

TURMOIL IN CUBA IS REAL CONCERN FOR WASHINGTON

Finds That Less Known About Ins and Outs Island Politics Than Thought — Communism Is Shock

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Washington has put on a grave face as it contemplates what is happening in Cuba, but underneath there is much real concern.

Ordinarily, government overtures in Latin America do not greatly excite even the state department. They have come to be accepted as a part of the natural course of events, like colds in the head and minor traffic accidents. No one really hopes to do much about them.

One cause for worry is that the revolution which overthrew the new de Céspedes regime, and the events which have followed that overthrow, taught the Washington government that it knew less than it thought it did about the ins and outs of Cuban political currents.

This whole new phase of Cuban affairs has been a terrific shock to state department officials, who thought Ambassador Welles had done a magnificent job in Havana and, with the old Machado regime safely eased out, could come home with everything rosy.

American military men were surprised, too, to find that the Cuban army, which had acquitted itself so well during the Machado crisis, was so deeply permeated with discontent and even organized revolt.

But the greatest shock of all was the realization that communist groups had had and still have so large a hand in the situation.

There were other considerations not mentioned in any of the official announcements.

In everything they have done, American officials have given the impression of thinking once of Cuba and twice of the rest of the world—particularly the rest of Latin America. Mr. Roosevelt has been especially anxious that his "good neighbor" policy strike the exact right keynote in this first test.

On the one hand, the president's advisers considered it extremely important that Cuba's sister republics understand the big neighbor to the north would conduct herself with restraint, and would not cross their thresholds forcibly except as public order required it.

On the other hand, no one in Washington wanted to give Latin America the impression that the Roosevelt administration had gone pacifist, or that the United States marines had folded their tents and disbanded.

It has been a delicate task to steer a course which would give these neighbors just the desired notification that the United States has its hand in the right place, but packs a punch for emergencies.

Officials do not talk about it, but there is no question they also have been thinking of the impression created as far away as Tokyo. Japanese statesmen, in informal discussions with American diplomats,

LILLIAN STEIGER CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Lillian Ward Steiger, well-known resident of this city, and a prominent worker in philanthropic circles, died at 12:30 o'clock today, following a lingering illness. Born in Fremont, Wis., March 25, she was married to J. J. Steiger in 1895, and had been a resident of Klamath Falls and Medford since 1914.

HOME-MADE TRUCKS NEED NEW LICENSE

For the benefit of all persons in the valley who have converted pleasure cars into trucks or pick-ups during the past year, the state police announced today that a change in license must be made and that officers have been instructed to proceed with arrests where such changes have not been made.

EQUALIZATION BOARD COMPLETES LABORS

The board of equalization, which has been hearing applications for tax adjustments and reductions for the past month, closes its session today. Sixty applications have been received. Reductions were sought on various grounds, including depreciation of property values because of changes in highways. Several requests that land used for irrigation ditches and road rights of way be removed from the tax rolls were also received. The board of equalization is composed of County Judge E. B. Day, Assessor J. B. Coleman and County Clerk George B. Carter.

Get Peach Regulations — Peach growers of the valley, who wish copies of the new Oregon regulations on grades, are asked to call at the county agent's office, where they are now available. L. P. Wilcox, county horticulturist, announced this afternoon.

A mouse short circuited the switch of an electrically controlled furnace and set fire to the Roosevelt school in Salinas, Cal., causing several hundred dollars damage.

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After a vacation period of two months both National Guard companies, Co. A, 180th Infantry and Headquarters company, will commence regular drills again commencing next Tuesday evening. Plans are being formulated for a very active season for both organizations. There are a number of vacancies in the local companies at the present time, occasioned by CCC enlistments of some of the members and these will be filled immediately. Applicants for enlistment are urged to be at the Armory next Tuesday night.

No Pear Damage Seen From Wind

No commercial damage to Jackson county's pear crop as a result of the wind, blowing through the valley today, was reported this afternoon by L. P. Wilcox, county horticulturist. Reports received from the south end of the valley, he stated, announced that only a normal drop had been experienced, and the same condition was believed to exist in other sections.

The first great seal of the state of Washington was made by George N. Talcott, who is still living. For his model of the likeness of the first president he used a picture on the label of a cough cure.

Early summer is considered a desirable time by federal experts to treat sheep and lambs for the removal of stomach worms.

LOCAL OFFICERS GOING TO BEND

Jackson county and Medford will be well represented Saturday at the meeting in Bend of the Northwest Peace Officers association, it was announced here today. State police, the city police, sheriff's office and the district attorney will be represented in the delegation going from here.

Included in the session will be the Oregon State Sheriff's association, Northwest Oregon Peace Officers association, Southern Oregon Peace Officers association, and Eastern Oregon Peace Officers association. The meeting will be held in the Pilot Butte Inn, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

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