

Batista Discusses Defeat; Cameramen Attacked in Cuba

Ousted Dictator Says Lack of Army Training to Blame

Cuidad Trujillo, Dominican Republic—(UPI)—Ousted Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista blames his defeat on the fact his army troops were not trained for guerrilla warfare.

Batista flew here with high government leaders and members of his family early Thursday and checked into the luxurious Ambassador hotel.

Asked how such a small group of rebels could have successfully fought the Cuban army, Batista explained to newsmen Thursday:

"Their (the rebels) first opponents were soldiers of the rural guard who were not prepared for guerrilla warfare.

Well Armed
"When the rebels expanded their operations and met the army in open battle they were well armed and their weapons were superior to ours."

Batista said to have continued the civil war would have meant "great sacrifices and enormous losses of lives, and I chose to put an end to this situation, resigning the government."

Asked about the future of Cuba Batista said, "I am no prophet, but the situation is very confused." He said finally now that he had left the country he hopes "peace and harmony will reign in Cuba among the Cubans."

Batista said he was satisfied "that I conducted a good government for Cuba," and said it reached a peak of prosperity and well being during his administration.

Second Chief
Batista is the second former Latin American chief of state now in exile in the Dominican Republic. Former President Juan D. Peron of Argentina also is living in Ciudad Trujillo.

Batista arrived here with 40 persons including Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Gonzalo Guell and President-elect Andres Rivero Agueria who was to have taken office Feb. 8. Others were Gaston Godoy, president of the Chamber of Deputies; Lt. Gen. Rodriguez Avila and Rear Adm. Rodriguez Calderon.

Drivers Licenses Suspended Listed

Salem—The department of motor vehicles has released names of 253 drivers whose licenses were ordered suspended during the period beginning Dec. 22, and ending Dec. 26.

Length of suspension varies depending on charges involved, recommendation of court, discretionary action by the department or requirements of Oregon law. The department said some of the licenses involving financial responsibility and court recommendations may have been reinstated after suspension was ordered.

The department warned drivers that the penalty for driving while suspended is a jail sentence of no less than two days and up to six months, and there may be imposed a fine up to \$500. Under licensing procedures, this also result in an additional year of suspension.

Those suspended in Jackson county were:

DRIVING WHILE UNDER INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR (Mandatory suspension)
Corrion, Alice Margaret, 45, of 220 Stewart ave., Medford, 90 days
Curtiss, Arthur Morton Sr., 55, of 434 Benson st., Medford, 3 years
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (Failure to show proof of financial responsibility)
Cantrill, Donald, 30, of 303 North Holly st., Medford
Emery, Paul Raymond, 22, of 313 Beatty st., Medford
Maloy, William Melvin, 57, Box 81, Prospect
Mathes, Robert Alonzo, 25, of 602 North Riverside ave., Medford
Nimmo, John Prentice, 62, of Route 1, box 96, Central Point
Pech, Arthur George, 23, of box 345, Lake Creek
Peck, William Marcellus, 61, of 375 B st., Ashland
Stewart, Stella B., box 135, Phoenix

The Banff Springs golf course in Alberta is 4,500 feet above sea level.

The December meeting of the Applegate Valley garden club was devoted to a social

Cubans by Boatload Enter United States

Miami—(UPI)—Cubans by the plane and boatload flocked into the United States on the heels of a rebel push that ousted President Fulgencio Batista. Their arrival has touched off a number of unfriendly demonstrations.

Many of the refugees appeared frightened and confused. Some barely escaped with the clothes on their backs.

Fulgencio Ruben Batista, son of the exiled Cuban president, was among the refugees who arrived in Florida and Louisiana Thursday along with his two small children and two of his sisters. Two of the elder Batista's children were on a plane that landed in New Orleans.

U. S. immigration officers granted temporary visas to the evacuees and they scattered about the country.

Whereabouts Unknown
Ruben Batista and several associates were reported to have chartered a plane after passing through customs at Jacksonville, and flown to New Orleans. The party could not be located.

High-ranking army and political officials were among the arrivals at New Orleans, where a pretty 25-year-old college coed led a band of Cuban rebel sympathizers in a noisy demonstration at Moissant Airport.

An estimated 500 persons gathered at International Airport in Miami to shout threats at a planeload of exiles. Threatening gestures were made at occupants of another plane that landed in Jacksonville, Fla., earlier in the day.

Get Police Protection
In all the cities, police moved in to protect the tired and obviously frightened refugees. American Latins were predominant in the mobs that shouted pro-rebel slogans and denounced Batista's followers as "murderers."

The pilot of a Cuban Airlines plane which arrived in New York Thursday said fleeing passengers forced him to take off at pistol point. The plane carried about 40 government officials and sympathizers among the 86 persons aboard. The pro-Batista passengers were let out of side doors at the airport to avoid clashes with 300 pro-rebel demonstrators who had gathered outside.

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Carl is the twin brother of Richard Wagner, who was readmitted to the hospital after police connected him with the Signal Fireworks warehouse explosion in Portland last July 5.

It was first believed that Richard had escaped, but later reports confirmed the identity of Carl.

Police said he was wearing a red flannel shirt and blue jeans when he broke away. Hospital authorities said Carl was admitted to the hospital after he was connected with a school-room fire.

By now we just wanted to get out. We didn't dare turn our backs, so we started walking backward, facing our assailants. They glared, and one man shouted, but we reached The Prado and reported back to the office.

Later in the afternoon when I resumed a tour of the city—without my camera—I saw police coming up the street, and the mob scattered.

WAR ON RATS
New Delhi—(UPI)—India's government has launched a campaign to exterminate the 2.4 billion rats—outnumbering people in this country 7 to 1—which destroy 21 million dollars worth of food grains each year.

"Exercise for figure and fitness" will be given by local leaders at the meeting of Upper Applegate extension unit Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Members will participate in the group demonstration, and are asked to wear slacks or

pedal pushers. Everyone will bring a sack lunch and child care will be provided.

Ruch Parent Teacher association will cancel their January meeting due to the holidays, and will meet Feb. 4.

Dean Saltmarsh of Medford was here Monday looking after his trapping business. He set a string of traps, expecting to catch coyotes and wild cats.

Jorgen Ziegler of Medford was visiting friends here Sunday, as were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chittcock and daughter, Sue, of Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Travis and family will return this week end after spending Christmas vacation with Mrs. Travis' parents in San Jose, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Myers and son, Jerry, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Myers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Burrell in Arizona.

Writer Describes Tour of Havana; Camera Broken

Editor's Note: United Press International Correspondent Charles Schuman and a cameraman were attacked in Havana by a looting mob Thursday while taking pictures for UPI News Pictures and UP Movietone News. Here is Schuman's account of the incident.

By CHARLES SCHUMAN
United Press International
Havana—(UPI)—In mid-afternoon, vandals were pillaging and looting in downtown Havana, and Ray Ziesse, a United Press Movietone cameraman, and I took a cab to make the rounds and see what pictures we could get.

A few blocks from our hotel we saw a mob of possibly 200 gathered in a narrow side street off The Prado, Havana's major thoroughfare.

We stopped the cab driver and walked 100 yards down the side street. Part of the mob was breaking into a store protected by shutters. They were using heavy wooden sticks and heavy metal shafts from parking meters uprooted from the sidewalks.

I started to shoot with the Roliflex (a still camera) and Ray was shooting movies. Suddenly one member of the mob started screaming, "No pictures," he ran at us.

He grabbed my camera and smashed it to the ground. He was tall and slim and had a mustache. He reeled semihysterical.

About a dozen people gathered around, and I started backing off toward The Prado. Ray was beside me. I didn't care too much about losing the film as long as Ray could get away with the movies he had shot.

But the man who had seized my camera turned on Ray. He knocked the heavy movie camera to the ground. I kept shouting, "We're Americans." But it did not good. He picked up Ray's camera and dropped it again, smashing it a second time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straube were among those entertaining with a family dinner on Christmas. Guests from a distance were Mrs. Straube's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kaiser of Canyonville, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Paine were hosts to a number of relatives on Christmas, including Mrs. Paine's mother, Mrs. Robert Rhodes, of Grants Pass and her sons and daughters, Robert, Tom, Sherrie and Roxie Rhodes of Grants Pass; Dan Rhodes of Rapid City, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stalcup of Redding; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Seeley of Grants Pass.

Airman 2/c Robert Cantrall of Camp Killeen, Texas, is spending a 30-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Cantrall. Texas is transferred to Canada in October after serving for 13 months in Iceland.

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CATCHING eyes of judges, Malinda Diggs Berry, Stillwater, Okla., is named 1959 Maid of Cotton in Memphis.

Three Escape from Salem Institutions

Salem—(UPI)—State police Thursday reported the escape of two inmates from the Oregon State Penitentiary annex here.

They are John Howard Gilbert, 28, St. Helens, who was serving five years for larceny, and Keith W. Wilkins, 21, Sandy, serving two years for obtaining money under false pretenses.

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Four Killed When Train Hits Vehicle

Salisbury, N. C.—(UPI)—A Southern Railway train struck a station wagon loaded with women and children Thursday night, killing four of the occupants and injuring three others.

Officers identified the victims as Mrs. Seydell Nichols, 45, of Spencer, N.C.; Mrs. Helen Ellenburg, 34, Gerald W. McIntyre, 3, and Kathy McIntyre, 5, all of Woodleaf, N. C.

Injured were Martha Nichols McIntyre; Anne McIntyre, 2; and Mrs. Bill McIntyre, 25. Officers identified Martha McIntyre as the driver of the late-model station wagon.

SUBMERGED DEPOSITS
Washington—(UPI)—Scientists said today that large areas of the Pacific Ocean floor may be worth half a million dollars a square mile because of extensive ore deposits.

HONORARY CHAIRMAN New York—(UPI)—Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Dr. Paul Dudley White will serve as honorary chairmen of the 1959 National Heart Fund Campaign, it was announced Thursday.



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