

Castro Government Said To Be Best Communist Apparatus in Caribbean

New York—UPI—A Columbia Broadcasting system correspondent says that Cuba's government, under Fidel Castro, was emerging "in the opinion of western diplomatic sources as the best-organized Communist apparatus in the Caribbean."

Stuart Novins, who recently returned from a two-month study of the Cuban government, said it was "most probable" that Castro himself was not a member of the Communist party but that he had "provided and supported a climate for Communist expansion."

"It is no longer possible for Cubans to express publicly any opposition to the government without incurring swift and arbitrary reprisals," Novins said.

Criticism Denounced
"Any criticism of the Fidel Castro government is now denounced as 'counter-revolutionary' and government practice makes 'counter-revolution' punishable by property confiscation, imprisonment and/or death."

Novins said a hard core of Reds already had insinuated itself into key government and economic posts and was following classic Communist methods of gaining control.

These, he said, included impoverishing and making the rich and middle classes impatient; deliberately creating mass unemployment, hunger and discontent among the

poor; stamping out political opposition; muffling the press and other news media, and controlling educational and cultural bodies.

Press Services Attacked

New York Paper Given Pulitzer Journalism Award

New York—UPI—The 1959 Pulitzer journalism award for meritorious public service was awarded Monday to the Utica, N.Y., Observer-Dispatch and Utica daily Press for its campaign against corruption, gambling and vice in the city.

The Pulitzer prize for fiction was awarded to Robert Lewis Taylor for his "The Travels of Jamie McPheeters."

The drama prize went to the play "J.B." by Archibald MacLeish.

The biography award went to Arthur Walworth for his "Woodrow Wilson, American Prophet."

The history prize was awarded for "The Republican Era: 1869-1901" by Leonard D. White with the assistance of Mrs. Jean Schneider.

Other Awards

Other journalism awards included:

National reporting—Howard Van Smith of the Miami, Fla., News for a series of articles that focused public notice on deplorable conditions in a Florida migrant labor camp and thereby called attention to the national problem.

International reporting—Joseph Martin and Philip Santora of the New York Daily News for their exclusive articles disclosing the brutality of the Batista government in Cuba long before the revolutionary triumph of Fidel Castro.

Cartoons—William H. (Bill) Mauldin of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for his cartoon, "I won the Nobel prize for literature. What was your crime?"

Novins said that during the week preceding Castro's visit to the United States, the Cuban Prime Minister also attacked United Press International, the Associated Press, Time magazine and other U.S. news sources as "international oligarchies" paid to print lies about his government.

Immediately afterward, he said, the UPI bureau in Havana received three telephone threats that it would be bombed and the families of some employees were threatened.

Novins said Castro could break the growing Communist web by holding free elections. "If he makes possible now truly free elections, guaranteed by constitutional safeguards, the ballot would replace his Communist-exploited personal dictatorship with a constitutional democracy," he said.

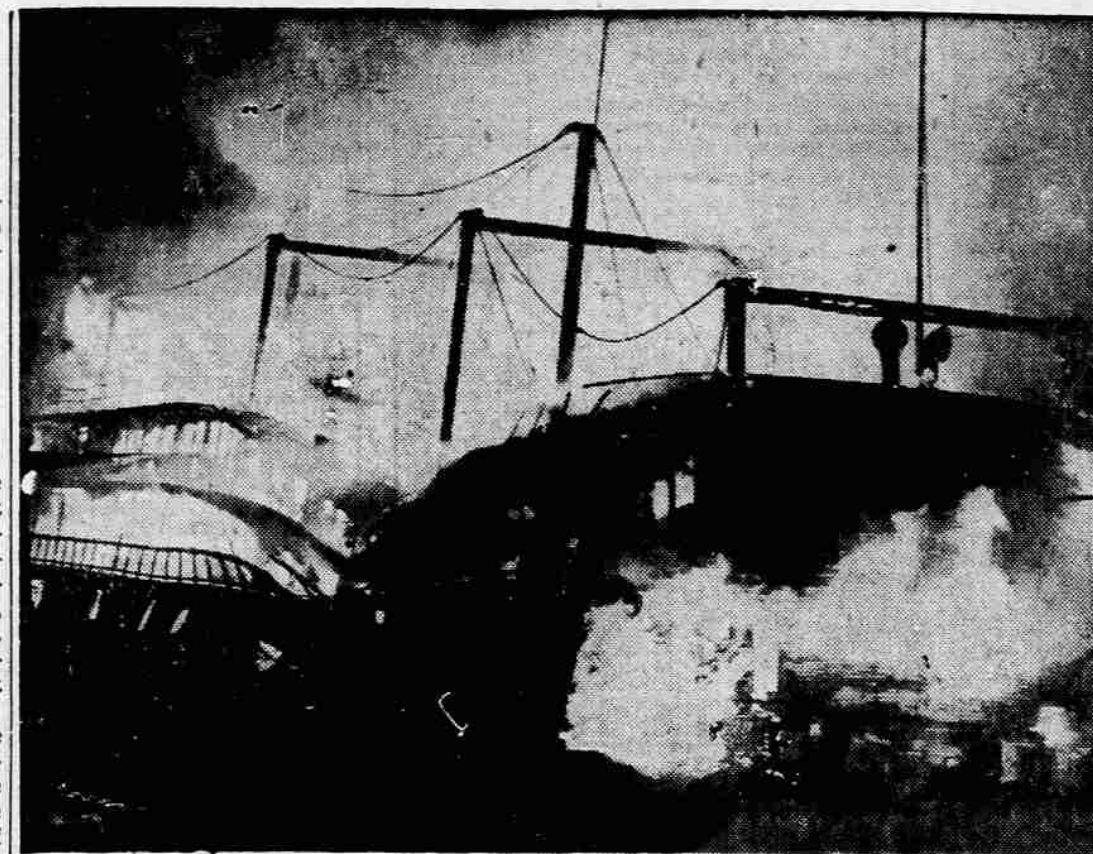
But Castro has dodged the issue of free elections, Novins added. In January, he said they would be held in 18 months to two years. During his visit to the United States, he said four years. Earlier last month he said they would be held when illiteracy is wiped out—which would take at least 20 years, Novins added.

He said that Castro without doubt has cleaned up the Cuban government and was "believed to be sincerely motivated" in his economic, social and political program.

Concrete Bridge Under Construction

Work on a 24-foot concrete bridge over Hog creek on Agate road was to begin this week by the county roads department.

A detour at the site was expected to be finished Monday afternoon by crews who last week completed a 63-foot wooden span over Yak Creek on Yale Creek rd. above Little Applegate. It was constructed of "creosoted" single timbers, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning.



END OF A PROJECT—Roaring flames burned through the once glorious river boat Fort Sutter, beached at Aquatic Park in San Francisco. Its owner, Barney Gould, had intended to convert the old paddle-wheeler into a showboat and restaurant on San Francisco's waterfront, but city officials condemned the vessel and had scheduled its destruction. The fire is believed to have been started by four youths, and Gould, who has maintained a feud with city officials, has suggested he may sue the city. Firemen saved the two watchmen trapped aboard, but the boat itself burned to the water-line.

Chemical Mixture May Help to Keep Bacteria Alive

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

New York—UPI—A least a few of the chemical compounds which preserve people

against the onslaughts of sickening bacteria also help bacteria maintain themselves in a state of suspended chemical animation while floating in the air.

Dr. S. J. Webb discovered this. He suspected that airborne bacteria was one reason for the contradictory increase in bacterial infections in hospital patients and personnel in this age of the mighty bacteria-killers, the antibiotics and the sulfa drugs.

But how could this be, when air usually dries out bacteria in short order and thus kills them? His experiments showed it could be very readily—with one member of the notorious staphylococcal family of people-sickening bacteria.

In the cells of the bacteria, the proteins are bonded with water. Air takes out the water, the protein structure collapses, and the bacteria are finished. But the antibiotic chloramphenicol and some of the sulfa drugs substitute for water in this bonding.

Bacteria Remain in Air
Air doesn't eliminate them nearly as fast it eliminates water. Meanwhile the bacteria remain in the air, unable to multiply but with their cellular protein structure intact. They get into a human body again and find moisture which dilutes and replaces the antibiotic or sulfa drug. They begin multiplying—they're in business again.

The bacteria, of course, have to be "resistant" to the antibiotic or the drug, by which is meant they've learned chemically to live with them. More and more strains of sickening bacteria, especially of the staphylococcal family, are fully resistant.

Physicians have criticized themselves for building up these resistant strains by giving antibiotics too freely. At any rate many sick hospital patients—and many quite well nurses, doctors and other personnel—contain resistant bacteria which, as a matter of course, get into the air.

Measures Endurance
Webb made his intricate studies by suspending bacteria in the contained air of a big steel drum, and then measuring the length of their endurance in air under varying conditions. So far he has tested one only antibiotic,

chloramphenicol, and some of the sulfa drugs. One can assume his findings apply to others, but this has not been shown yet.

But he made the measurements with a chemical compound which is the basis of a commonly used disinfectant—one which gets rid of bacteria by preventing their multiplication rather than killing them outright, as the antibiotic and the sulfa drugs do. The same thing seemed to happen—the cellular structure was held together whereas it would have collapsed in air if water had been the bonding agent.

In the dry language of scientists, Webb remarked this "might, in part, explain why some measures of sanitation have failed in hospitals." He reported to the technical journal, "Nature."

Man Joins Medford Office of Company

E. John Rossi is a new investment representative in the Medford office of Zilka, Smither and co., according to an announcement by James H. Zilka, president, from the main office in Portland. The Medford office, managed by Richard E. Watson, is one of four branch offices serving Oregon and southwest Washington.

Rossi was graduated from Morningside college, Sioux City, Iowa, and received his master's degree from Colorado State College of Education, Greeley, and has taken graduate work at the University of Oregon. He has been athletic coach at both Lakeview and Ashland.

Rossi, who is married, has been a resident of Medford for the past six years, and was formerly employed by Investors Diversified Services in Medford.

The University of Paris was founded at the French capital in 1150.

New York—UPI—The national dollar value of all goods and services produced—is expected to rise from around 435 billion dollars in 1958 to around 480 billion in 1959 and a half trillion dollars by 1960. The GNP could hit 750 billion by 1970 or before and the magic trillion-dollar mark in the following decade.



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YOUNG LOVE—Ex-mobster Mickey Cohen embraces striptease artist Candy Barr in Hollywood, Calif., night club. Cohen arranged for Miss Barr's release from a Hollywood jail on bail in connection with a Texas marijuana conviction which she is presently appealing. Cohen has said he intends to ask Miss Barr to marry him.

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