

Jobs, Living Quarters Lacking for Cubans Fleeing Castro Regime

Miami Crowded With Immigrants Seeking Chance

Editor's note: UPI Miami Bureau Manager Richard Hatch spent two weeks gathering information on the Cuban refugee problem on which the U.S. government is spending \$1 million. This is the first of a series of three dispatches reporting interviews with government officials, civic leaders and the refugees themselves.

By RICHARD W. HATCH

Miami — UPI — Picture any Cuban Joe Smith-Jose Garcia. He arrives in this glittering crossroads of the Caribbean with no money, no job and no English words to find one, and a wife with two children tagging along wearily after hours of questioning by a khaki-suited U.S. immigration officer.

Many of the Cuban Jose and Marias arriving here at the rate of 1,300 every week face just this situation. They sold their possessions cheaply to escape Premier Fidel Castro's police-ruled island. They bought a ticket — or had a friend here buy it — for the 55-minute air hop over the Straits of Florida. Cuba allowed them to leave with only \$5.

Jose, Maria and their children will find food, a place to live and at least the hope of a job some day despite the fact Greater Miami's population is crammed with an estimated 95,000 of their countrymen.

For the Cuban grapevine — strung along Flagler, wrapped around the downtown's Southwest wall of cheap apartments and hotels and northwest on First st. past the big Post Office to the airport — has guided their footsteps. Find Miami 'Angel'.

Those Cubans to whom life has looked blackest have found their way to Sister Miriam, reverently referred to as the angel of Miami. The little nun, clad in the white-trimmed black cowl of the Dominican Order, presides over the Spanish center of Gesu Roman Catholic Church, a block south of the downtown Post Office.

For more than a year her soft Spanish has soothed as many as 100 homeless a day. The slight, robed woman has guided the hungry to Camillus House — dingy but smelling of beef stew ladled out by three Brothers of the Good Shepherd. She has guided the ill to the Catholic Medical Center, the children to the two church nurseries that watch them while their parents hunt jobs, and those who can afford the bus fare to the night classes teaching English.

Area Short on Jobs

Before the Castro Cuban exodus, Miami held about 50,000 Cubans, fairly well-established. Then in 1960 another 45,000 poured in on top of them. The area already was short on jobs. The U.S. government stepped in last month with a team of experts and \$1 million in an attempt to relieve the situation.

"The Cuban community here has reached the saturation point," warned Miami Mayor Robert King High.

Tracy Voorhees, President Eisenhower's designated fact-finder, agreed. He found that the resident Cuban population had absorbed all it could — as many as four families to a house — that hundreds do not get enough to eat. United Press International found only 1,500 to 2,000 Cuban men had been able to get jobs last year, and about 1,000 Cubans arrived with no place to go.

Get Holiday Meal
Before Christmas, thousands of refugees passed patiently through the International Refugee Center to collect blankets and \$1.50 to \$6 for a family to have a holiday meal. But the center officials and Voorhees said they have not had time yet to determine just how much "extensive hardships" exists.

However, had it is, Voorhees added, "the Puerto Ricans in New York are a much greater problem than Miami's Cubans."

The Cubans have treated grave school problems. The school board said it had admitted 3,730 Latin American children—most of them Cuban—to its already crowded public schools before Dec. 2. Hundreds more gained entrance to parochial schools. Each child is supposed to pay a \$50 state fee to attend public schools as a non-resident, but school authorities found some 200 didn't have 35 cents for a school lunch each day nor enough food at home to bring one. Lunches were provided for them and the fee waived.

Somewhat each Cuban finds something each day to eat — though it may not be enough — and a place to stay, a shared bed with friends, a cheap hotel room paid for by one of several charitable organizations, or maybe a bright little apartment that offers privacy and roominess.

Although they are quick to



CONDITIONS CROWDED — An example of the crowded conditions under which Cuban political refugees are living is this photograph of a garage which was converted

into a room at Miami, Fla. The room is shared by the five men shown here, plus five others, all former Cuban rebel army officers.

GAS ECONOMY MODEL

Dallas, Tex. — UPI — Don Matthews, a Dallas school official, said Tuesday in dickering with a dealer for a used electric organ he told the dealer he was only interested if it carried a new organ guarantee.

"Oh, it does. It does," he said the dealer replied. "This was a one-owner organ, and actually it was owned by a little old lady with arthritis."

EXPERT 'LOOKS SILLY'

London — UPI — Do it yourself expert Barry Bucknell, who demonstrated an anti-theft device for automobiles on television, today admitted the successful rifling of his car made "me look silly." The device was supposed to sound a horn if anyone tries to enter the locked auto.

extend charity to each other, their pride makes them reluctant to accept it from outsiders, Sister Miriam said.

"They may be down and out and broke, and many are spiritually uprooted, yet no one asks for money," she said, her bright brown eyes glowing with compassion.

The only thing they are begging for is a chance to work.

Three Men Safe After Copter Flips

Buckley, Wash. — UPI — Three men, missing since they left Seattle to fly over an area behind Mt. Rainier, were found Tuesday, safe and sound despite the fact their craft had crashed and burned.

The pilot, Don Sholberg, Seattle, said the copter flipped over on its side as he attempted to land in soft snow in a clearing. The three barely got clear of the machine when it burst into flames.

The three men found an old cabin stocked with stove wood. They stayed there until they were found Tuesday. The other two persons aboard were Walter V. Frederick and James Blodgett, both U.S. geological engineers from Tacoma.

20,000 MADE HOMELESS

Jakarta, Indonesia — UPI — Reports reaching here Tuesday said three persons were killed and 20,000 made homeless by a 125-mile-an-hour typhoon Dec. 15 on the remote Tanimbar Island in Moluccas, East Indonesia.

MacARTHUR PROMOTION?

Washington — UPI — Rep. Joseph W. Martin (R-Mass.), reintroduced Tuesday legislation authorizing the President to name General of the Army Douglas MacArthur as "general of the armies of the United States." Gen. John J. (Black Jack) Pershing, commander of America's World War I European forces, is the only officer who was ever made general of the armies.

Cold Shrinks Bay Bridge 30 Inches

San Francisco — UPI — Temperatures dropped below freezing in the San Francisco area early Tuesday, causing the Bay bridge to shrink two and one-half feet.

Engineers on the bridge braved the unusual cold snap shortly before dawn with measuring devices. Some time later, they reported that the span contracted 30 inches.

Engineers on the Gold Gate bridge speculated that their span probably shrank a bit, too. But it was so cold, they just sat in their warm office and speculated.

Attorneys Seek Jurors To Try Finch, Tregoff

Los Angeles — UPI — Attorneys began their second day today of trying to find 12 persons unopposed to the death penalty who have not already formed an opinion about the guilt or innocence of Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff.

They estimated it probably would take them all of this week and part of next to seat 12 jurors to listen to the third Finch-Tregoff murder trial.

Finch, 43, and his red-haired former receptionist, Carole, 24, are accused of the fatal shooting July 18, 1959, of the surgeon's wife Barbara Jean, 33.

Both of their earlier trials, which cost the county an estimated \$200,000 to prosecute, ended in hung juries.

The third trial opened Tuesday. Presiding Superior Judge David Coleman turned down a request by Miss Tregoff's attorney to have the couple tried separately and took under submission a move by Finch's attorney to have the trial place moved to another county.

Then the difficult task of trying to select jurors began. Four jurors quickly said they already had formed an opinion about the case. Nine others claimed conscientious scruples against the death penalty — which the state again is expected to ask for the couple. And four others, claimed it would be a hardship if they had to serve on the jury.

A REAL VARMINT

Mesa, Ariz. — UPI — A couple parked in a lovers' lane told police Tuesday they didn't get a good look at the face of a bandit who robbed them of \$19, but they vividly recalled his outfit and mode of transportation. The bandit was in full cowboy regalia including a 19 gallon Stetson, spurs that jingled and a revolver and holster. He rode a horse.

TRUST OFFICIAL DIES

North Tarrytown, N.Y. — UPI — Carl J. Helles, 59, vice president of the Manufacturers Trust Bank Co., died Tuesday.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Hasty sampling of the news on the morning of the second day of Anno Domini 1961: Mother Earth is SLIMMING DOWN THE BULGE around her waistline. In the course of a million years or so she is expected to reduce her middle age spread by maybe an inch or so.

Hmmmmmmmm. Apparently patience and perseverance DO work wonders.

ALSO — She is slowing down a bit as she gets older. Which is to say, she is reducing the speed with which she shoots on her axis.

What does that mean to me? Well, you know, the speed with which the earth turns on its axis regulates the LENGTH OF OUR DAY. This slowing down on the old lady's part means that every new year you get up in the morning to face will be one one-thousandth of a second longer than the day before.

RUGGED thought:

One hundred million years from this particular morn'g after the night before the days will be 15 minutes longer!

WHO says so?

No less a person than Dr. Gordon J. F. MacDonald, of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. So we might as well begin to get ready for it.

MORE to worry about:

Dr. Harold Urey, Nobel prize-winning chemist, warns that any day now a comet might strike the earth with the energy of 100 MILLION A-bombs. He adds that if that should occur all life in a circular area some 5,000 miles across might be wiped out.

But, he says, we have a gambler's chance. The odds that this disaster might overtake us are one out of 50,000,000. At that point, he hedges. He MIGHT be wrong, he admits. The odds might be as small as one in FIVE million.

At any rate, it's a grim world we live in.

MORE modern world stuff: Down in Dallas, Texas,

it was a dull day in the fire department. So they fell back on a game of checkers to pass the time away. The players were Chief O. G. Sartain, the department's checkers champion, and an IBM electronic brain.

Chief Sartain, the reporters tell us this morning, came up with a new approach that STUMPED THE MACHINE. He thought about a stalemate in which he had one king and five players left, whereas the IBM had one king and FOUR players left. The machine is reported to have rambled in its innards for a few minutes, but in the end it had to concede defeat.

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Wall Street Chatter

New York — UPI — The real strength in the stock market still appears to center in the relatively small number of non-or anticyclical groups that might expect to weather a general business decline without disruption of rising earnings trends, according to Winslow, Cohn & Steison.

Food, tobacco, natural gas and finance companies seem to be the main bastion of the strength, the firm says, along with several coal companies like Peabody and, of course, American Tel & Tel.

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Bill Would Allow Red Vehicle Lights

Salem — UPI — Rep-elect Cornelius Bateson (D-Salem), said Tuesday he will introduce a bill in the 1961 legislature to permit volunteer firemen to have red emergency lights on their cars.

State police recently enforced a law denying such lights because of alleged abuses by some firemen volunteers.

Bateson, himself a volunteer fireman in the Four Corners rural fire department east of here, said his bill would include strong penalties for volunteer firemen who use the red lights for any purpose other than rushing to a fire.

Use of the lights would be at the discretion of local fire departments.

stocks which appear to have "bottomed out" and for which a substantial upturn is now in sight: Chicago Pneumatic Tool, Food Machinery & Chemical, and Gardner-Denver.

Martin Gilbert of Van Alstyne, Noel & Co. feels that the Dow-Jones industrial average in 1961 will surpass its all-time highs later in the year.

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ASSETS

First Mortgage Loans	\$5,013,006.31
Share Loans	722.61
Real Estate Sold on Contract	19,404.83
Real Estate Owned and in Judgment	34,218.36
Investments and Securities	441,400.00
Cash on Hand and in Banks	127,384.89
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment, less Depreciation	8,086.38
Other Real Estate	28,740.00
Total Assets	\$5,672,963.38

LIABILITIES

Members' Share Accounts	\$4,889,012.75
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	210,000.00
Loans in Process	200,444.76
Other Liabilities	1,500.00
Specific Reserves	\$354,898.78
General Reserves	16,559.79
Undivided Profits	371,458.57
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