

Castro's Cuban Rebels Having Usual Problems With Supplies

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Havana—Fidel Castro's Rebel "army" numbers only about 2,000 men, but it has its full share of the standard military problems — including the supply snafus that plague anyone who wears a uniform.

During a 17-day stay in the Rebel hideout in Cuba's eastern mountains, I heard a good deal about Castro's supply problems.

On one occasion, Castro was leading one of the five columns that make up his force on a raid against government installations. He asked another column for 60,000 rounds of ammunition needed by his men.

The ammunition was sent, but it went astray somewhere on the way. Castro's column had to do without it.

Again, the plans for a Rebel raid on the city of Manzanillo called for the planting of a 100-pound bomb under the surface of a highway likely to be used by government armored cars.

Bomb Left Behind
The raiders were a day out of camp on what proved to be a three-day march before somebody suddenly remembered that the bomb had been left behind. A mule driver had to be sent back hurriedly to get it.

Castro's aides concede that everything doesn't always go smoothly, but they don't worry too much about it.

"It's true we get fouled up a little sometimes," but President (Fulgencio) Batista's army is fouled up even more," one Rebel officer said.

It was the influence of a woman that stretched the march to Manzanillo into the third day. Celia Sanchez is one of Castro's aides, and she sometimes overrules the boss himself.

The original plan called for the raiding column to halt for a time in a mountain town and pull out at 2 p.m. so as to

reach its destination by nightfall.

On the dot of 2, the bearded, 31-year-old Rebel leader stood up and said, "okay, let's go."

"You can't leave now," Miss Sanchez shot back. "Dinner is cooking."

In the end, it was 4 p.m. before the column got underway, and the men had to spend another night on the trail.

The money needed to keep Castro's army going is collected by members of the Rebel underground in various Cuban cities. Castro told me that they take in about \$25,000 a month.

Most of the money is spent to feed and clothe the Rebel troops, but Castro also has some non-military projects in hand—schools, hospitals and other facilities for the mount-

aineers, who are isolated from the outside world.

I saw one Rebel school and two temporary hospitals set up in remote mountain areas, and I also saw the mountain people—who regard Castro almost as a savior—coming to him for help.

Sometimes he gave them money, sometimes aid took a more concrete form, such as a cow stolen from the ranch of a loyal army officer.

Castro has grand plans for Cuba if his rebels succeed in overthrowing Batista.

"I want it to be a place where people are not afraid, neither afraid of the cop on the corner nor afraid of being out of work next week," he says. "I want every man in Cuba to feel his government is protecting him, not harassing him as it does today."

JACKSONVILLE Easter Egg Hunt Planned

By BETTE HOSKINS

Jacksonville — An Easter egg hunt for Jacksonville children will be held Saturday, April 5, at 2 p.m. at the old Beekman property on South 5th street, according to Police Chief Frank Carter.

Children will be divided into two groups, those under five and those from five to ten years old. There will be three prizes.

Carter, who has organized the hunt, stated that residents or organizations wishing to donate eggs or help in any way with the event may contact him for further information.

The first reminder has also been issued by Frank Carter that all dogs within the city limits of Jacksonville, as of April 1, must be tied or otherwise confined to their own yards. This is a city ordinance effective annually during garden season. At a second offense the dogs owners will be fined \$5, at a third offense the dog may be disposed of.

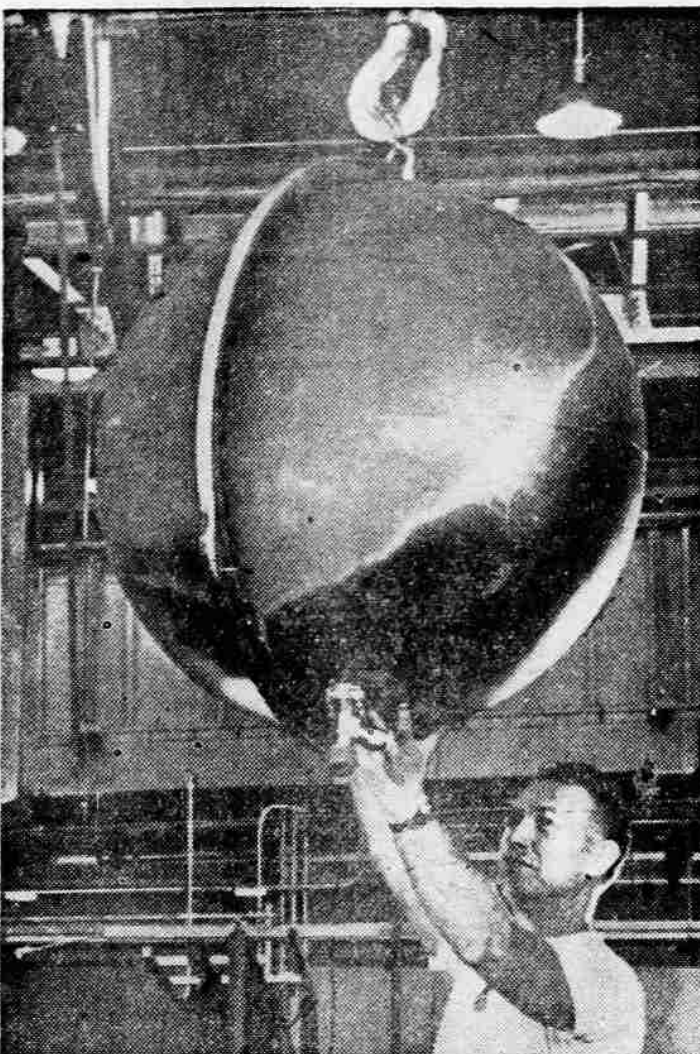
Mrs. Arthur Roberts, Jacksonville librarian, announced this week that a slot has been cut in the library door which will enable patrons to return books if the library is closed.

Mrs. Roberts also reported that several girls from the 7th grade Girl Scout Troop 186 put the finish on a large bookcase at the library as one of their recent projects.

Jacksonville residents are reminded that in order to qualify to vote in the May 16 primaries one must be registered by April 15. According to City Recorder Mrs. Jean Hewlett, residents may register at her home at 701 South Third st. or at Chris' Drugs on Mondays.

The Jacksonville Band Boosters club will hold a rummage sale at the Fehl building in Medford April 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate rummage, white elephants or plants, may call Ruth Goldschmidt, SPring 3-1296 for pickup. The Band Boosters have now reached a total of \$1,740 toward their goal of \$2,140, which will buy the Jacksonville High school band uniforms.

The Women's Missionary Council of the Assembly of God church met last Wednesday.



UNIQUE FUEL TANK—A North American Aviation workman in Los Angeles, Calif., checks this unique spherical hydrogen peroxide fuel tank, one of the many components being built into the X-15 research plane, which will fly man at least 100 miles high and at speeds greater than a mile a second.

April Particularly Important Month To Businessmen

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Written for United Press
New York—April 1, always an important date to small boys, was of particular import to businessmen this year.

Business statistics from this point on will tell them the extent to which unusually miserable winter weather was responsible for the further slowdown of activity in February and March.

Seasonally better weather, it is hoped in some quarters, may cause enough rebound to start the business machine crawling slowly upward again.

No one knows, for example, exactly what part snow and rain played in February's decline of total sales to \$16.2 billion (seasonally adjusted), from \$16.7 billion the month before. The question is particularly critical in automobile circles.

Weather Not Encouraging
Certainly, weather conditions in the past two months were not such as to encourage people to shop around for a new car. Whether, and to what extent, buying was merely postponed is an important factor to be considered in choosing between estimates of less than 4.5 million cars and of more than 5 million for the year.

Along much the same lines, heavy snow and ice have kept many cars off the roads, playing no small role in holding first quarter gasoline consumption below year-earlier

levels by more than one per cent. The advent of spring will provide the answer to the question of whether some more fundamental force is at work; if not, good gains in future months could straighten out the oil industry's inventory tangle in a hurry.

Construction Off

Another area in which the elements may have caused a distorted picture is residential construction. Housing starts in February dropped to an 890,000 annual rate from 1,030,000 the month before. Again, weather may have had a great deal to do with the decline. A good rebound this month would revive the impression that home building can be counted on as a potent general business support.

Storms undoubtedly had a limited influence on freight carloadings, which have been showing year-to-year declines of more than 20 per cent. They also added to the costs of operating the railroads. Relief therefrom could have a distinctly beneficial effect on carrier earnings.

These are some of the reasons why April could dispel some of the gloom that has settled over the business community in recent months.

'OLDEST MAN' DIES
Monteria, Colombia—Javier Pereira, the tiny Indian who was reported to be the oldest man in the world, died Monday. He was said to have been 168 years old.

Santa Monica, Calif.—Actress Mary Pickford's adopted son, Ronald, 21, was reported in "fair condition" today at St. John's Hospital after what was described by police as a suicide attempt.

Declaration of Tax To Be Filed by April 15

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-article series on income tax information prepared by the tax information committee of the Oregon Association of Public Accountants.)

That April 15 deadline has additional significance for many. Not only must they have their final income tax returns for 1937 filed but they must also have taken action in the matter of a declaration of estimated tax for 1938.

"Do I have to file a declaration of estimated tax for 1938?" you well may ask.

You do if:

- (1) The gross income for the taxable year can reasonably be expected to consist of wages and of not more than \$100 from sources other than such wages and can reasonably be expected to exceed—

- (A) \$5,000, in the case of a single individual other than a head of a household or a surviving spouse; or, in the case of a married individual not entitled to file a joint declaration with his spouse;

- (B) \$10,000, in the case of a head of a household or a surviving spouse;

- (C) \$5,000, in the case of a married individual entitled to file a joint declaration with his spouse, and the aggregate gross income of such individual and his spouse for the taxable year can reasonably be expected to exceed \$10,000; or

reasonably be expected to include more than \$100 from sources other than wages and can reasonably be expected to exceed the sum of—

- (A) the amount obtained by multiplying \$600 by the number of exemptions to which he is entitled plus

- (B) \$400.

Suppose you are married and have one child for whom you can claim an exemption, then you would figure like this: 3 exemptions at \$600 each is \$1,800, and the specific exclusion is \$400, the total is \$2,200.

So you would be required to file a declaration if your income could be expected to exceed \$2,200 and would include over \$100 from sources other than wages.

May Be Joint
The declaration may be a joint one with your spouse or a separate filing. Any tax paid on a separate declaration may

be used to pay the tax due on a joint final return; likewise any tax paid on a joint declaration may be used to pay the tax due on separate final returns.

Declarations of estimated tax are made on form 1040ES. These forms are available at your local office of the Internal Revenue Service.

The estimate and one quarter of the tax is due on April 15. Payments are due on June 15 and Sept. 15, 1938, and Jan. 15, 1939. On any one of these due dates you can file an amended estimate and change the amount of tax you are paying.

Also, suppose that you are not required to file an estimate on April 15. Suppose also that later in 1938 you have sufficient income to be required to file an estimate. Then you file on one of the above dates and pay your tax installments spread over the remaining due dates.

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