

Americans Too Prone To Suspect, Criticise, Castro Says in Interview

Non-Communists Said To Resent Being Suspected

New York — (UPI) — Americans are too prone to suspect and criticize anyone not publicly and avowedly anti-Communist, Fidel Castro told United Press International in an exclusive interview here prior to his departure for Canada.

"This attitude is not understood in Latin America," said the tall Cuban prime minister. "Many people who are not Communists resent being suspected by Americans, and this loses friends for America. "It probably even makes friends for the cause of communism."

Luis Baralt, Cuban consul general in New York, underscored Castro's point.

Interview in Hotel Suite

"Why, for instance," he asked in flawless English with only an occasional whisper of Spanish accent, "do the American newspapers prefer to print a picture of our prime minister shaking hands with the Russian ambassador, when you also have a picture of him shaking hands with Mr. Neil H. McElroy, American Secretary of Defense?"

The interview took place in the hotel suite of Rulo Lopez Fresquet, Cuba's secretary of the treasury. Prime Minister Castro entered an hour late from another conference room, tossed his cap on a chair, greeted his visitors and wearily seated himself.

"Cuba wants and needs the friendship of the American people," he said earnestly. "These misunderstandings should come to an end. We need more American visitors — more tourism."

Elementary English

His English was understandable but elementary. Referring to the prime minister's occasional difficulties with verbs and momentary loss for the right word, Dr. Raul Gutierrez commented with a smile:

"The commandante has always said he stood for free speech."

Castro criticized some news dispatches from Cuba as inaccurate, but insisted that Cuba had a completely free press. Reminded that some foreign reporters had been threatened with violence in person and by telephone following some of the prime minister's public condemnations in Cuba, Castro said:

"But that was never done by the government. Foreign reporters are safe and the government of Cuba will see that they continue to be safe."

Not Responsible

"We are no more responsible for the threats of individual hot-heads than you are for the fact that my life has been repeatedly threatened on this tour, or so I am told by your security people."

A listener without prejudice or preconceived opinion would be apt to conclude that Castro is no Communist nor fellow-traveler; that he is a dedicated revolutionary with experience and heart for fighting and field maneuvering and none for administration; that the cause of his revolution is so completely absorbing that he will accept aid wherever offered, and to that extent is opportunistic or at least open-minded; and that there is no motive in his heart except for what he conceives to be the good of Cuba.

Nehru Holds Lama To Be Responsible

New Delhi — (UPI) — Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru told Parliament today that the Dalai Lama entered India of his own free will and was entirely responsible for his statement charging Communist China with treachery toward Tibet.

Nehru, reporting on his visit with the Dalai Lama at the god-king's Indian retreat at Mussoorie, said India has expressed deep regret over speeches attacking the Indian government at the Communist People's Congress now underway in Peiping. He said the charges against Indian leaders leveled by the Chinese were "to unbecoming and entirely void of substance."

In Tokyo, the Communist New China News Agency continued to hammer away at its claim that the Dalai Lama was abducted from Tibet and was being held in India against his will.

The running time of torpedoes has been increased from five to 18 minutes by the use of a new silver-zinc rechargeable battery.



THOUSAND-DOLLAR TWINS—After his second set of twins was born, David R. Murray (center), a high-school teacher in Traverse City, Mich., took out \$1000 insurance from Lloyd's of London against having further twins. Now Mrs. Murray has come up with a third set of twins (in her arms) and Murray is \$1000 to the good. Carl and David (left) are 4½, and John and Peter (right) are 3½. The new twins are named Evan and Chris.

'Meet Me in St. Louis' Helped by Amiable Tunes; Kelly Show Unstimulating

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Urban Pastorale "Meet Me in St. Louis" is, of course, an urban pastorale — an idyllic treatment of city rustics — and director George Schaefer wisely decided to play it that way.

Over two hours, it was a terribly tough vehicle to keep charged because it packed no real conflicts, no tensions, it was merely a flow of incidents held together by vanilla icing — but I would say Schaefer succeeded fairly well in pushing its simpering charm along.

He was helped a good deal by some amiable Hugh Martin-Ralph Blaine tunes — "The Trolley Song," "Skip To My Lou" and "The Boy Next Door" — and by some Duane McKinney sets that had a nice sense of wedding cake done with tongue in cheek.

He was aided in varying degree by his cast, none of whom had much more to do than look as if they had been wrapped wholesomely in cellophane. They included Ed Wynn, Walter Pidgeon, Hunter, Jane Powell, Reta Shaw, Patty Duke, Myrna Loy and Jeanne Crain, in about that order of effectiveness.

Standard Exercise

Gene Kelley's one-hour special for CBS-TV Friday night was a disappointingly standard exercise: uninventive in its blueprinting, unambitious in its execution, tainted with self-conscious affability.

It was not a bad show. It was just not a very stimulating one, echoing as it did scores of other musical shows. There was one of those musical beatnik-knacks, a splicing of soft-shoe, and one of those jazz ballet things in which everyone hurls around like syncopated dybbuks. Kelly, who works well with youngsters, capered briefly with five-year-old Cherylene Lee and 13-year-old Liza Minnelli, who is Judy Garland's daughter. Both segments were moderately agreeable, if not precisely adventurous. One sequence in which Kelly postured while Carl Sandburg crooned was ludicrous.

Kelly had three foreign dancers on board — Claude Bessy, Judith Dornys and

Gerd Andersson — and a fine, leggy set of females they were. However, like Kelly, their talents weren't put to much of a test.

Labor Bill May Undergo Revamp

Washington — (UPI) — A key Republican said today the Senate-passed labor reform bill probably will be revamped by the House to provide tougher curbs on labor racketeers and a stronger "bill of rights" for rank and file union members.

This appraisal came from Rep. Carroll D. Kearns (Pa.), senior Republican on the House Labor Committee, which will have the task of whipping the legislation into shape for House floor action.

The legislation is not likely to reach the House floor before mid-June.

Kearns assailed as ineffective the labor reform bill which the Senate passed, 90-1, Saturday. He said the Senate was handicapped in efforts to write a good bill because too many senators are "presidential candidates trying to cater to national labor leaders."

"We won't have that trouble in the House," Kearns told a reporter.

Labor lobbyists privately conceded the House poses a greater challenge than did the Senate to their efforts to keep the bill in a shape acceptable to organized labor. A Senate-passed labor reform bill died in the House last year.

AFL-CIO President George Meany has publicly warned that his big labor federation will attempt to scuttle the bill if it is revamped into a form hostile to the interests of unions.



STILL LOOKING FRESH, Britain's Princess Margaret leaves Rome night club at 5 a. m. after champagne and scrambled egg party hosted by British Embassy Minister Henry Hohler (behind Margaret). Man at left is plainclothesman. She changed partners nearly every dance.

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Family Council

Mrs. M. W.—We are hurt—they have refused our gift.

Madeline S.—They treat us like helpless babies.

Mrs. M. W.—My husband and I have just been hurt to the quick by our youngest daughter and her husband.

Madeline and David were married a year ago when she was 18 and he 25. He was just starting out in business and having a rough time of it. The two kids are working themselves to the bone to make a success of this thing.

A couple of times they have borrowed our car for business purposes and David mentioned that he was thinking of buying a second hand station wagon because it would help expand his customer services. Well, then and there, my husband and I got the same idea. We would make the down payment on a brand new station wagon for their anniversary! We drove it up to their door that morning—only to be greeted by anger. They refused to take it.

Madeline S.—Probably we shouldn't have gotten angry. We realize that that was wrong. But we were so confused at the moment we hardly knew how to react.

I have told Mom and Dad in the past to quit trying to treat us like helpless babies. They started married life on nothing and we can do the same. But every time I happen to casually mention that I am planning to buy something, it is delivered to our house the next day—a gift.

Mom and Dad are very sensitive about their feelings. But they don't recognize our feelings. My two older sisters are well off and don't need a thing. My parents think we are beggars by comparison. We are doing okay, considering we're just getting started. Besides, we know that my parents can't afford gifts like this. They must think of their old age.

The Council: Generosity may be shown in many ways, and in this case it seems clear that the greater generosity would be the recognition of Madeline and David's pride. The young couple is obviously having so much fun of creating something of their own from scratch, and their impulse is so healthy that it is surely wrong to interfere.

Interference is what the gift of the station wagon really amounts to. Not all in-law interference is ill-intentioned. The well-intentioned kind is just as undesirable because it is equally effective in rocking the boat.

There is no reason to make a rule against parental help to married children, but parents should make sure that their help is desired and is likely to yield desirable results. It can certainly do harm if tact, taste and judgment aren't used.

The forcing of gifts upon children in such ways as making it a surprise or getting insulted if the gift is rejected smacks of selfishness on the parents' part. They are expressing their own need to cling to the child by continuing to sustain him past the time when that is the natural relationship between them.

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NBC Radio, TV Service Curbed

New York — (UPI) — National Broadcasting Company television and network radio service was curtailed today by a dispute with a technicians' union which is fighting the taping of TV shows abroad by low pay foreign personnel.

NBC officials met with representatives of the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians late this morning to discuss the union's objection to a taped video interview with Brigitte Bardot which was to have been used on the Dave Garroway "Today" show.

Technicians for the Garroway show refused to handle the tape made by non-union French technicians in Paris and walked off their jobs. The union promptly announced that 1,500 members who work at NBC-TV and radio installations in Washington, Chicago, Hollywood, San Francisco, and Philadelphia would join in the strike.

The immediate effect was a blackout on the NBC-TV network until taped programs could be gotten on the air by executive personnel. The first program present-

The effect of the walkout on radio was spotty, since NBC affiliate stations could fill in the empty network



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