

# A Special Observer Interview With Fidel Castro

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WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special to The Observer) — Fidel Castro is one man of action who is not a man of words. We sat for two and a half hours along with other newspaper editors and strained to make out his broken English as he gave one long speech in answer to questions.

He did well. He made a good impression. He was not evasive and his torrent of words obviously were not to use up time so that his audience would not get to possibly embarrassing questions. At least that was the way it seemed in the second row in the big room where he spoke. Those who heard him on TV probably had the same difficulty the editors did in under-

standing him. This city seemed to be having the nervous jitters about the visit of the Cuban prime minister. There were rumors the Batista partisans would try to assassinate him. As a result the most elaborate security measures are taken wherever he goes.

We have been staying in the same hotel where he and many of his bearded followers were housed and the police seem to be everywhere. The Secret Service were out in force for the noon luncheon to check everyone who went near him.

Castro says this annoyed him. He claims he is not afraid someone will take a shot at him. That seems to be true. We just saw him climb into an open car and perch himself on the back of the seat as he was driven away from the hotel. Obviously he loves acclaim and misses no opportunity to be seen. If there are any assassins around they should not find it difficult to draw a bead on him.

As expected Castro came dressed in dark olive drab with his shirt open at the neck. It was a clean shirt, however, the only change in his costume since he came in out of the back country. In 1953 when he was tried and convicted as a rebel, he said he was one who abhors puerile vanity with all his soul, and it is not in his spirit or in his temperament to affect poses or sensationalism of any kind.

If asked now he would probably say that his dress and his beard are not a pose nor an affectation. Rather they are his trade marks and he can't yet bear to part with them.

At 32 he is tall, youthful looking and rather on the well fed side. The editors, individualists to a man, gave him the mild sort of standing ovation that was more polite than enthusiastic, showing a reluctance on the part of many to forgive him the summary way many of his military foes were tried and shot when the revolution ended.

He was eager to tell his story. The room had been equipped with the new IBM instantaneous translation device so that his answers in Spanish would be translated into English automatically. But he never resorted to his native tongue, preferring instead to struggle with English, turning aside frequently to his ambassador for a word that eluded him.

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## Bolivian Uprising Failure

### Government Troops And Police Patrol

LA PAZ, Bolivia (UPI) — Government troops and police patrolled the streets of La Paz today under a state of siege declared during Sunday's unsuccessful revolt by the ring-wing socialist Falange Party.

At least 22 persons were killed and more than 50 wounded in fighting at the state radio station, the city hall, military barracks and police headquarters.

The rebels gained control of the radio station for a short time.

A government communique said the fighting began shortly before noon and that the rebellion was put down in a matter of hours by the militia. It said the regular armed forces were not needed.

More than 80 rebels were arrested, including Falange leader Luis Saenz and Roberto Freyre, co-editor of the newspaper Antorcha.

## Herter Describes Himself As A 'Strong Team Worker'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Newly appointed Secretary of State Christian A. Herter today described himself as a "strong team worker." He implied that he will do much less traveling than his predecessor, John Foster Dulles.

Herter made the statements when he flew back to Washington from a weekend rest in South Carolina which was interrupted Saturday morning when he went to Augusta, Ga., to hear President Eisenhower announce his appointment.

Herter said he thought that chances were "good" that C. Douglas Dillon, undersecretary of state for economic affairs, would be moved over to undersecretary as Herter's top assistant. He added, however, that this was "an appointment for the President" to make.

The 64-year-old Massachusetts politician-diplomat, using metal arm crutches as he moved from the plane to a microphone, was asked whether Eisenhower's delay of several days in appointing him had "weakened" his position. He replied "I do not think so."

Herter said the President "was waiting for a physical report he wanted and I was delighted" to have it made.

Herter said he was "delighted to be back in Washington" and to continue the duties that he has been carrying out since Dulles was stricken with cancer for the second time. He added that he was "deeply honored" by the confidence shown in him by Dulles and the President.

Herter said that he did not want to comment on foreign policy matters until he had been confirmed by the Senate. His nomination was sent to the Senate today and will be considered by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Tuesday.

## Pianists Please Fans In La Grande Concert

### By Buck Buchanan, Observer Staff Writer

Melvin Stecher and Norman Horowitz, duo-pianists who played here yesterday afternoon in a Civic Music concert at the La Grande High School auditorium, were given a standing ovation by concert goers after the two-hour program.

"Best program and artists in years," was the general consensus of the small but enthusiastic crowd of Civic Music ticket holders.

Particularly impressive was the second number on the program, "Variations on a Theme by Beethoven" by Camille Saint-Saens. This brilliant work was played with great charm and fluency by the piano team.

## 134 Horses Change Hands Here At Sale

The La Grande Mavericks' second annual horse sale, held here Sunday resulted in 134 horses sold according to Coy Hamilton and Roy Byron, who are working on total sales figures today.

The 134 sold yesterday compared with 85 sold last year, the first such sale held by the local riding club. Officials of the organization said the sale provides club activity financing for the remainder of the year.

Top horse sold this year was Consy by Heber Glen of North Powder. Glen's "Sunshine High School" stallion sold for \$1,900. The bay stallion foaled in May 1951 is a working horse, used for cattle cutting, according to Glen.

## 'Well, Read That One First Please'

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI)—State Sen. Jack Schroeder, a Republican, interrupted Democratic Sen. Melvin Wolf to object to his criticism of the motives of Republican legislators.

"My last paragraph praises you," Wolf told him.

"Well, read that one first, please," Schroeder said.

## Reds Accuse Dalai Lama Of Lying

NEW DELHI, India (UPI) — Communist China accused the Dalai Lama today of lying when he made his weekend statement accusing the Reds of treachery and murder in Tibet.

A political commentator for the Communist New China News Agency said in a Chinese language broadcast that the Dalai Lama's statement, made in Tezpur when he reached freedom after fleeing his Red-dominated homeland, was "embedded in falsehood."

The commentator's remarks, the first Communist Chinese reaction, claimed the youthful Tibetan godking's statement was a "clumsy document" which ignored the fact that Tibet is a land made of various nationalities—not just Tibetans.

## Bulletin

**SALEM (UPI)—The Oregon House today passed 31-26 a bill that would abolish the state's three-man Board of Control which controls state institutions.**

**Vote was along party lines with all Democrats but Rep. Grace Peck (D-Portland) voting for it and all Republicans against it.**

**The bill now goes to the Senate. The Board of Control is composed of the governor, state treasurer and secretary of state.**

## Future Farmers Parent-Son Event

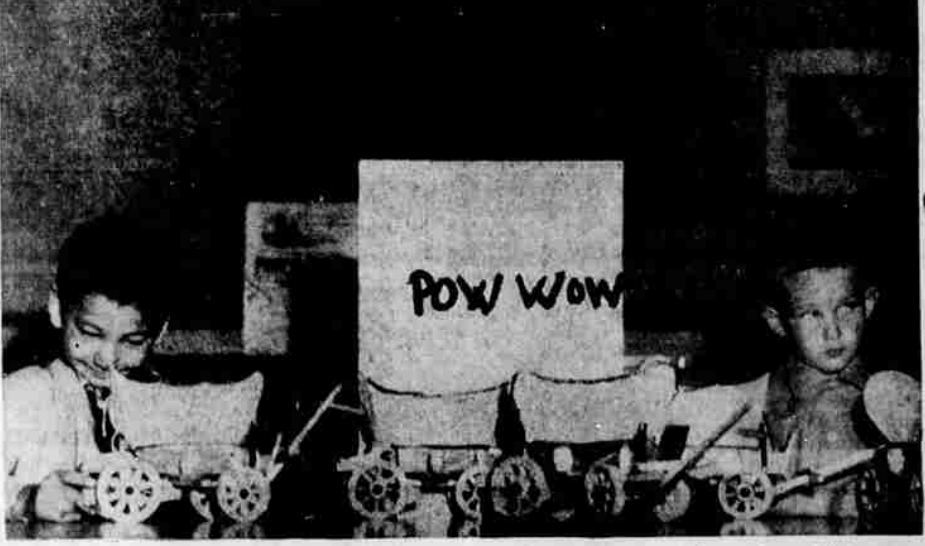
La Grande chapter of the Future Farmers of America will hold their annual Parent-Son Banquet tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at Central School, President Ed McLaughlin said this morning.

During the meal the annual hog-calling contest between fathers will be held, McLaughlin said. Main speaker for the evening will be state President Ed Glenn from Lostine.

## 'Independence Or Bust... End Of The Oregon Trail'

OLATHE, Kans (UPI) — The people of this western Kansas town got ready today to welcome Oregon's covered wagon train which Sunday started a 2020-mile recrossing of the route of the pioneers.

Former President Harry S. Truman gave the seven wagons the go-ahead signal at Independence, Mo., at 8:30 a.m. Sunday after a brief prayer by the Rev. Donald McKay of the First Christian Church.



POW WOW—Rodger Beickel, left seems intrigued by the miniature models of covered wagons imported for the Pioneer Pow Wow which opens here Thursday this week — but his podner, Steve Craig, must be a product of the 20th century for he seems to be saying, 'What are these?' Groups and organizations here are busy preparing their shows and booths for the opening of the big three-day celebration. (Observer Photo)

## Pioneer Pow Wow Plans Move Steadily Forward

Slow to shape up in its early stage, the La Grande Pioneer Pow Wow today moved steadily forward to its fulfillment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday as planning and preparations were intensified on all fronts of the area's big centennial celebration.

The outlook for the three-day event, based on the mounting interest and enthusiasm shown in recent days by organizations, individuals and business firms, is "the biggest and finest community celebration in the history of our area," according to the Pow Wow committee.

## Riot Victim's Funeral Held At Deer Lodge

DEER LODGE, Mont. (UPI)—A simple, 20-minute funeral service was held Sunday for Deputy Warden Theodore Rothe, 40, whose violent death touched off the bloody, 35-hour convict mutiny at Montana State Prison.

As this ranching community of 3,500 paid its final respects to the official, the bodies of the unsuccessful escape attempt lay in pine boxes at the local mortuary.

## PROPERTY RELEASE

**KARACHI, Pakistan (UPI)** — The Pakistani government has decided to release German property confiscated during World War II, it was announced today. The announcement said steps were being taken to remit the value of these assets to the government of West Germany.

## One Will Get You Five!

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## Oregon's Covered Wagon Train Is Rolling Along

Douglas county, Ore., deputy sheriff also was mounted and rode "point" while George McUne of Medford brought up the rear.

The rest of the 18 modern-day pioneers — including six women and three children — were aboard the wagons. Hundreds of persons lined the route for the first day's trip which was mostly through the suburban areas of Kansas City.

The wagon train stopped for the night at Red Bridge Farm, Mo. Olathe was the goal today, Gardner Tuesday and Lawrence Wednesday.

Sunday's quiet sendoff followed ceremonies Saturday which included a rain-shortened parade around Independence Square — where the Oregon Trail began in the 1840's — and short speeches.

Truman, who earlier in the day interrupted a conference with Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo) to show members of the Oregon Centennial Commission around his memorial library, accepted a gift of a one-square-inch parcel of Oregon vacation land in the Cascades.

## Cool Weather Stunts Ticket Selling Raid

"I'm not looking for a man — I'm looking for adventure," Miss Marshall said. "I'm going because I like horses and the outdoors," said Miss Johnson. Both will help with the cooking.

Members of the visiting Oregon delegation were treated royally in Independence. They were taken to and from events in police-escorted station wagon motorcades from the time they arrived Friday night until they flew back to Oregon Sunday.

Truman pleasantly surprised the four Centennial Commission members Saturday morning by escorting them around the library himself. He was presented with a Centennial rose bush by Mrs. Sweetland and with a check for \$100 for the library by Jackson county, Ore., Young Democrats. Independence, incidentally, is in Jackson county, Mo.

## Cool Weather Stunts Ticket Selling Raid

Cool weather stunted their sales but not their ardor Saturday as the Beta Theta "mountain gals" pulled another Adams avenue ticket selling raid on behalf of the Blue Mountain Boys benefit dance, climax event to the Pioneer Pow Wow next Saturday night.

The gals, done up in their finest mountain dress, bedazzled about 20 frightened males into purchases during their two hour sojourn on the street.

Advance ticket sales to the dance, a come-as-you are and have fun affair, now stands at 190, reports the group.

Music will be by Rhodes Lewis and his orchestra and dancing will start at 9:30 p.m. in the Sacajawea ballroom.

## Future Farmers Parent-Son Event

There are two single girls on the wagon train — Jean Marshall 22, Roseburg, and Valoyce Johnson, 24, a Portland secretary.

Members of the wagon train crew were in top spirits and were anxious to get started. Janell Rondebaugh, 11, Drain, youngest member of the trip, found four young rabbits in a nearby field and hoped to be able to get them all to Oregon. She hid them from Serpa — she was afraid he wouldn't allow them to be taken along.

Eight of the 21 persons on the train are from Douglas county, which has two wagons — Drain and Roseburg. "On to Drain — Gateway to the Oregon Coast", read one banner. "One of the 100 valleys of the Umpqua — Roseburg — Timber Capital of the Nation" read another.