



PRISONERS RELEASED—Demonstrators flock outside the Principe prison at Havana, Cuba, shortly before the 400 prisoners were released as the Batista regime crumbled. Among the prisoners were two Americans, Jonathan Graham, 30, of Hollywood, Fla., and Dean Leon Gleaves, 23, of Portland, Ore., who said they spent months in the prison, undergoing daily beatings.

Inflation May Be Driven Home With Bigger Thump in Reports

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New York—This inflation you've been hearing so much about may be driven home with a bigger thump in 1959 when the Department of Commerce issues its periodic reports.

These figures might well demonstrate that we have been running fast to stand still.

Inflation inflates almost everything—including the dollar cost of inflation itself, says Prentice-Hall in a study of our current position, and "Who's getting the economic gravy."

Looking at the 1958 inflation impact, Prentice-Hall analysts note the year began

with a sag but ended in an upsweep with fourth quarter national output running at a record rate of 453 billion dollars.

"But if you correct for price inflation of more than 2 per cent," P-H says, "the 453 billion dollar figure is slashed by about 11 billion in constant 1957 dollars—to just a shade under the previous 1957 quarterly high."

National Income Rising
National income has been rising steadily in inflated dollars. But some groups are getting a much bigger share of it than others.

Prentice-Hall has produced a table for the years from 1946 through 1958 showing the percentage of national income represented by the major groups.

Wages, salaries and fringes take the bulk. In 1958 they took about \$71 out of each \$100 of national income, a record high, compared with \$65 right after World War II, and \$64 in the Korean war year of 1950.

"Parts of this increase," says P-H, "is due to wage rates rising faster than national income, part to expansion of social insurance and other fringe benefits."

While wages, salaries and fringes have been in a sharp rise, the share of small business and professionals has been in a steady decline since 1946, and now is the lowest proportion of total income since the great depression of 1929-32.

Farm Income Slipping
If you could separate professional income from this total, the resulting figure would show an even more severe squeeze on small business, the firm states.

Farmers in 1958 made their first real post-war comeback in their take of national income with about 3.7 per cent of the total against 3.2 per cent in 1957. Farm income this year is expected to slip back, "so farmers will continue as the main laggards in the U.S. economic progress during the 1950s."

Interest recipients increased their sharply more than double since 1946 but still far below 1939 and 1929.

The relative take of corporate profits before taxes in 1958 was the smallest in the post-war period, the table shows.

"And thanks to higher post-war tax rates, you have to go all the way back to the depression year of 1938 to find a smaller share for net corporate profits," says Prentice-Hall. "The pinch has hit not only the small firms but also the giants."

Prentice-Hall ventures that the limit of the squeeze on business may be approaching—particularly for many small firms.

Otherwise, one can surmise the prospect of reduction in modernization and expansion of American industry.

SIGN TRADE PACT
London—Russia and Indonesia signed an economic and trade agreement Sunday providing for Soviet aid in construction of iron and steel plants, a sulphur-phosphate factory and two mechanized rice plantations, Moscow Radio reported. Russia will supply equipment and technical assistance on credit, the broadcast said.

BANS COSMETICS
New Delhi, India—UPI—State Education Minister Sardar Harbans Singh Azad has ordered that women teachers must not wear cosmetics in the classrooms. He called cosmetics the growing menace of fashion.

MEASLES KILL INFANTS
Tehran, Iran—UPI—More than 2,000 infants have died from a measles epidemic sweeping the Bam and Narmashi areas near Kerman, in central Iran, the newspaper Keihan reported Sunday.

Crowds Jam Air, Rail, Bus Lines As Holiday Closes

Chicago—UPI—The biggest crowds since World War II jammed air, rail and bus lines Sunday at the close of the Christmas-New Year holiday period.

Snow and ice packed highways and frigid temperatures discouraged highway travel and apparently were responsible for the crowds which staggered public transportation facilities.

"It's our greatest rush since 1946," R. E. King, Rock Island railroad general passenger traffic manager said. He said extra sections were thrown on "all over the place" and one entire train filled with nothing but returning students was sent out.

J. P. Heffernan, Midwest regional manager for Greyhound Bus lines, called it "one of the biggest rush days since the end of World War II. Everybody just seems to have taken a notion to travel at the same time."

Drivers on Buses
"Icy-slick roads are putting a lot of would-be drivers onto buses," Heffernan said. "Others are taking trains."

James D. Harrigan, TWA Midwest regional vice president, said the grounding of American Airlines by a pilots' strike boosted Trans World Airlines loads.

"Add to this the normal New Year's rush and bad weather causing delays and confusion and you have one of the highest traveling days we have had in our history," Harrigan said.

Andrew Henry, New York Central passenger agent, said the weather also delayed the trains.

"When they come in late, they've got no choice but to go out late," Henry said. "So we have depots filled with people waiting for late trains to come in and others waiting for even later trains to go out."

Unusually Rushed
A Santa Fe Railroad spokesman said the line was "unusually rushed."

"They're coming in heavy and going out heavier," he said. "Trains are jamming up. We're having so much operational difficulty because of the weather and resulting heavier crowds that all we're doing is making the crowds even greater."

The Santa Fe's crack El Capitan returning from the West with Rose Bowl and California vacationers arrived in Chicago Sunday night nine hours late due to drifting snows and sub-zero cold.

Railroads, airlines and bus companies added equipment in an effort to cope with the crowds.

Fires Destroy Barn, Homes in Portland

Portland—UPI—Five fires in the Portland area Saturday night and Sunday destroyed three homes and damaged a fourth home and a barn. Chilled firemen battled the flames in below-freezing temperatures.

A three-story frame house at the Seventh Day Adventist camp at Gladstone was leveled early Sunday after a blaze from a trash burned ignited a gas line. A volunteer fireman, Jack Hidy, Gladstone, received chest injuries when he fell through a floor of the burning structure.

A fire believed caused by a defective flue caused about \$7,500 damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pinkston in Portland Sunday. The Pinkstons and their three children were not at home at the time.

Two other fires early Sunday morning destroyed the two-bedroom house of Frank Galland of West Linn and burned all but the first floor of a barn owned by Alan Knox of Oswego.

Saturday night, the one-story home of P. T. Paulson west of Beaverton on Farmington road burned to the ground.

EARLY START
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.—UPI—George Maysomnave, 23, a graduate of the University of Caen, has been hired by the Board of Education here to conduct an experimental program in French conversation for pupils in the fifth through eighth grades.



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Columnist Taken to Jail for Refusing To Disclose Source

New York—UPI—Television columnist Marie Torre, 34, was sent to the Hudson County (N.J.) Women's prison for 10 days today for contempt of court in refusing to disclose the sources of a news story.

The news woman, mother of two children, was placed in the custody of a U. S. marshal in federal court after a one-minute proceeding in which her attorney told Judge Sylvester J. Ryan that Miss Torre had not changed her mind about revealing the source of the disputed story.

The Herald Tribune columnist was accompanied to court by her husband, television producer Hal Friedman, who told newsmen:

"I am proud of her. We have never made a decision that we didn't take together. We talked this over."

Miss Torre told fellow reporters:

May Be Worthwhile
"If by serving this term I have contributed to legislation protecting a newspaper man's sources, it will be worthwhile."

She said her decision to go to jail rather than purge herself of the contempt charge was a personal one, but "it would have been most difficult if my newspaper had not been behind me. They were."

Judge Ryan told Miss Torre she still might purge herself after going to jail.

"If you change your mind in the future, you may communicate with the court," he said.

Miss Torre did not speak during the brief court appearance.

Miss Torre said her mother and a housekeeper will care for her children during her absence.

Refused Name
The attractive brunette columnist, described by Ryan as "The Joan of Arc of her profession," has refused to give the name of a television network executive whom she quoted in a statement about singer Judy Garland.

Miss Torre subsequently filed a \$1,393,333 suit against the network (CBS) charging breach of contract and libel. Neither Miss Torre nor the Herald Tribune was named a defendant but the columnist was cited for contempt when she refused to disclose the name of the executive she quoted.

The Herald Tribune supported Miss Torre in her defense that she could protect a news source through the freedom of the press guarantees in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

When the U. S. Court of Appeals upheld her conviction last Sept. 30, the case was taken to the United States Supreme Court, but the highest tribunal in the land refused to review the case.

Miss Torre is married to Hal Friedman, an independent television producer. They have two children, Adam Jeffrey, 21 months, and Roma Kathryn, 8 months.

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Farmers Asked To John Deere Films, Luncheon

Rogue River Valley farmers and their families will be guests of Hubbard-Wray company Tuesday at a luncheon and free moving picture show, included in the firm's annual observance of John Deere Day. A buffet lunch will be served by the ladies of the West Side Extension Unit from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Hubbard-Wray showrooms, 25 South Riverside ave. in Medford.

High spot of the John Deere entertainment will be the showing of specially prepared color films at the Craterian theatre starting at 1:30 p.m.

Tom Gordon, farm character long popular with John Deere Day audiences, stars in the film, "Too Young to Retire."

Harvesting Shown
Harvesting takes the spotlight in "Oddities in Farming." This film will show a custom-built pea harvester in Wisconsin, a fielding packing plant for sweet corn in Florida, and a big salt recovery operation in the San Francisco area.

A film, "What's New for 1959," will introduce the portable, batch-type John Deere grain dryer. Details of controls and operation of the dryer will be clearly shown, and principal steps in an operating cycle will be demonstrated. Besides the dryer, three new multi-purpose sprayers will be introduced, and with a line-up of other new equipment.

"Building the Big Ones," is the title of another section of the program. This film will take the audience "behind the scenes" to see how the giant 95 Combines are built at the John Deere Harvester plant.

There will be plenty of music and variety acts, too, with everything from barbershop harmony to Magician George Johnstone's "Max the Magnificent" strait-jacket escape. Every feature of John Deere Day will be free to all Rogue valley farmers and their families.

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