials in discussions by Washington authorities from President Kennedy down on Prime Minister Fidel Castro's offer to free the 1,179 Cuban invasion captives for \$62 million.

The invaders who unsuccessfully attempted to topple Castro a year ago were Cuban refugees who had considerable U.S. support short of direct combat participation.

It was pointed out to newsmen here that the fate of other prisoners, who also contested Castro and in some cases, may have suffered more than the invaders, should be considered too. It has been estimated that Castro jailed 200,000 persons in the wake of the invasion.

American officials said the Washington discussions have not resulted in the setting of any hard and fast U.S. policy on the invasion prisoners. Two general conclusions did emerge.

1. The U.S. government condemns as barbaric Castro's ransom offer and does not want to get into any deal with him in-

volving a swap of money for human lives.

2. For humanitarian reasons, the U.S. government has no objection to voluntary actions by persons seeking on their own release of some or all of the captives.

The government has interposed no barrier to the proposed trip to Havana today by a delegation representing a committee of relatives of the invasion prisoners. The group hopes to negotiate with Castro.

In preliminary checking, American authorities also have uncovered no legal impediment to sending money to Cuba, even though from a foreign policy standpoint Washington wants to cut down on Castro's foreign exchange. Cuban refugees currently are able to send money to the folks back home.

Four representatives of the Cuban Families Committee were to fly from Miami to Havana today, although they have no assurance that they will be able to meet with Castro. Three of the four made a similar trip last August. They were unable to see Castro and finally left after a month in Cuba.

The committee has said it has \$26 million in cash and pledges with which to begin negotiations for freedom of the prisoners.

Soviet Union Asked To Outlaw Books On Inevitability Of War

GENEVA (AP)—U.S. Delegate Arthur H. Dean called on the Soviet Union Monday to outlaw books which dwell on the inevitability of war—including the works of Marx, Lenin and Stalin.

He made the demand in a heated session of the 17-nation disarmament conference in which delegates from East and West clashed on the question of how to eliminate war propaganda.

Tiller-Milo Red Cross Drive Ends

By MRS. MILTON HAMMERSLY

The annual drive for Red Cross funds in the Tiller-Milo area was concluded last week with receipts totaling \$69.75, according to Mrs. John O. Wilson who had charge of local solicitations.

Dean reiterated that the United States believes this problem can best be dealt with by increasing exchanges of views across the Iron Curtain.

Soviet Delegate Valerian A. Zorin contended war propaganda should be made a formal crime in every country. He charged American refusal to countenance this indicated the United States is falsely sheltering behind principles of free expression.

Zorin also accused the United States of repressing American citizens who sought peace.

Dean rejected the contention as absolutely false. He said the United States acts only on the principle that any state has the right to prevent subversion by force.

He emphasized that the American government prosecutes only those who advocate force for political ends. His reference obviously was to Communists.

It was at this point that Dean urged the outlawing of books preaching the inevitability of war, and he specifically named the works of Marx, Lenin and Stalin.

She was assisted by Mrs. MacBelle Zimmerman, Mrs. Ira B. Poole, Mrs. Hillard M. Lillgren, Mrs. L. C. Graves and Mrs. A. Martinson.

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Milo Man Better

Elmer (Bud) Fisher of Milo was released Tuesday from Mercy Hospital in Roseburg where he underwent surgery the previous week for relief of a back injury. He is recovering rapidly and is able to be up and about part of each day.

Visiting during the week at the Fisher home was Mrs. Fisher's nephew, Ernest Hunnicutt, who is stationed at the Portland Air Base. He formerly made his home with the Fisher family and attended Days Creek High School.

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Tenmile 4-H Club Plans Easter Party April 21

By MRS. WALTER COATS

Billy Cook, Mike Shafer, Jean Walczak, Betty Hall, and Mary Jean Dickover demonstrated the proper way to set a table at the recent meeting of the Mixmasters 4-H Cooking Club at the Club House in Tenmile. Two visitors and 29 members were present.

Mavis Williams was elected vice president. Kathy Gilbert, Judy Huff, Nancy Gilbert, and Suzanne Parker were appointed to plan an Easter party for the afternoon of April 21. Sandy Parker led the group in singing 4-H songs.

George Butts, who was injured by a falling tree limb recently when working on the Tenmile School property, has been released from the hospital and is convalescing at home.



JANET HAZELTON of Myrtle Creek will be among participants in the Miss Douglas County competition this weekend. Sweet 16, Miss Hazelton is 5-2 and weighs 110 pounds. She has resided in Douglas County six years. (Barbroy's Studio)



A DILLARD entry in the Miss Douglas County pageant this year will be pretty 17-year-old Judy Wade. A resident of Douglas County for 12 years, Miss Wade is 5-6 and weighs 125 pounds. Miss Wade and other lovelies will compete in the annual beauty competition this weekend during the Umpqua Boat Show. (Barbroy's Studio)



BRUNETTE Caryl Tallon, 17, of Rt. 3, Box 476, is another in the bumper crop of Miss Douglas County queen contest entries. The 5-Foot-3-inch 115-pound girl has lived in Douglas County 16 years. Competition is scheduled this weekend. (Barbroy's Studio)

Orientation Sessions Scheduled For Election Clerks This Month

With the elections due May 18, County Clerk G. D. Myllenbeck is scheduling orientation sessions this month and early next month to instruct election boards.

He has asked all election board clerks to attend the sessions in their areas in order to receive instructions relating to election procedures. He said members who had served on previous election boards and have had or anticipate problems come prepared to ask questions.

Myllenbeck said he would also distribute 1961-62 election board manuals.

Joining him on the junkets around the county will be Arthur Selby, county Civil Defense director. Since the election boards will automatically become rationing boards in case of enemy attack, he will inform the boards of any changes in the plans of operation and check equipment of the various boards to make certain all materials are available. Selby said the boards must be prepared to go into operation in the shortest possible time.

The schedule of sessions for the two men will start this Saturday at Reedsport and Drain. The first is at 2 p.m. at Reedsport Union High School cafeteria, and the second will be at 7 p.m. in Drain High School auditorium.

Others on the schedule are: Sutherlin, 7 p.m., April 21, at West Sutherlin Elementary School auditorium; Roseburg, 2 p.m. April 21 at Courthouse for members of election precincts within the city limits; April 28 at 2 p.m. in courthouse for members living east of Highway 99 outside the city limits; April 28 at 7 p.m. in courthouse for members coming to Roseburg living west of Highway 99.

Canyonville May 5 at 2 p.m. in Canyonville School; Myrtle Creek May 5 at 7 p.m. in the Myrtle Creek School cafeteria.

Myllenbeck says that due to the large number of election board members in the Roseburg area, efforts should be made to observe the Roseburg schedule by those planning to come to the Courthouse.

Standardization Check Set

A standardization check is set at Camas Valley High School Thursday morning by Ray Osburn, supervisor of secondary education for the State Department of Education.

Kenneth Barneburg, county superintendent of schools, said a person from the county office will participate in the check.

Barneburg said high schools of the state receive these checks about once every three years.

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Oregon State Lawyer Poll Favors Denecke For Court

PORTLAND (AP)—Lawyers voting in the Oregon State Bar poll on judicial candidates in the coming election voted overwhelmingly for Circuit Judge Arno Denecke, Portland, in the only contested Supreme Court race.

149; State Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, 46; and Morris Zipper, 19. All are from Portland.

Judge Denecke seeks the seat to be left vacant by Justice Harold Warner, who is not seeking reelection.

In the 21st judicial district of Benton, Lincoln and Linn counties, the lawyers gave Stewart Weiss, Sweet Home, 22 votes, Eugene Richardson, Newport, was close behind with 20 votes.

The lawyers gave Judge Denecke 1,530 votes to only 258 for his opponent, Circuit Judge Lyle R. Wolff, Baker.

Others were Lincoln County Dist. Atty. A. R. McMullen, Newport, 13; Dan W. Poling, Newport, 5; and Fred Allen, Newport, 4.

Oregon Tax Judge Peter Gunnar, Salem, also received a strong endorsement from the lawyers.

Robert B. Kerr, Klamath Falls, led in the district court poll in Klamath County with 29 votes. Sam A. McKee, Klamath Falls, followed with 7.

Gunnar received 1,150 votes to 383 for his opponent, lawyer Raymond L. Jones, Portland.

Dan P. McLoughlin, The Dalles, had 14 votes for district judge in Wasco County to only one for his opponent, Vernon L. Burda.

The only other statewide judicial office up at this election is the Supreme Court seat held by Chief Justice William McAllister. No poll was taken because he is unopposed.

There were 2,422 ballots sent out by the Bar, and 1,908 were returned.

In the race for the 4th judicial district circuit court of Multnomah County, the lawyers gave 428 votes to District Judge Richard J. Burke, Portland.

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Tools Reported Stolen

Theft of tools and two heavy jacks from the L. L. Burr Logging Co. on Cavit Creek was reported to the Sheriff's Department Monday. Deputies are investigating.

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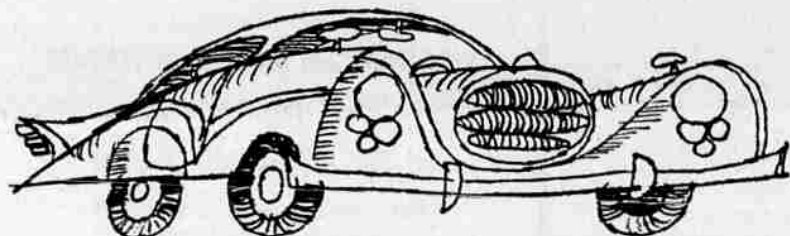
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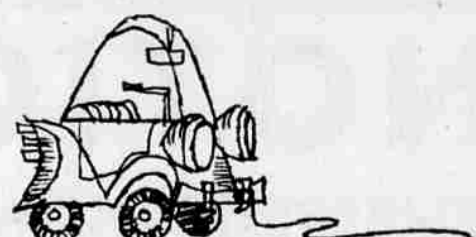
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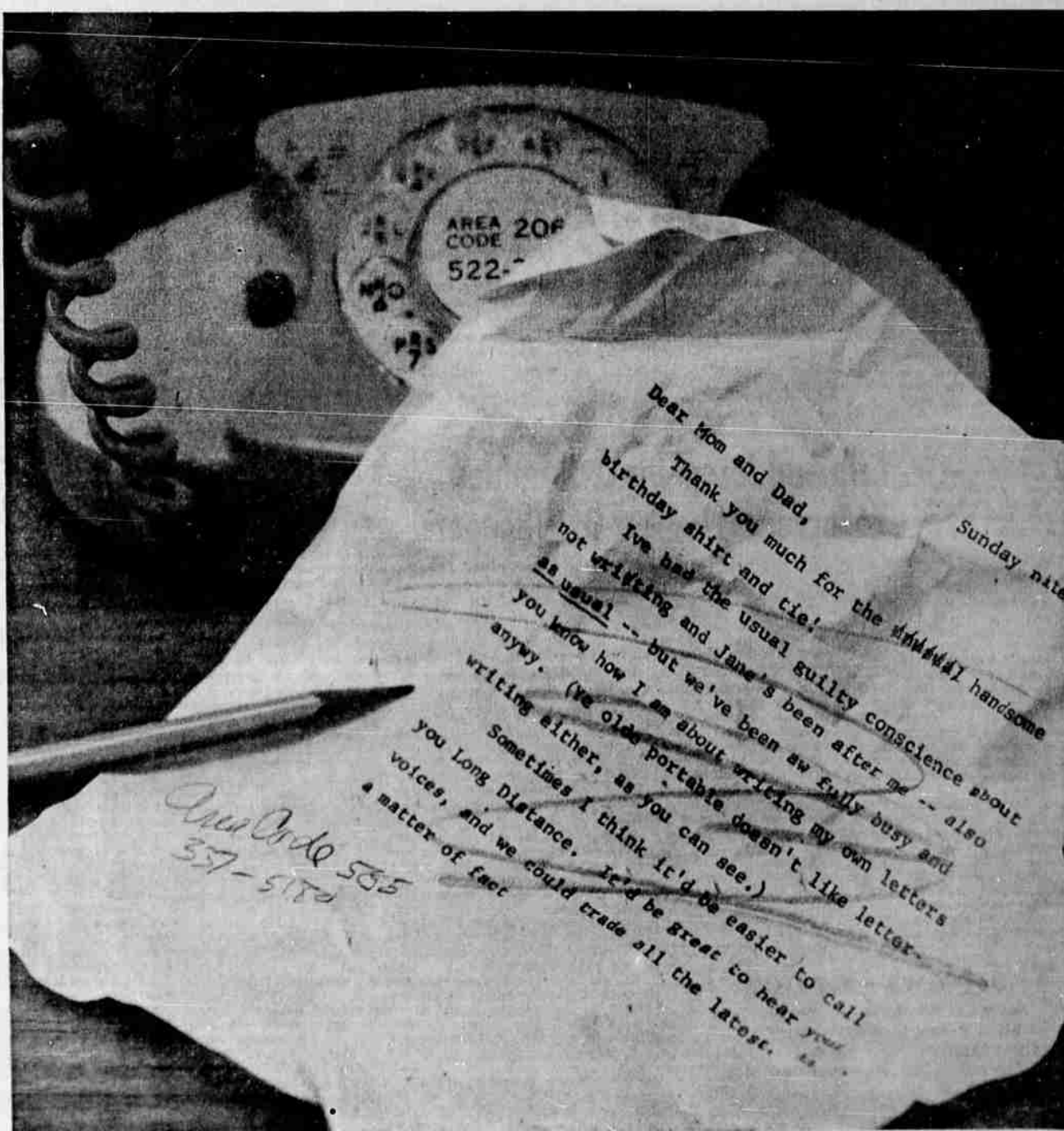
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