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Castro Must Have Known About Panama Invasion

WASHINGTON—Fidel Castro's statement that he knew nothing about the Cuban invasion force that landed in Panama is Fidelista double-talk.

Here are the real facts: the port from which the 96 Cubans, plus 200 subsequent invaders, departed was Batabano, a small anchorage in southern Cuba opposite the Isle of Pines.

Batabano is so small that it would be impossible for a force of 96 well-equipped men, and later 200 others, to depart without the knowledge of the Cuban authorities and without direct authorization of Fidel Castro.

Yet the oratorical premier of Cuba claims that he was in complete ignorance of the Panamanian invasion.

Note—Real fact is that Fidel Castro attacks the United States in Cuba and praises Americans when in the United States.

He uncovered Teapot Dome

Few senators who listened to the earnest plea of Sen. Clinton Anderson of New Mexico to scrutinize carefully the part played by Adm. Lewis Strauss in the Dixon-Yates conflict - of interest case, realized one reason why Anderson was so earnest. They did not know he had once played a vital part in exposing another great conflict-of-interest case.

In South Dakota where he was born, Anderson contracted TB

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

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NEW YORK—Former President Truman commenting on praise at his 75th birthday celebration:

"I can hardly discuss it—I am a timid man—I'm embarrassed by what you said here."

HAVANA, Cuba — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro on the success of his revolution:

"We Cubans have responsibilities with other brother peoples of the American continents. Many peoples of America would like to have what we Cubans now are attaining."

MERCED, Calif.—Mrs. Elicia Parker, on why she left Poplarville, Miss., after her son was lynched:

"I couldn't even get anyone to take me into the grocery store or be seen with me. Everyone was afraid that something more would happen, and so they gave me money and told me to leave."

LAURELTON, N.J.—Magistrate Stanley J. Blair, who had sentenced two teen-aged boys to jail for drinking beer:

"I don't like to send anyone to jail. But where you've tried and failed to help someone, that's the next step."

WASHINGTON — Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) on the death of Deputy Defense Secretary Donald A. Quarles:

"The loss of Donald Quarles is a critical one for the United States at a critical time in our defense and international relations."

Local Projects For Centennial Are Discussed

Local projects for the State Centennial observance highlighted discussion at this week's meeting of Chamber of Commerce directors.

The Chamber agreed to assist the local Centennial association in efforts to establish welcome booth facilities at the association's office in the Sacajawea hotel lobby.

The city will be asked to make available tourist parking facilities in front of the booth.

President Powell Graham said a committee will be appointed to further this project.

Graham also presented proposals for a city clean-up campaign, prior to the official opening of Oregon's Centennial celebration next month.

The proposals will be referred to the Retail Merchants Association for consideration.

"Visitors Information" signs, directing out-of-town people to the Chamber of Commerce office will be installed this week, according to Mel Elder.

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and went to New Mexico for his health. Working for the Albuquerque Journal, he unearthed the first clue to the famous Teapot Dome oil scandal.

He learned that a prize race horse had been shipped from the east in a special railroad car to the New Mexican ranch of Albert B. Fall, secretary of the interior under Harding.

Fall was a relatively poor man, and his sudden affluence aroused Anderson's suspicion. He investigated, and in cooperation with the Chicago Tribune and the Denver Post, finally ran down the fact that the race horse had come from the New Jersey farm of Harry B. Sinclair of the Sinclair Oil Company, beneficiary of the Teapot Dome lease.

Anderson and his paper, the Journal, were subjected to all sorts of pressure, including an advertising boycott which forced Carl Magee, the publisher, to sell the Journal to a friend of President Harding's.

On one occasion, according to Werner and Starr in their book, "Teapot Dome," Secretary of the Interior Fall came into the Journal office and asked in a loud voice, "Who is the S.O.B. who is writing those lies about me?"

No Lies Here

Anderson stood up. He is six foot two.

"I'm the S.O.B. and I don't write lies," he said.

Fall evaporated. Anderson went on to become congressman, senator, and a member of the cabinet.

The Teapot Dome scandal caused President Coolidge to appoint two special prosecutors, Owen Roberts and Atlee Pomerene, to prosecute Fall and Attorney General Harry Daugherty, together with Sinclair and Edward L. Doheny.

The Dixon-Yates contract, which is by all odds the biggest conflict of interest since the Teapot Dome scandal, was cancelled by the Eisenhower administration because a banker representative, Adolph Wenzel, had been secretly placed inside the budget bureau to help pull off the contract.

Although the Justice Department officially cited this as the reason for canceling the contract, President Eisenhower, unlike Coolidge, has appointed no special counsel to prosecute the guilty.

Note—One of those who helped unearth the Teapot Dome scandal was the late Sen. John B. Kendrick of Wyoming. His secretary was then a young man named Joe O'Mahoney who later, as senator from Wyoming, helped unearth the Dixon-Yates scandal.

Another Wyoming senator, Gale McGhee, is the most faithful Democrat on the committee now examining the Dixon-Yates conflict of interest as it pertains to Adm. Lewis L. Strauss.

Correcting Senate Speeches

The congress of the United States is perhaps the only place in the world where a man can say one thing and have it recorded entirely differently.

When GOP Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois made that Clare Boothe Luce faux pas, "Don't beat an old bag of bones," it was dutifully and accurately reported in all the newspapers. But it appeared in a different form in the Congressional Record next day.

Dirksen had changed it. As finally published in the Record, Dirksen said, "Don't beat a political bag of bones."

Perhaps it was accidental, perhaps deliberate, but Sen. Wayne Morse's rewording remark was partly omitted. Morse had replied to Dirksen: "Doesn't the senator wish to change that phrase? I only referred to her as a charming lady."

The congressional Record for the next day, however, omits Morse's phrase, "I only referred to her as a charming lady."

Senate stenographers claim they did not hear Morse make this statement, but newspapermen did and duly reported it.

Senators sometimes protest that their debate should not be left to the human frailty of stenographers, but should be taped instead. Other senators, however, object. The written transcript of a court reporter can be altered. A tape recording can't be.

McChord Jets Break Barrier

PORTLAND (UPI) — Two Jet F-102s stationed at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, broke the sound barrier Friday night and the sonic-boom set off a flurry of phone calls to newspapers and radio stations.

A spokesman at the Portland Air Base said the two jet planes cracked the sound barrier flying above 35,000 feet. They reportedly were 20 to 30 miles north of here.

SEEKS TRADE WITH RUSSIA

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (UPI) — Brazilians attending an economic conference in Geneva next week are expected to propose full-scale resumption of trade between Russia and Brazil, it was reported today. Foreign Office sources said the Brazilian delegation has been instructed to lay the foundation for a trade agreement with Russia.

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DETROIT'S 59ERS DETERMINED TO CARVE WILDERNESS HOMES

Editors: Earlier this year, approximately three dozen Detroit residents left in a caravan to travel to Alaska where they planned to start a new life as homesteaders.

The group, known as the 59ers, arrived at Anchorage on Good Friday, March 27, and most of them since have gone up the Susitna River from Anchorage to pick out homestead sites. Martin Heerwald, UPI Seattle bureau manager, flew to the remote region to get on-the-scene interviews.

By MARTIN HEERWALD

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TALKEETNA, Alaska (UPI) — Detroit's 59ers, some of them temporarily stranded across the frozen Susitna River and others waiting to cross, remain determined to carve a living out of the Alaskan wilderness.

This reporter and United Press Movie-tone cameraman Parris Emory flew into this tiny community of about 100 population to get a first hand report on how the 59ers are progressing with their plans to homestead the virgin land nearly 4,500 miles from home.

At the time of this dispatch, the two dozen 59ers who decided to make the Susitna Valley their home are frustrated by the big river which is just beginning to break up, making it unsafe to cross by foot, impossible to cross by boat. About another dozen of the original group of 37 decided to stay on the Kenai Peninsula, south of Anchorage.

Much Enthusiasm

Fourteen of the group here crossed the quarter-mile wide Susitna with three house trailers about a week ago when the ice was strong enough to support the trailers and the bulldozer which pulled them. The fourth and fifth

trailer started to sink through the ice as the next day's thawing began to make the ice mushy, but the modern-day pioneers managed to save the trailers with the help of townspeople.

If anyone in the group was thinking about giving up the whole idea and returning to Detroit, the feelings didn't show. Enthusiasm expressed for Alaska matched the brightness of a cloudless day with temperatures in the 50s and Mount McKinley, tallest in the nation at 20,320 feet, towering snow white above other peaks about 60 miles to the north.

Alaska "Just Great"

"We haven't become discour-

aged yet," said Mrs. Eleanor Rubino, who with her husband Nicholas, gave up good jobs to come here. They have a son, Nick Jr., 10, who thinks everything about Alaska "is just great."

"It's been hard, believe me," Mrs. Rubino said, "but we'll manage somehow. We might have to live in tents for a while, because now we can't move our trailer across until the river freezes again next fall. And we probably will have to melt snow to do our laundry and face a lot of problems we haven't even dreamed of yet. But you can't beat the Alaska people. We've never known anyone as friendly and helpful."

What about schooling for the Rubino's son, when the family is settled across the river?

School By Mail

"I'm told Alaska offers a wonderful correspondence course," Mrs. Rubino said, "and Nickie will get along all right. In fact he's looking forward to school by mail."

The 59ers have been so concerned with getting everyone together across the river, to the east from here, and making plans for summer that they haven't made definite winter plans. The temperature in the region, on the cold side of the moist curtain which protects the coastal areas, may dip as low as 50 degrees below zero.

"One thing is sure," said Bob Watkins, a bachelor who has grown a full beard and mustache since arriving in Alaska, "we'll have to stick together and help each other or we won't survive. But we plan to stay together, and I think we will."

More Land in Susitna

Watkins explained that most of the 59ers decided on the Susitna Valley, although the original plan called for homesteading the Kenai Peninsula, because land in sizeable, farmable quantities is less available on the Kenai.

Asked if they had any advice to give others planning to homestead Watkins replied:

"Tell them to travel as lightly as possible. We found we carried much too much food and equipment with us. We just as easily could have bought our food, even our house trailers, right in Anchorage. We would have been money ahead if we had brought virtually nothing but ourselves. One family even brought its 24-inch TV and hi-fi sets. Frankly, we didn't know as much as we should have about Alaska. We made a lot of mistakes."

This new study showed that 80 per cent of the victims had smoked more than 9,125 packs of cigarettes, or two packs a day for 12 1/2 years. But the average lifetime consumption of the group was about 15,000 packs, or 20 years at two packs a day.

It found that the younger patients were among 36 who had smoked less than 5,475 packs in their lifetimes. This was the sole exception to the study's finding that "the total number of packs smoked... is the important variable, and it makes no difference whether the total effect was accumulated over a short or a long period of time," the scientists said in reporting to a technical organ of the American Cancer Society.

The younger patients had smoked two packs a day for no longer than seven and a half years before developing lung cancer. The report said this "exception" suggested that persons who started smoking while young were slightly more liable to lung cancer than others. Only eight of the 500 were non-smokers and 19 others didn't smoke cigarettes.

Timothy V. Hartnett, chairman of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee, said he found the report "interesting in that it is one survey that shows factors other than smoking which are significantly related to the incidence of lung cancer."

He noted that Lombard and Sniegoff acknowledged that their statistics could not prove that cigarette smoking is a direct cause of lung cancer. This is the position of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee and of many scientists, he added.

War Memorial Fund Receives VFW Donation

Veterans of Foreign Wars contributed \$100 to the swimming pool War Memorial fund this week, pushing total contributions to \$324.

Jim Ritchey, chairman of the War Memorial Fund committee said this morning.

Previous big contributors were World War I veterans who gave \$100 and American Disabled Veterans who donated \$50.

Ritchey said that the committee had hoped to have the memorial ready for dedication ceremonies on Memorial Day, May 30, but added that at the present time a later dedication date would probably have to be set.

The memorial, made of gray granite taken from the Wallowa Lake area, will be placed on the sidewalk leading to the swimming pool dock. The pool was originally constructed by the city in honor of World War II dead.

Ritchey said the plaque for the memorial had been ordered. A six feet by 51 inch slab of granite was brought from Wallowa Lake last week and is present at the Wheaton Monument Works where workman will form the stone for the memorial. Wheaton is donating all work but labor costs to the memorial.

'Centerville' May Become Major Attraction

The sign erected this week by the Chamber of Commerce, to note that La Grande is 30 miles southeast of the geographic center of the 50 United States, was described by a Chamber official today as being one of the major tourist attractions of the area.

Fred Young, chairman of the Chamber's tourist and convention committee, urged local people and businessmen to call visitors' attention to the marker, which is located on the corner of the Sacajawea hotel, at Fir and Adams.

"This is the sort of thing which visitors like to photograph, as a reminder of their trip," Young noted. "We should make a special effort to tell all La Grande visitors of the sign."

A map on the marker indicates how the geographic center was determined. The actual spot is a few miles off the highway, above Catherine Creek State Park. The La Grande Chamber of Commerce has also erected a sign on the highway above the park.

Lamb Dealers Protest Grade

PORTLAND (UPI) — Lamb dealers are complaining that they stand to lose money because of a sudden down-grading of meat.

Prosser Clark, veteran salesman at the stockyards here, said the Department of Agriculture has changed its mind overnight as to what a choice grade lamb is.

"Up to two weeks ago Oregon and Washington lamb feeders were able to report that their lambs were grading 80 to 85 per cent choice—the next to the top grade. Now the same producers are shipping what they say are better lambs and the carcasses from these are grading only 10 to 15 per cent choice," Clark said.

He said this left the area short of choice grade lambs and "promotes an uneconomical situation for producers, meat packers and consumers."

It was understood that the USDA's point of view was that the lambs are grading good instead of choice because they are showing yearling lamb tendencies.

SIGN CULTURAL PACT

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — One hundred Iraqi students will study in Communist Czechoslovakia under terms of an Iraqi-Czech cultural exchange agreement signed Friday in Baghdad.

Newest Lung Cancer Study Report Given

NEW YORK (UPI) — Outdoor work, heavy drinking, and frequent respiratory illnesses are statistically significant in lung cancer but are far outweighed by cigarette smoking, the newest study of the problem showed today.

TV star Arthur Godfrey was included in the report's statistics. Of 500 lung cancer victims whose personal and ancestral histories were minutely investigated, about one-fifth were outdoor workers, about one-seventh were heavy drinkers, and one-third were frequently ill of respiratory troubles. But more than nine-tenths were cigarette smokers and four-fifths had smoked two packs or more a day for years.

The study was made by Drs. Herbert L. Lombard and Leonid S. Sniegoff of Harvard University, Tufts College, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. It took seven years and was designed to meet criticisms of previous statistical studies of relations between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. Such criticism has been made by the tobacco industry and some statisticians.

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Ike Planning To Play Golf

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (UPI) — Weather and the caddies' alarm clocks willing, President Eisenhower planned to play golf early today.

The Chief Executive drove from Washington to nearby Camp David, Md., Friday for a restful week end. He played golf during the afternoon at the Gettysburg Country Club, about 25 miles from the camp. He told Dick Sleichter, the club professional, he planned to play again this morning.

Wagner Attempts To Halt Strike In Hospitals

NEW YORK (UPI) — Mayor Robert F. Wagner called together union and hospital officials today in an effort to keep a strike at six hospitals from spreading to 15 more.

Members of the Retail Drug Employees Union walked off the job Friday to support demands for union recognition and higher pay. They immediately began picketing the six private, non-profit hospitals.

The Greater New York Hospital Association announced later that "all services are normal" despite the lack of the 3,800 nurses aides, orderlies, cleaners, kitchen workers and other "housekeeping" employees estimated by the union to have walked out.

The union threatened to extend the strike to nine additional hospitals if its demands are not met. And the rival Teamsters Union warned six other voluntary institutions it would call out its members unless it were recognized as their bargaining agent.

The strike was called in the face of state Supreme Court restraining orders.

Affected trusts far were the Beth Israel, Mount Sinai, Beth David, Lenox Hill, Brooklyn Jewish and Bronx hospitals caring for about 2,700 patients.

Hospital spokesmen said they could keep going indefinitely under present emergency arrangements.

Herter Confers With Adenauer

BONN, Germany (UPI) — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter confers with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today to review U.S.-West German viewpoints on Berlin and Germany before the Geneva foreign ministers conference Monday.

Herter planned to leave four and a half hours later for Geneva.

The views of Washington and Bonn were reported already close on the approach to the German question, and Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano was quoted as saying Herter brought a "good calling card" in his Thursday night TV-radio speech outlining American views.

Herter left Washington late Friday with full backing of President Eisenhower and a planless statement that he was leaving in a "hopeful spirit" but that his expectations of success were "not too high."

Grand Jury Investigates Embezzlement And Suicide

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A Federal Grand Jury opens an investigation next week into a \$3,714,710 embezzlement climaxed by the suicide of a bank vice president.

George A. Hewlett, 40, took his life last Friday after agreeing to go over discrepancies in record of the Long Beach branch of the U. S. National Bank of San Diego.

He left a note mentioning John Hendrickson, a wealthy manufacturer, who was arrested in the case and freed in \$50,000 bail. Hendrickson was ordered to appear before the Grand Jury next Wednesday.

Postage Boost Due For Dead Letter Basket

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The administration's request for a nickel stamp on first class letters appears likely to wind up as a dead letter in Congress.

There was no noticeable enthusiasm among congressmen for the administration proposal to raise the four-cent rate for regular letters to five cents and boost air mail letters from seven to eight cents.

One Republican member of the House Post Office Committee, Rep. H. R. Gross (Iowa) predicted flatly "there will be no rate bill passed this year."

Gross said he would not support any postage increase this year on top of the 550-million-dollar annual rate hike Congress voted last year.

The administration proposal, which would raise 355 million dollars a year, is a key part of President Eisenhower's plan for balancing the budget in the 1960 fiscal year which starts July 1.

The narrowly balanced budget he sent to Congress assumed that postage rates would be increased. Without them, his budget would show a 275-million-dollar deficit instead of a 70-million surplus.

Eisenhower did not spell out any details of the increases in his Budget Message. The proposal for a penny hike in regular and air mail rates, submitted in a letter from Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield to Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) late Thursday, gave no explanation for the 108-day wait.

JET LANDS SAFELY

LONDON (UPI) — A Pan American Boeing 707 jet airliner carrying 108 passengers from New York developed brake trouble prior to its arrival here Friday night but landed safely using its emergency braking system.

Hewlett, a banker for 22 years and up to his recent promotion to vice president a cashier at the Long Beach bank for four years, was outwardly a successful man.

But last Friday, Hewlett received a call from the bank just before he and his wife were leaving to go to a movie.

The call from the bank informed him that discrepancies had been found in the bank's books. Hewlett was asked to go to the bank the next day, Saturday, and he agreed.

Hewlett and his wife went to the movie but halfway through the film Hewlett slipped out of the theater, went into a nearby alley and put a bullet through his heart with a .38-caliber automatic.

He left a note of apology to his wife.

The part of the note federal agents studied with interest read: "No one else is involved in this terrible mess or even has the slightest knowledge of it, but Johnnie Hendrickson. We have not used any of this ourselves. It has all gone to John."

Hendrickson denied any part in the embezzlement, admitting only that he had become friends with Hewlett in 1954 when as a plumber he had a commercial account at the bank.

Water Supply Fair To Poor

PORTLAND (UPI) — Oregon's 1959 irrigation water supply outlook remains only fair to poor except on streams with irrigation reservoir facilities.

W. T. Frost, snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation Service, added that reservoirs hold an average supply of water but will be seriously depleted by excessive irrigation demands this summer.

April precipitation fell far short of normal, he said.

The mountain snow pack has been melting rapidly and only one-half of the snow which was on the ground April 1 remains. The April 1 snow-pack was only 61 per cent of normal.

Vale Youth Drowns On Malheur River

VALE, Ore. (UPI) — Douglas Crabb, about 15, drowned Friday afternoon while swimming near here. His body was recovered in the Malheur river at the mouth of Willow creek.

Four other teenagers reported they had been swimming with Crabb. They said he dived into the creek and failed to surface.



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