

# Execution by Television Marked Path To Be Followed by Castroites

## President Heard Self Denounced By Premier

Editor's note: Following is the last of a series — Fidel Castro, from revolutionary idealist to dictator.

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Havana's Sports Palace was jammed that hot night of July 17, 1959. On the speaker's platform, in army fatigues and with cigar in hand, stood Fidel Castro, washed over by wave after wave of cheers from frenzied Cubans.

In Cuba's presidential palace, surrounded by his family, President Manuel Urrutia sat before a television set.

Both he and the crowd soon were to witness history's first political execution by television.

A mild shocked disbelief, Castro announced he was resigning as premier because of "moral differences" with Urrutia.

Then, grey-faced, stunned, Urrutia heard himself denounced for acts with "border on treason," of joining in an "elaborate plan" to defame the revolutionary government, of delaying land reform and failing to sign regulations providing death penalties for convicted counter-revolutionaries.

Urrutia called the television station and demanded the right to reply. He was ignored.

By midnight the crowd, roused to fever pitch, was threatening to march on the presidential palace. At 2 a.m., an automobile carried Urrutia into political oblivion.

**Signed Death Warrant**  
There would be other such political executions in high places of the revolutionary government, but this was the first clearly to mark the road down which the Castro regime soon would be tearing pell-mell.

Without even knowing that he had committed a crime, Urrutia had signed his own political death warrant less than three weeks earlier. At a television press conference he had said:

"I reject the support of the Communists, and I believe that any real Cuban revolutionary should reject it openly."

For whether Castro, a revolutionary but never an administrator, knew it or not, the Communists were taking over.

On July 18, 1959, Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado took over in Urrutia's place. As a student at Havana university, Dorticos had been known as a leftist. As an attorney he had represented the Communist faction in his native Cienfuegos. He had once been arrested as a Communist in his own right.

Castro, of course, rescinded his resignation and returned as premier.

**Roa Was a Founder**  
The foreign minister was Raul Roa. Roa was one of the founders of the Communist party in Cuba many years ago. He is violently anti-American and is regarded as one of the most dangerous Reds in this hemisphere.

Raul Castro, brother of Fidel, is defense minister. The more quiet of the two brothers, he also is regarded as a better Marxist. He has traveled and studied behind the Iron Curtain.

On Nov. 26, 1959, Ernesto Che Guevara took over as president of the National Bank of Cuba. He has denied he is a Communist but generally is accepted as an enthusiastic one. He took over his present job without previous economic experience but has been a spokesman for Cuba in Moscow and Peiping and recently negotiated a \$60 million loan from Red China.

**Associated with Communists**  
Among close observers of Cuba, it is believed that Guevara, Roa and Raul Castro are the real rulers of Cuba, having been designated by Moscow as a triumvirate.

**Other Members Named**  
Today it may be said that every key post in the Cuban government either is Red-occupied or Red-controlled.

Other members include: Dr. Vicentina Antuna de Carone, an avowed Red who is general director of culture. She has helped to rewrite Cuban history books to eliminate the United States' part in the liberation of Cuba from Spain



IN REBEL STRONGHOLD—Fidel Castro, center, is shown with his revolutionary leaders, brother Raul Castro, left, Juan Almeida; Ramiro Valdez and Ciro Redondo. (UPI Telephoto)

and she has banned the selling of U. S. Christmas cards with their Christian scenes from Cuba.

Antonio Nunez Jimenez, director of the National Institute of Agrarian Reform. He was a leader of the Young Communist league at the University of Havana.

Maj. Augusto Martinez Sanchez, one-time minister of defense and now labor minister. He is another noted for his violent anti-American views and his deep respect for communism.

Under Cuba's agrarian and urban reform laws, Nunez Jimenez and Martinez Sanchez control every waking moment of most of Cuban labor and even may dictate the places where they may sleep.

The labor ministry's power is such that no worker can get a job without ministry approval. An employer cannot hire without ministry approval.

Hand in hand has been the development of the "single union" aimed at forcing all of Cuban labor into one vast organization headed by the "right" people.

Additionally, no worker can refuse to go into the militia and hope to keep his job.

Whether or not Castro considers himself a Communist, a man of peace or a man of violence, his life has been closely associated with both Communists and violence.

He participated in anti-American demonstrations in Bogota, and in an ill-starred

attack on the Dominican Republic.

In Mexico where he and his followers trained for their invasion of Cuba, his mentor was Alberto Bayo, a highly professional Spanish Communist.

**Dream of Liberator**  
The details of government are not for Castro. His habitat is the mountains of Oriente Province.

His is the broad horizon. "In my heart," he once said, "I would like to see the whole

of America united from north to south. That is the dream of the liberator. We had paid too little attention to the ideas of Simon Bolivar."

This is the appeal to youth which has spread throughout much of Latin America.

It is the reason why in Chile President Eisenhower heard the shouts: "Cuba si, Yankee no."

In Chile, in Venezuela, Brazil, Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama there are the "Fidelistas," a combination of poverty, of life without hope and exploitation by the Communists. Castro would export his revolution to all of them.

**Three Fined for Illegal Possession**  
Three young Medford men received fines of \$35 apiece in Medford's municipal court yesterday after pleading guilty to charges of illegal possession of alcoholic beverages. They were arrested by city police early yesterday morning.

They are Wayne Lee Ellis, 18, of 211 Summit st.; Lawrence Richard Wilson, 20, of 805 Casino rd.; and Dennis Lee Strauss, 18, of 2548 Sandy terrace. Strauss also received a two-day jail sentence in addition to the fine.

The youths were arrested in the downtown area after a routine check of their car disclosed that they had a quantity of beer in their possession. All three boys spent the night in the city jail. They refused to tell police where they obtained the beer.

**UN Committee Votes Payment**  
United Nations, N.Y. — The General Assembly's budgetary committee voted Thursday over Soviet opposition to make all of its members contribute to the cost of the U.N. Congo operation as part of the world organization's budget.

A fight appeared certain, however, when the committee's resolution is put before the assembly where a two-thirds vote is required for approval.

The vote on the resolution as a whole was 45-15 with 25 abstentions. Iraq, Lebanon, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Republic and Yemen joined the nine-country Soviet bloc in voting against it.

## License Plates At One-Time Fee Of \$20 Proposed

Salem — UPI — Under a proposed permanent car license plate program, a motorist would pay one-time fee of \$20 and the license would be good for the life of the car, Oregon legislators have been told.

A letter was read from Motor Vehicles Director Vern Hill to the Legislative Interim Highway Committee.

Earliest date for the change-over would be Jan. 1, 1963 and a complete reissue of plates would occur in 1962.

Even if the car were sold the plates would remain with the car and the title transfer fee would be \$10.

When a car is wrecked or junked, the license would go back to the Department for reissue.

**Annual Saving**  
The plan would save the state \$500,000 a year in administrative and other costs, Hill said. If the plan is adopted, a re-evaluation of the need for an electronic data processing program in the Motor Vehicles Department would be called for, he said.

It has not been determined how much the system would reduce the present \$4 million a year from \$10 license fees. Highway Engineer W. C. said one proposal was another half-a-cent per gallon gasoline tax to raise \$3 billion annually.

**MAC'S CAR DAMAGED**  
London — UPI — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's chauffeur-driven limousine was extensively damaged in a traffic accident Thursday, but Macmillan was not hurt. His car collided with another automobile in downtown London.

## Oregon Rhodes Candidate Picked

Portland — UPI — A 20-year-old Reed college senior from Minneapolis has been chosen as the candidate from Oregon

for a 1961 Rhodes scholarship. The student, Mark Ptashne, was picked over three other candidates by a five-man

screening committee at an oral examination. Ptashne will graduate in chemistry at the Portland school this spring. He said he plans to make molecular biology his life work.

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