

Cuban Rebels Raid Explosives Storage Depot

Cuban Police Seize Vacationing Yanks

Kentucky School Teachers Forcibly Taken Off Plane

Revolution Said Being Discussed

New Orleans — (UPI) — Cuban Nationalist policemen stormed aboard an American airplane at Havana Airport Monday and seized two Kentucky school teachers homeward-bound after a Caribbean vacation.

Passengers on the plane said the two seized men had been discussing the Cuban revolution in the Havana airport shortly before the incident, and that that was apparently the reason for the arrest.

Embassy To Inquire
The State Department instructed the U.S. Embassy in Havana to inquire into the case.

The teachers were identified as James Reid, 38, and Larry F. Brantley, 22, both faculty members of Waggoner High school, Louisville, Ky. Brantley's father said his son and Reid went to Jamaica for a holiday vacation.

"Larry had no interest in Cuban politics beyond what he read in the paper, like anybody else," he said. "He was just traveling through there."

Police Storm Aboard
Elma Sebastian, one of three stewardesses on the plane, said the police stormed aboard the craft and seized the men before she realized what was happening.

"I was standing at the rear door checking the passengers aboard," she said. "Reid and Brantley were near the middle of the cabin. The plain clothesmen pushed past me. They grabbed Reid from his seat and he asked: 'What's this for? You can't do this. I'm an American citizen,'" she said.

"Then one of the Cuban police said: 'It has something to do with what you said in the terminal.'"

Pistol at Backs
Another passenger said the two men were wrestled, protesting, from the plane, a cocked pistol at their backs.

The pilot, Capt. Ben Catlin, said there was nothing he could do to prevent seizure of the men.

"I wanted to help," he said, "but these are Cuban officers of the law, armed, and I'm in a foreign country. What could I do?"

House Trailer Damaged by Fire

A house trailer at Cogswell auto court, Gold Hill, was robbed of \$300 and set afire some time on Dec. 17, Jackson county deputies were told yesterday afternoon by the owner, Mrs. Rena Peacher.

Mrs. Peacher said she left the trailer locked the morning of Dec. 17. She returned at 6:45 p.m. and noticed the door was scarred and smoke was seeping under the door. When local firemen broke the windows the interior burst into flames, it was reported.

Approximately \$300 in \$50-bills were removed from a billfold left in the trailer, Mrs. Peacher said. Also taken were two watches, two blankets, pillows and two throw rugs.

Chamber Is Balance Wheel Between Social Consciousness and Business

A chamber of commerce is the "balance wheel" between a community's social consciousness and its business interests, Don McNeil told the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable yesterday.

McNeil, the chamber's manager, presented roundtable members and their guests with a lesson in community physics.

Placing a chamber's program at the center, he described its committees, or orbiting about this program. Outside these orbits, he said, are chamber members less influenced by the program.

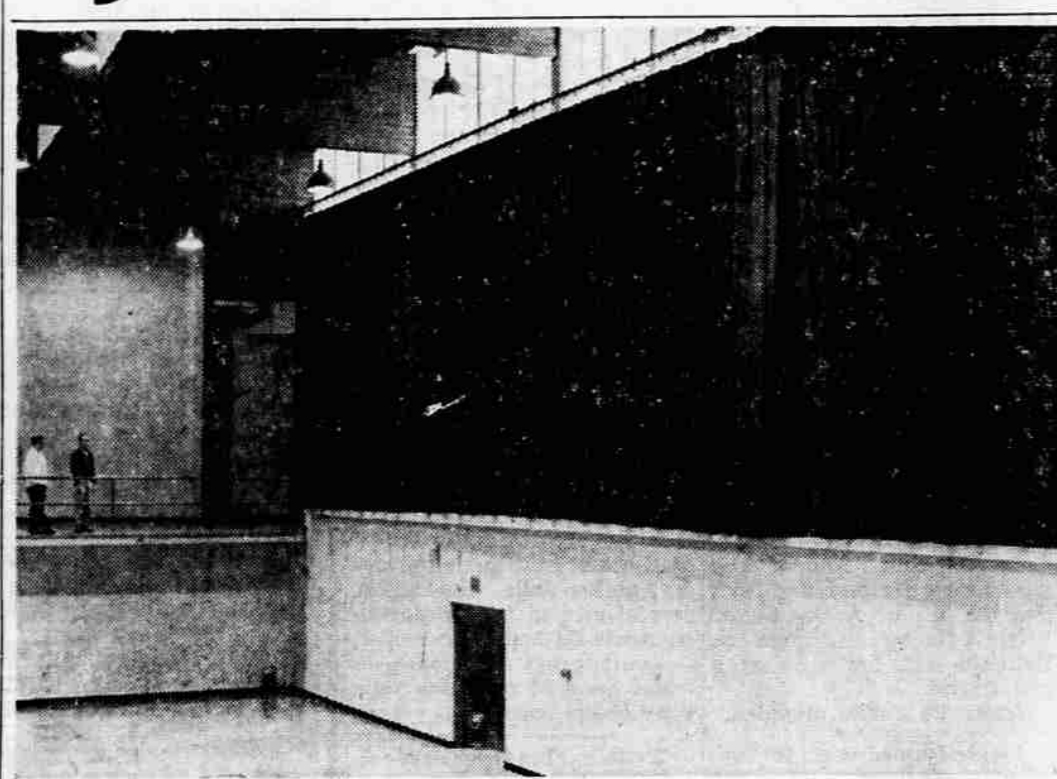
These members he characterized as paying their dues but not actively participating in committee work. Some, he said, are uncertain of the real nature of the chamber's program.

"Somehow," he said, "we

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Three-State Area Crippled By Record Cover of Snow



LARGE DRAPES—To aid acoustics and to afford light control in the Medford Armory, a huge set of drapes containing some 1,800 square feet of material was hung at the building's large window facing Highway 99 recently. The drapes, which are made of a special felt-like cloth to absorb sound, weigh about 800 pounds and travel on ball-bearing carriers along an overhead track.

Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico Get Storm Battering

Motorists Stalled Along Highways

By United Press International

A record southwestern snowstorm raged through the night, crippling traffic and stranding motorists in parts of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

A record 14 inches of snow stalled traffic in Albuquerque, N.M., Monday, snapping utility lines and knocking out electricity to at least 50,000 persons.

Up to 15 inches of snow hit other sections of the southern plains of New Mexico and drifting snow of six to seven inches swept the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles.

Drifts of nearly eight feet closed all roads in the Oklahoma panhandle during the night, and other roads in central and north-western Oklahoma were reported as hazardous with packed snow and freezing rain.

In Texas, scores of persons were stranded by the heavy snow along U.S. 287 from Amarillo to Dumas Monday before crews opened the highway Monday night.

The Texas Highway Patrol said roads into New Mexico north of Amarillo were blocked by snow, and plows worked through the night to restore traffic.

The snow storm was blamed for a car-truck crash Monday which killed Mrs. Elizabeth O'Dell Whiteside, 39, Amarillo, and her daughter, Tanya, 10, at Vernon, Tex.

Storm Continues
The snowstorm continued during the night from Oklahoma and southwest Kansas westward into southern Colorado and eastern New Mexico.

An 18-inch snowfall buried Frazer, Colo., Trinidad, Colo., reported five inches and Denver by one inch.

Forecasters said light snow was expected to continue to day in Oklahoma, with snow and freezing rain spreading northeastward through portions of Kentucky and Tennessee and southern Illinois and Indiana.

Home Owners Flee San Diego Fire
San Diego — (UPI) — A roaring brush fire broke out today in the canyons to the west side of the Clairemont area, forcing dozens of persons to flee their expensive homes.

The fire department said the flames were spreading so fast under strong gusty winds that it was immediately impossible to determine if any homes had yet been burned.

A third alarm was turned in shortly after noon, bringing all available equipment into operation. Five battalion chiefs were on the scene directing fire-fighting operations.

Clairemont is located on a high plateau to the east of Mission Bay.

The West's replies approved by the Permanent NATO Council in Paris Monday firmly reject Russia's near-ultimatum to turn West Berlin into a "free city."

The notes were expected to be handed formally to the Soviet authorities Wednesday.

Portland Man Admits Theft of \$14,000
Portland — (UPI) — Police said today Floyd Melvin Libby, 24, Portland, had confessed taking about \$14,000 in coins from a safe at the Canteen company of Oregon Dec. 12.

Ike To Deliver State of Union Message Jan. 9

White House Studies Preliminary Draft

Gettysburg, Pa. — (UPI) — The White House announced today that Alaska formally will become the 49th state next Saturday at noon when President Eisenhower signs the statehood proclamation in a White House ceremony.

Gettysburg, Pa. — (UPI) — The White House announced today that President Eisenhower will deliver his State of the Union Message in person to a joint session of Congress Jan. 9.

The document will be a broadly based review of world and national affairs and will be followed later by special messages on specific domestic problems.

Working on Message
The President is devoting much of his New Year's holiday on his farm to work on the state of the union and the message to Congress later next month which will accompany his \$77 billion budget.

A preliminary draft of the State of the Union message was under study in Washington at the White House today.

The President summoned his chief assistant, Maj. Gen. Wilton B. Parsons, and Dr. Malcolm Moos, the top White House speech writer, to Gettysburg Wednesday for a conference on the highly important message. The new Congress opens Jan. 7.

The chief executive will give a general preview of his State of the Union message to congressional leaders of both parties at a White House conference next Monday morning.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty confirmed reports that the White House was studying a proposed reorganization and consolidation of the executive offices of the President.

Medford Man's PUC Hearing Set

Salem — (UPI) — Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan said today he had set dates for hearings here in matters involving penalties of \$2,700 against four Oregon motor carriers.

The case of Louise Milani, Medford, who is alleged to have transported tractors and parts without authority, will be heard Jan. 16.

The case of Clifford J. Shoemaker, Ashland junk company, Grants Pass, who is alleged to have transported tractor parts without authority, will be held Jan. 21.

On Jan. 22, Frederick Parry, Myrtle trucking company, North Bend, will receive hearing on a charge of transporting plywood without proper authority.

Jan. 23, William P. Derosse, Pacific Trailer Mart, Crescent City, will receive hearing on a charge of transporting a trailer house without proper authority.

Plane Falls Near Baldock Freeway

Portland — (UPI) — A light plane crashed near the Baldock freeway about 15 miles south of here today, killing its two young occupants.

The victims were identified as Jerald Wayne Hallett, 18, and Harold Richard Monroe Jr., both of Los Angeles.

Police said both apparently were killed instantly.

The plane came down in a field about 500 yards from the freeway.

Robert Byrd, Civil Aeronautics administration safety inspector, said it appeared the youths may have been attempting to land on the nearby freeway. The plane struck in soft earth in a tree nursery. Both bodies were pinned in the wreckage.

"Please—Let's Avoid Any Dissension"



Woman Responding To Treatment After Falling Six Stories

A 21-year-old Talent woman was reported in critical condition at Sacred Heart hospital today, following an apparent attempt at suicide yesterday afternoon.

The woman, who gave birth to a girl at the hospital Christmas day, jumped or fell six stories from the roof about 2:15 p.m., according to Medford police.

A physician today said she

was responding to treatment, but was suffering from a fractured left arm, a fractured breast bone and several fractured ribs.

She was admitted Dec. 17 for observation in connection with a possible nervous breakdown and released a few days later, according to the police report.

Attempted to Leave
A nurse at the hospital told police the woman dressed and attempted to leave the hospital Dec. 27, stating on that occasion that she intended to kill herself.

She was observed mounting the hospital fire escape outside the x-ray department yesterday about 2 p.m. by Richard Gene Vance, chief x-ray technician, and Margaret Joan Milburn, 1100 East Main st., a nurse. She was clad in a blue bathrobe.

Vance said he attempted to stop her, but when she hurried on he went to summon help. When he and others reached the roof, he told police, they found it deserted.

Her body was discovered in a flower bed. She had narrowly missed a concrete apron, police reported.

She was visited yesterday morning by her husband, who told police he informed her he had just quit his job.

She also has a 20-month-old son by a previous marriage, police said.

Monthly Satellite Launching Planned

Washington — (UPI) — The United States plans to launch an average of two satellites a month in 1959 while at the same time forging ahead with ballistic missiles and other nuclear weapons to deter Russia from war.

In the nip-and-tuck race, America is credited by many experts with setting a faster pace in space exploration this year and holding its own in long-range missile development.

Scientists and military men hail the talking Atlas satellite launched Dec. 18 as evidence of spectacular performance by a nation caught flat-footed by Russia's first Sputnik 14 months ago.

Select Republicans Seneat Kentucky Man
Washington — (UPI) — Liberal Senate Republicans today picked Sen. John S. Cooper (Ky.) as their candidate for GOP floor leader in their uphill battle to prevent Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) from winning the post.

The liberals also nominated Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (Calif.) as their candidate for party whip.

Frank McKennon Selected Director of Agriculture

Salem — (UPI) — Frank McKennon, 69, director of the division of plant industry, was named Oregon director of agriculture by Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield late Monday.

McKennon is a veteran of 23 years with the department. He replaces Robert Steward, who resigned effective Jan. 12.

Steward will become chief clerk of the Ways and Means Committee when the Legisla-

Rebels Claim Major Successes In Street Battles

Lower Havana Hears Explosion

Havana — (UPI) — Cuban rebels struck into the heart of Havana Province today with a daring raid on an explosives depot in which they dynamited the huge stores of ammunition they could not carry away.

The raid on a privately owned explosives depot at Guanabacoa across the bay from Havana followed rebel claims to have smashed government forces in Central and Eastern Cuba. The rebels were boasting they were "at the doors of triumph."

Heavy Fighting
Government sources disrupted the sweeping rebel claims but admitted there was heavy fighting around the city of Santa Clara in Central Cuba where the rebels have claimed major successes in street fighting.

The army said its forces were on the offensive in Central Cuba and were driving the rebel ahead of them despite rebel propaganda broadcasts to "create unrest."

The last of the Guanabacoa explosives were heard in lower Havana. Police called in all reserves and alerted the 19 precinct stations in the Greater Havana area.

Roads and airports were blocked off.

Dynamite Explosives
First reports said several armed men aboard a six-wheeled truck pulled up in front of the explosives storage of the Armera de Cuba, imports of explosives, at 6:30 a.m. and with the aid of two of the three soldiers on guard loaded the vehicle.

They tied up a civilian watchman and the third soldier and dynamited what explosives were left.

Police established roadblocks in the area, adjacent the Hebrew cemetery in Guanabacoa, and also put on a special guard at the private airport in nearby Bacuranao.

Roads leading out of Havana also were placed under vigilance, particularly the Central Highway leading to Pinar del Rio Province at the western end of the island.

'Bubble' Covers Ashland Pool

Ashland — (UPI) — Teenagers sported in a heated outdoor swimming pool today snugly protected against the cool air temperature by a transparent plastic bubble 5-1000's of an inch thick.

The 123-by-48 foot "building" is made of Mylar a du Pont product fabricated by the Schjeldahl company of Northfield, Minn. It's impervious to cold and moisture resists impacts of 25,000 pounds to the square inch, and can't be damaged seriously by air rifles or slingshots. Small holes are unimportant—internal air pressure keeps out the cold—and larger holes can be easily patched.

To keep the bubble rigid "takes only the same pressure as it does to puff out your cheeks," said G. T. Schjeldahl, head of the fabricating firm.

He said he may cover a local drive-in theater with Mylar, and a standby bubble for the new Shakespearean Festival theater for use in case of rain is a possibility.

Plane With 37 Aboard Crashes in Brazil
Rio De Janeiro, Brazil — (UPI) — A twin-engine Vasp Airline plane with 37 persons aboard caught fire in the air and plunged into Guanabara bay before hundreds of onlookers today. It sank within three minutes.

Officials said at least four persons were killed and 17 were missing.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness this afternoon with fog or low cloudiness tonight and Wednesday morning becoming partly cloudy Wednesday afternoon. Low tonight 37; high tomorrow 48.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	48
Pre. to 9 a.m. Today	01

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 4:47 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:41 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 10:03 p.m.
The stars in the Moon's background tonight are in the constellation Leo. The unseen stars in the Sun's background today are in the constellation Sagittarius.
Last Quarter Friday a.m.