

Call Issued for Vigorous Economic, Social Programs in Latin America

Washington - (UPI) - The Committee for Economic Development has called for vigorous action to promote economic and social progress in Latin America.

The private research and education group, reporting on nearly two years of study, said such progress is "essential to the maintenance of stable democracies."

To achieve this stability, the committee recommended a nine-point program which it said must be begun in cooperation with the 20 Latin American republics.

At the same time, another privately financed research group - the Population Reference Bureau - called for major social changes in Latin America. It said "a revolution in customs, values, attitudes, institutions and mores" was needed to ensure economic progress.

To Include Land Reform

The revolution, it said, "will involve land reform, and better use of natural resources, an expanding educational system, equality of opportunity and a fluid social system with mobility within that system based on individual merit."

The Population Reference Bureau also called for increased steps to control population growth. It said the rising birth rate, unaccompanied by the previously high death rate in Latin America, would negate any economic advances.

The Committee for Economic Development praised President Kennedy's pledge for greater cooperation with Latin America. It said "Our relation with Latin America is a special one," and can be a model for the relationship between the economically advanced and underdeveloped worlds.

Radical Changes

The committee's 64 page report, "Cooperation for Progress in Latin America," said "Economic and social progress in many countries of Latin America will require radical, even revolutionary, changes of some of the institutions that now exist there."

"But a revolution of the Castro type," it added, "while it may be able to achieve some needed reforms, is not a route to development."

"Development requires incentive, opportunity and talent in an environment that will attract or produce capital. The Castro revolution perpetuates civil war, drives out talent and frightens away capital. Moreover, it destroys the fundamental human liberties that were Castro's own rallying cry when he first challenged the Batista dictatorship."

Recommendations

Following are the committee's nine recommendations:

- Follow up "promptly and fully" our promise to provide an initial contribution of \$500 million for a special Inter-American fund for social progress.
- Improve conditions of rural living and land use through agricultural education, easier rural credit and broader ownership of land.
- Eliminate illiteracy and raise all educational standards.
- Assure Latin American countries a "rising trend and greater stability of export earnings."
- Encourage movements toward economic integration so that Latin America can enjoy the benefits of larger markets and increased competition.
- Expand mutually beneficial activities of U. S. businesses in Latin America.
- Seek new ways to encourage private enterprise that would improve "the conditions of life of the neglected millions."
- Give more attention and weight in its thinking and program" to such inter-American agencies as the Inter-American bank, the Inter-American Economic and Social Council of the Organization of American States, and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America.
- The report said the need for the program would continue indefinitely. But it said the major effort must be made by the Latin Americans. Institutions also must be judged by how well they satisfy aspirations in a manner consistent with democratic practices rather than by conformity to U. S. practice, the report said.
- It also warned that the United States should proceed with an awareness that a certain amount of hostility and resentment toward it is inherent in this country's relationship with Latin America.

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TAXPAYER TROUBLES—Bryan Mullen, 13-months old, of Tulsa, Okla., played the role of a typical taxpayer faced with the April 17 deadline. Bryan watched his father, Paul Mullen, prepare his income tax so he would know how to pose for the photographer. (UPI Telephoto)

Michigan Pushing Claim as Scene of First Air Flight

St. Joseph, Mich. - (UPI) - A move is underway in this Lake Michigan short community to document a claim which could shake the foundations of aviation history.

Two old-timers and a newspaperman are at work trying to prove that the first flight in a heavier-than-air, mechanically-propelled airplane took place right here in the southwest corner of Michigan in 1898.

If their efforts are successful, it would mean the Wright Brothers and Kill Devil Hill near Kitty Hawk, N.C., would have to take a back seat to Augustus Moore Herring and the St. Joseph beach area.

Sherwin Murphy, a retired editor and aviation enthusiast; Sam Lessing, 83, retired St. Joseph businessman, and Richard Derrick, news editor of the St. Joseph Herald-Press, are searching aviation archives and old newspapers and magazines on behalf of the deceased Herring.

It is their belief that Herring lifted a bamboo and linen plane off the ground into a 25-mile-an-hour wind with the help of a compressed air motor on or before Nov. 17, 1898.

The Chicago Daily News of that date:

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SENTENCED TO PRISON—Liz Renay, left, talks with her daughter, Brenda Landry, during a court recess in Los Angeles. Miss Renay, one-time girl friend of ex-convict Mickey Cohen, was sentenced to three years in Federal prison when her probation was revoked on the charge that she had lied in a grand jury investigation of Cohen. (UPI Telephoto)

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychologist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors. (Copyright 1961—General Features Corp.)

Mrs. K. W. - He ignored me and selected my sister as guardian for his child.

Sidney W. - My aunt has young children of her own. It's a better home.

Mrs. K. W. - I raised three children. My youngest, Sidney, lost his wife two years ago and gave his two-year-old son to my young sister, his aunt, to take care of. I assumed this was temporary and that when Sidney married again, my little grandchild would return to his home.

However, the child is now 4 and will be left in my sister's home indefinitely even though Sidney has remarried. I've protested that since Sidney isn't bringing the child up, he should let me, the boy's own grandmother do so. I'm

lonely and Cary would make me young again.

The boy is my own flesh and blood, closer to me than my sister. Why can't I have him?

Sidney W. - I love my mother, but I must do what's best for my son. My aunt is 18 years younger than my mother and has two young children of her own. In addition, she went to college and hopes to return to her studies some day when the children are all in school.

Even though Cary is her one and only grandchild, my mother must realize he's a handful. She hasn't told you that she still must keep house for herself, my father, and my older brother. How she thinks she'd keep up with Cary, too, I don't know. All he wants at this stage is someone to play "catch" with him.

Besides, with her, he'd be an only child. At Aunt Jenny's he had a ready-made family.

School News

Ashland High School.

Edited by Karen Felzer

"Time Out for Talent!" was the theme for Ashland High school's annual all-school talent show April 7. Jerry Burns was master of ceremonies.

Acts taking part in the talent show were a combo consisting of Russ Blair, Richard Bushnell, and Bob Voris; humorous reading by Jim Lewis; and a dance routine by Nola Nelson and Diana George. Richard Barnett, Forrest Farmer, Bob Hegdahl, Bill Lawrence, and Denny Retter made up the second were Dan Lewis, Mike Reymers, and Mike Rush.

Other acts included Cheryl Meggers on the accordion; a clarinet quartet consisting of Carol Cluff, Dave Greene, Sarah Martin, and Geroldine Rogers; a dance routine by Jean Forrest, Janet Miller, Kay Moore, Peggy Parsons, Dana Smith, Martha Swibert, Sara Vandenburg, and Delores Westgaard; and a duet sung by Gay Swibert and Delores Westgaard. Making up the third combo were Rick Hester, Bruce Konoco, Dan Parker, Galen Roberson, and Glen Tabor.

Last week was "Twirp Season" at Ashland High school. Activities during the week were class day on Wednesday; a slave auction on Thursday; and the Twirp Twirl on Saturday night.

Six Ashland High school debate students will represent the southern Oregon district in the State Forensics tournament, April 14 and 15, at Oregon State college. The students are Jerry Burns, Pete Kreisman, Bill Lawrence, Linda Lewis, Jim Lewis, and Karen Schopf.

The Council: With three possible homes available for Cary, a half-orphan, the one where he is now sounds best, and we agree with Sidney, the boy's father, that he should be left there.

This is not to say that the college trained great-aunt can necessarily do a better mothering job than the warm hearted grandma. This father's decision is evidently swayed in Aunt Jenny's direction for other reasons. One is that Cary is already ensconced there after one uprooting from his own home. Another is that he's made an adjustment as a sort of "kid brother" in a lively household, with little danger of being lonely or spoiled as he might well be in household of adults.

Certainly the grandparents can visit Cary and be visited. And in the natural course of things, there'll be other grandchildren to dote upon and dandle. No slight has been perpetrated by Sidney on his mother. With Cary's best interests in mind, he voted for Aunt Jenny's as the home most likely to succeed.

While it's possible, we add for Mrs. W., that a child in the home might make you "young again," he can also-in bringing back loads in his pockets or hanging from rickety tree tops - make you old before your time.

No Grandma, be glad this energetic child is being well cared for and that you don't have to be the one in charge. Sit back and enjoy all your roles, those of wife, mother, and sister, as well as grand-mother.

New Anti-Cancer Agent Developed

St. Louis - (Science Service) - One type of tumor in mice has been inhibited by 90 per cent to 100 per cent, using a new organic compound containing nitrogen. It has not yet been tried on human beings.

Dr. John A. Carbon, Sandra M. Brehm and James D. Ratajczyk of the Abbot laboratories, North Chicago, Ill., have found the piperazine derivative (A-20988) effective against carcinoma 755, a transplantable mouse tumor. It also shows activity against two common types of cancer, sarcoma 180 and leukemia

1210, he reported.

The new compound is modeled after a compound called A-8103, which is undergoing clinical tests at the present. Both of these compounds appear to be examples of the anti-tumor agents known as "alkylating agents," although they represent an entirely new type of chemical structure among the anti-cancer drugs.

The organic chemist will be able to synthesize many closely related compounds by varying the "acyl side-chain" in the structure. Further evaluation is planned.

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