New Years's Starts Third Year of Castro's Revolutionary Regime

Deliverer From Corruption Uses Double-Cross

Editor's note: Dec. 31, 1960, marks the end of two years of Castro rule. Following is the first of three dispatches tracing Castro's progress from idealistic revolutionary to Communist-controlled dictator, his anti-Americanism and his repudiation of promises for early Cuban elections, restoration of personal freedoms and protection for foreign investments.

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When Fidel Castro and his followers moved into a Manhattan hotel, strewed its carpets with the feathers of plucked chickens and received Nikita Khrushchev as an honored and trusted ally, for Castro it marked a pinnacle of success reached by the double-cross.

Jan. 1, 1961, will be the beginning of the third year of Castro's revolutionary regime which has violated nearly every promise it ever made to the Cuban people.

From bearded revolutionary, Castro has moved to bearded dictator. The United States has fixed an official "Communist" tag on his government. The Cuban treasury nearly is bankrupt.

Yet there are contradictions. For this was not a regime imposed upon the Cuban people. It was welcomed as a deliverer from the corruption-ridden government of former dictator President Fulgencio Batista.

Some schools have been built, and some peasants have new homes.

Peasants Back Him

Enthusiasm for him has waned among the professional and middle classes. The peasants may tire of militia drills; ceaseless rallies and endless harangues but the majority still believes he is leading them to better days and the magnetism of Castro's own personality still makes him the champion in the eyes of the little people.

And no matter what the end result, it seems certain Cuba never again will be the same as it was.

Whether Castro himself is a Communist or is being used by the Communists who surround him still must be a matter of debate.

Even among the things about which there can be no debate there is contradiction. There can be no debate about the young Havana university student who says:

"If Fidel dies, we all die."

Nor is there debate about the sincerity of the serious young director of a farm cooperative who says:

"The farmers should get fruits of what their land produces." Nor about the aged peasant woman who kneels before a picture of Castro as she would a deity.

Liberties Also Die

But neither can there be debate about the loss of all personal liberties under a regime which places every able man, woman and child under the orders of the state militia and every laborer and employer under control of the state. Nor is there debate about the blood-stained walls before which Castro firing squads have cut down more than 500 "enemies of the state" after swift hearings before untrained military tribunals.

The state is judge, jury, employer and landlord, as former owners of nearly $2 billion in U.S. property can testify.

The before-and-after of the Castro regime may be seen in all its dark contrast in a study of Castro's own words and of those who observed him closely before the triumph of his revolution, and in his words today.

Announces His Goals

This was Castro's own announced program in early April, 1958, nine months before he came out of the Sierra Maestra in triumph over Batista:

–Establishment of a provisional government which will "call general elections as quickly as possible."

–A provisional president who will promise "not to be a candidate for any public office."

–Restoration of the Cuban constitution of 1940.

–Release of all political prisoners, civilian and military.

–Separation of the armed forces from political affairs.

–Free elections for labor unions.

–Promulgation of new economic, social and industrial reforms.

Here are quotations from a Castro interview in his mountain hideout in March, 1957:

". . . I am not a Communist. In its program the 26th of July movement has nothing in common with communism."

About nationalization of industry:

"That would be absurd. It would ruin the country. All I want to do is improve my country. I have no intention of nationalizing any industry to do that."

About foreign investments:

"We will make it better for foreign interests who invest in Cuba. With us, Cuba will have a stable government, without civil war. Industry will not have to pay off as it did to the Batista government."

Changes His Tune

So far as Castro's campaign promises go, he now has declared elections unnecessary. The constitution of 1940 patterned after the United States Constitution guaranteeing personal liberties has been relegated to dust.

Cuban jails are estimated to hold 15,000 to 30,000 political prisoners. All labor unions have been combined into one massive organization under Communist control.

Private industry and foreign investments all have been taken over by the state.

Three and a half months after taking power, Castro declared in Washington that Cuba had no intention of abrogating the agreement by which the United States maintains a naval base at Guantanamo Bay. He implied that in any conflict between East and West, he would support the West.

Today he accuses the U.S. of "aggression" against Cuba and on the 43rd anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution declared:

"In these moments when the Cuban people are preparing to face the attack of criminals and mercenaries sponsored and prepared by Yankee imperialism, the gestures of solidarity and help of the Soviet government and people further stimulate us . . ."

Next: The growing anti-American campaign, and the situation of city workers, the peasants and education.

Tighter Teaching Requirements Eyed

Salem – (UPI) – The State Board of Education is considering a proposal to tighten up requirements for grade school teachers to get teaching certificates.

The plan, which would require approval of the 1961 legislature, calls for elementary teachers to have five years of college instead of four before they can get a certificate.

At present, high school teachers are required to have five years of training.

The proposed law also would affect instructors of community colleges – grades 13 and 14.

It would not affect present grade school teachers but incoming ones would have to comply.

Russia Charges U2 Planes Used

United Nations, N. Y. – (UPI) – Russia charged Tuesday that American U2 planes are being used to carry out reconnaissance for France in its fight with the Algerian Moslem rebels.

Soviet Ambassador Valerian A. Zorin claimed the NATO-based U2s pick out targets in Algeria for the French to hit with American-made napalm bombs dropped from U.S. bombers.

Zorin attacked the NATO nations, especially the United States, for helping France in the "bloody slaughter."

"Whatever the propagandists say, the facts remain clear," Zorin said. "The fact is the Arabs are being slaughtered in Algeria by American weapons."

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Academic Year Institute Set For Biology Teachers at U of O

Eugene–An Academic Year Institute for high school biology teachers will be conducted at the University of Oregon during the 1961-62 school year, according to Sanford S. Tepfer, assistant professor of biology, who will direct the institute.

A grant of more than $85,000 to finance the Institute has been made by the National Science Foundation under its program to help high school teachers improve their subject matter knowledge through a year of advanced study on a full time basis.

Under the Institute program, 15 teachers will be trained to teach high school biology courses at the advanced-placement or honors level.

Applicants will be solicited from high school teachers throughout the nation. According to Tepfer, preference will be given to teachers from Oregon and neighboring states.

To Receive Stipend

Those teachers accepted will receive a stipend of $3,000 plus dependency allowances of $450 for each dependent up to a maximum of four.

"Increased emphasis on science teaching at all levels has resulted in recognition of the fact that many high school teachers have not had adequate preparation to present biology courses at a higher level than the present standard," Tepfer said.

"In order to develop the potential of the better students more fully, higher level courses must be available."

Such high level high school courses in biology take the form of either honor courses or advanced placement courses which may lead to the high school graduate receiving advanced placement in college. Under the Institute, teachers will be trained to instruct either sort of course.

The Institute study program will be centered around the university's course in general biology and an honors course in biological science. The 15 teachers studying under the Institute will take part in both courses as observers. They will also be required to take three terms of a special advanced biology course designed for the Institute and one term of laboratory and field methods in biology for a total of 16 basic hours of credit.

Beyond this, the participants may take graduate level courses in biology and education as well as regular undergraduate courses in biology and other departments where they may be required to make up deficiencies. They will be expected to carry 12 or more units a quarter.

Under the Institute program, Tepfer said, teachers may possibly complete the work for a masters degree in biology, without thesis, during the nine months that the program runs or, in some cases, by continuing through a summer session.

Failure to Provide

"One of the problems in improving high school teaching is the failure of community school systems to provide financial opportunities for teachers to participate in post-graduate study," Tepfer added.

"We hope that the quality of instruction to be made available in this institute will induce local school systems to grant leave to their best biology teachers, so that they can improve their own competence and then return to their own schools."

In applying for the Institute, teachers must submit a signed statement from the superintendent of schools in their district agreeing that, if the university trains the teacher, then that teacher will be given an opportunity to instruct a higher level course in biology.

Tepfer has announced that brochures explaining the institute will be mailed to high schools this week. Interested teachers should write for application forms which must be returned no later than Jan. 20. The names of the 15 teachers accepted will be announced Feb. 17.

MACHINE MAKER DIES

New York – (UPI) – George Arents, 85, who helped develop the first machinery to make cigars in 1900, died Tuesday.

Finch, Tregoff To Receive Hearing On Double Jeopardy

Los Angeles–(UPI)–Dr. R. Bernard Finch, 43, and Carole Tregoff, 23, will receive a hearing Friday on their motion that they should be freed from murder charges on the ground of double jeopardy.

The couple faces a third trial Jan. 3. Juries in two earlier trials failed formally to return verdicts against them on charges of murder and conspiracy in the July 18, 1959 slaying of Finch's wife.

Affidavits Presented

Superior Judge LeRoy Dawson granted Friday's hearing after Finch's lawyer, Grant Cooper, presented affidavits from three jurors in the second trial. The jurors claimed a murder verdict against Finch had been arrived at but declined by Dawson, who presided at the trial.

The affidavits said the 12 jurors failed only to agree on the degree of murder of which Finch was guilty. In such a case, under state law, the judge should levy the lesser verdict–second degree murder.

Dawson, however, claimed he never was informed that the jury had reached any verdict. He finally dismissed the jurors as hopelessly deadlocked.

Cooper contended a third trial of Finch would amount to placing him on trial for a crime which a jury had already found him guilty.

Legal Maneuvering

However, by some fancy legal maneuvering, Cooper claimed that since the guilty verdict was not accepted by Dawson, Finch should be allowed to go completely free.

Carole's attorney, Don Bringgold, said his client also should be freed because the three jurors in their affidavits said the jury had informally agreed to acquit her and Finch of conspiracy charges. A third trial of Miss Tregoff also would be placing her in double jeopardy, he said.

Both are being held in county jail.

Postal Burglary Brings Five Years

San Francisco – (UPI) – Sam Phillips, 38, an itinerant laborer, has been given a five year prison sentence in connection with the Nov. 6 burglary of the Four Corners postal substation near Salem, Ore.

Phillips had pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing a counterfeit postal marking stamp which the government contended he intended to use in passing 580 blank money order forms taken in the burglary, each potentially worth $100.

Government attorneys said Phillips had admitted the burglary and that a complaint was pending on a burglary count against him in Portland.

Youth Bound Over To Grand Jury

Francis Dean Brown, 20, of route 1, box 640A, Rogue River, pleaded guilty in district court Monday to charges of burglarizing the Wimer school and was bound over to the Jackson county grand jury. Bail was set at $1,500.

State police said they believed Brown was involved in several burglaries in the Rogue River - Wimer area in recent months.

State police took six boys into custody last week end for questioning about several burglaries in that area. Brown is believed to have been working with them, officers said.

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