



PLANS RESISTANCE — Deposed Cuban President Carlos Prio Socarras leaves Miami's International Airport shortly after his arrival from Mexico where he has been in exile since his Government was overthrown by Gen Fulgencio Batista. He plans a 10-day stay in Miami to consult with friends and members of his Government and "organize resistance against Gen. Batista." On the right is his sister-in-law, Mrs. Antonio Prio.

Seaman Says Captain Tied Him to Bridge for 67 Days

Seattle — (U.P.) — A young Canadian seaman has charged his captain chained him to the bridge of the freighter Clyde L. Seavey for 67 days on a voyage half way around the world.

William M. Olynk, 27, of New Westminster, B. C., asked \$100,000 damages from the Isthmian Steamship company because of the chaining and because "I was made the object of ridicule and curiosity at ports the ship visited."

Said Insubordinate

Attorneys for the steamship company said Olynk was disciplined because he was "insubordinate and mutinous." The company accused Olynk of kicking Capt. Sydney E. Williams in the groin during an argument while the ship was at Batavia, Java.

Olynk said when the ship docked at Houston, Tex., he was tried and found innocent of assaulting the captain.

He said one of the ship's mates brought a girl friend aboard when the vessel stopped at another port and showed him off "as a chained curiosity."

Argument Follows Party

He said in a court deposition that the original argument started after he and his shipmates went aboard following a party in Batavia.

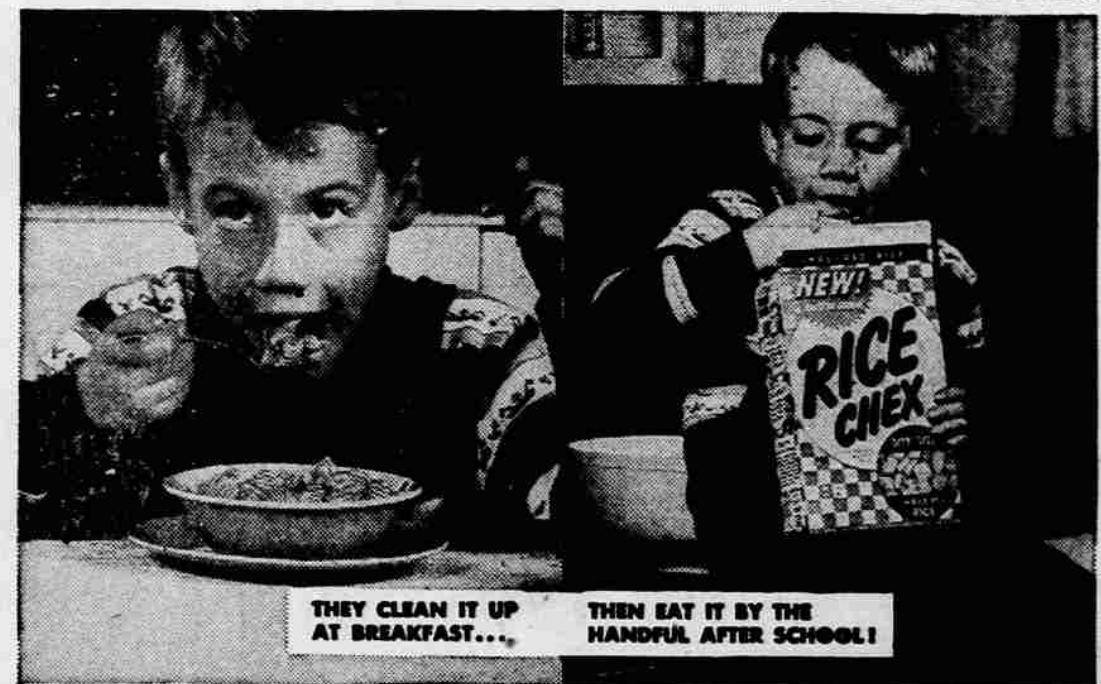
"Two days later the captain and two mates came armed to the mess hall, put me in handcuffs and fastened me to the port rail of the bridge with a leg iron," Olynk said. "In a few days I was moved to the starboard bridge rail and attached to a chain 12 feet long."

Many Used Cars Said Selling Above Ceiling

Portland — (U.P.) — Many used car dealers in Oregon and southwest Washington are selling automobiles at a figure two per cent above current ceilings, an Office of Price Stabilization official said.

Earl Gregg, head of the industrial material section of the local OPS office, said "many" dealers were selling cars at a price shown in column 'C' of their instructions. According to law, he said, they are supposed to reduce that figure by two per cent until April 1. On April 1, another two per cent cut is supposed to be made, Gregg said.

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Rogue River Asks Volunteer Work On New Fire Hall

Rogue River — Remodeling of the old Odd Fellows building into a fire hall is to begin March 20, according to an announcement by Second Assistant Douglas Buckle, in an appeal for laborers to aid with the work. Buckle states in an open letter addressed to the people of Rogue River and the Rural Fire District:

"As most of you know the volunteer Fire Department with cooperation of the City Council and Rural Board of Directors, has started the purchase of the I.O.O.F. building on Broadway in Rogue River. A lot of remodeling is necessary before the hall can be occupied by the fire trucks."

New Doors Needed

"The whole front of the north half of the building must be torn out and rebuilt with overhead doors, the sidewalk must be removed and rebuilt with a heavier base and sloping ramp. The wooden floor must also be torn out and filled with gravel for eventual concreting. These steps are absolutely necessary before occupancy, and are a bare minimum."

"We are now in a position to start work on this project but must have some help from you, the people. We are not asking for financial support at this time, that will come later when our dance season is nearer. But we are asking for some volunteer help. A few hours work will be a community boost. We hope to start work on this job March 20. We also extend an invitation to join our organization. A helping hand is always needed. Sincerely, Douglas Buckle, R. R. F. D."

The Bristol Silica company has responded to the call for aid and has donated material for the fill which is to replace the old wooden floor, and it is to be delivered as soon as the flooring can be removed, stated Buckle.

Youthful Portlanders Held in Auto Thefts

Seattle — (U.P.) — Sheriff's officers were holding two Portland, Ore., teen-agers Thursday after they confessed stealing five cars from Portland, Seattle and Everett, Wash.

The boys, 14 and 17 years old, told Sheriff Harlan S. Callahan they burned the last one, a convertible, because it broke down. They said they skipped school in Portland Friday, stole a car and drove to Seattle. They abandoned that vehicle, stole another and drove to Everett, Wash., where they stole two more cars.

Then, they said, they drove back to Seattle, hawksawed a trailer loose from the convertible and drove the car until its brakes failed and its motor overheated.

Disgusted, they set the car on fire. Sheriff's deputies arrested them two blocks away.

Former Engineer Asks Immediate End To North Africa Contract

Washington — (U.P.) — The former top engineer for a construction combine building Air Force bases in North Africa has recommended that the contract be "cut off tomorrow and not let go another day."

John W. Leahy, Bronxville, N. Y., told the Senate preparedness subcommittee that "we're just throwing money away" on the Moroccan bases.

Leahy was acting chief engineer from March 7, 1951, until Aug. 3, 1951, for Atlas Constructors, the contracting combine building the North African air bases. The program is expected to cost about \$455,000,000.

Money Said Wasted

Leahy said money spent on the bases is wasted and that the nature of the contract—cost plus a fixed fee—permits continuing waste.

"I frankly feel that it should be cut off tomorrow and not let go another day," he said.

Leahy, who has been in the construction business 23 years, complained of "unorthodox," "unheard of," and "helter-skelter buying" policies in North Africa. He testified that in some instances engineers' purchase specifications were rewritten by procurement officers and even by Miss Bernice Ringold—"the girl at the control desk." His engineers were kept busy writing "change orders" to get purchases back on the correct items.

Said Sordid Mess

Chairman Johnson said as the hearing opened that the base program is "a sordid mess." He said it has cost the taxpayers "millions" of dollars. Johnson added that it may cost lives unless construction errors are corrected.

John M. Griffith, former Army engineer consultant and now a research engineer, testified that insufficient base materials were used under the runways at two North African bases. Eventually there will have to be an overlay, he said, at a cost of "millions."

Atlas Constructors declared, however, that its record of performance in the North African program is "unparalleled in the entire history of construction." Atlas said the firm never has ignored a construction specification.

The firm charged that the evidence in the congressional inquiry was "stacked."

Ballet Instruction Ordered for Police

San Jose, Calif. — (U.P.) — San Jose State College's police school for undergraduate students planning police careers came up with an idea Thursday to keep the "flatfeet" on their toes.

Starting with the fall term, a course in ballet will be a required subject.

McKay Joins in Honors For Brig. Gen. Walsh

Portland — (U.P.) — Gov. Douglas McKay has joined members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce in honoring Brig. Gen. Orville E. Walsh, Portland district Army engineer here for four years.

Gen. Walsh is slated to take command of military construction projects in North Africa and parts of Middle East later this month.

Gov. McKay, speaking at a dinner held in Walsh's honor, said that work on the Willamette valley project to provide flood control, power and other public benefits, reached a new peak of development under the administration of Gen. Walsh.

Expedition Will Try To Scale Yukon Peak

Seattle — (U.P.) — A group of daring mountain climbers will attempt this summer to scale mighty King peak, highest unconquered mountain on the continent, Pete Schoening, leader of the expedition, said here.

The 17,130-foot peak, long a challenge to the world's best and most experienced climbers, juts from the extreme southwest corner of Canada's Yukon territory.

It lies next to towering Mount Logan, a 19,850-foot peak which has allowed only three expeditions to reach its summit.

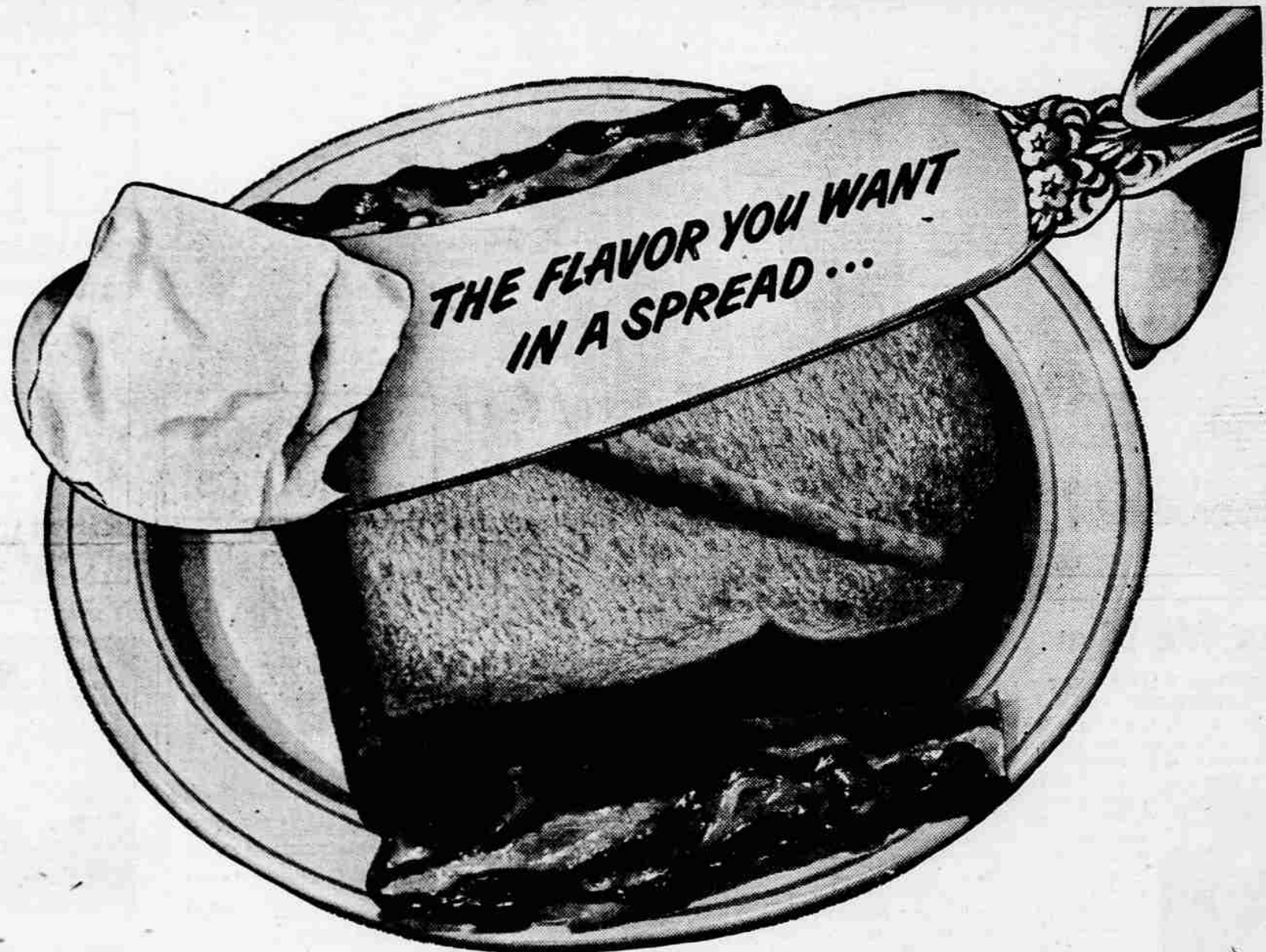
SEATTLE MEDIC DIES
Seattle — (U.P.) — Dr. Don H. Palmer, prominent physician and sportsman, died Tuesday night at Seattle general hospital following a short illness. He was 74.



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