

# Anti-Castro Invader Gives Eyewitness Account of Military Operations in Cuba

Editor's note: By radiotelephone from a merchant ship in the Gulf of Mexico, a survivor of last week's anti-Castro landing today gave the first eyewitness account of the military operations. He and four other rebel fighters had succeeded in escaping the beachhead aboard a raft and a passing ship picked them up Monday. United Press International established radio contact with the ship this morning and obtained the following account of the invasion. The story (dictated in Spanish and translated into English) is told by a 35-year-old Cuban who served as Fidel Castro's former judge-advocate during the Sierra Maestra battle against Batista. He turned against Castro a month after Castro assumed power in Havana and early this year joined the clandestine anti-Castro army.

By MANUEL PENABAZ As Told to UPI  
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I am one of the lucky few who got out of Cuba after last week's disastrous invasion. It was three days. It was the MIG jet fighters, the So-

viet tanks and the mortars which defeated us.  
The Cochinos Bay landing will be in Cuba history what Dunkirk was to the British. Except that we had nobody to get us off the beach.  
About 1,500 men took part in the invasion. Apparently only a handful managed to get away alive. There were 350 men in our group. We hit the beach from a Liberty ship at 3 a.m. April 17.  
Four companions and myself evidently are the only survivors - not captured or dead - of our 350 who went in.

After three days of fighting we decided to try to get out. By some kind of miracle we stumbled on a rubber life raft on the beach.  
Suddenly we were discover-

ed and Castro's men opened up with 50-caliber machine guns, but they missed us.  
That was in the early morning hours of Thursday. We paddled out to sea and were about 100 miles south of Cuba when the freighter Louise picked us up last Monday - exactly a week after the beginning of the invasion.  
Shortly after we had landed Castro's forces let go with everything they had - jets, Russian tanks and mortars.  
Aboard Six Ships  
Our 1,500-man invading force was aboard six ships. We sailed from a friendly Latin American country six days before. The first bit of Cuba we sighted was Cayo Guano (Key Guano). About an hour later we saw the lights of Playa Largo (Long Beach), our destination.  
The first batch of men landed at 0300. The operation was very slow and the men were still landing at 0900, six hours later. This apparently gave Castro's men time to gather their forces and move in reinforcements.  
During the landing we were subjected to all-out attack. But we kept landing.  
Ammunition Lost  
They sank two of our ships. They were the ones loaded with ammunition for our tanks and guns.  
My group managed to attain its previously determined position. We held it as long as we could shoot. We took two prisoners. They were both wounded and we took them to our field hospital where our own men were being treated.  
We held our position for three days, without eating and with a minimum of water. Here and there somebody had half a canteen, or maybe just a cupful.  
Failure Obvious  
After three days of fighting, it was obvious that our invasion had failed. Our commander, San Roman, gave the order to evacuate the areas. They were words we never expected to hear.  
"Salvase quien Pueda!" he shouted. (Every man for himself). I shall never forget them.  
After hitting the beach and

# Committee Tackles College Aid Bill

Washington-UPI-The House Education and Labor committee today was expected to resume work on President Kennedy's college building and scholarship bill, the less controversial of his two-art school aid program.  
The committee met on the \$2.4 billion bill last week, but made little headway.  
The five-year program would make \$1.5 billion in loans and grants to colleges for building classrooms, libraries and laboratories, and \$900 million for more than 215,000 four-year college scholarships.

The other part of the program, a \$2.3 billion proposal to aid public grade and high schools, made progress in an education subcommittee Tuesday. The subcommittee tentatively approved a ban on federal control of schools and a "declaration of purpose" embodying nearly all the principles of Kennedy's request.

TOP PRODUCERS  
Sacramento - California, Oregon, Nevada and Idaho are leaders among the states in the production of mercury.  
We were never in U.S. territory prior to the invasion.  
We left the friendly Latin American country which was our debarcation point about 10:30 p.m. one night six days before the landing.  
I'm glad I got out, of course. But like all Cubans who hate Castro and do not want to see their homeland turned into a Communist satellite, I am terribly sad that we failed. It was a lesson that we shall not forget, however.

# SANTA GETS STUCK

Columbia, S. C. - UPI-Five-year-old David Bailey went out into his back yard to "play Santa Claus" Tuesday, and an hour later his mother had to call the police. The police demolished an outdoor fireplace and removed David - sooty but unhurt - from the chimney.

# Village Green Motel Held Up

Cottage Grove-The Village Green Motor Hotel here was robbed of several hundred dollars by a gunman early today.  
Night auditor Warren Edwards said a man who appeared very nervous entered the office about 12:20 a.m. and handed him a printed note.  
Edwards said the note stated that other men were outside and if he tried anything "someone will get shot."  
Edwards said the robber carried what appeared to be a .45 caliber automatic.

FARMING STATE  
Des Moines - Iowa has a larger proportion of area in farmed land than any other state.  
Providence - About one ton of water is required to finish the woolen cloth needed for a three-piece suit of clothes.

# Depressed Areas Bill Faces Hurdle

Washington-UPI-President Kennedy's \$394 million program for re-vitalizing economically depressed communities today faced its last, and probably its toughest, congressional hurdle.  
Administration forces were confident the House would approve the measure and send it on to the White House by mid-afternoon despite new opposition engendered by a dispute over its "back door financing."

But Chairman John W. Byrnes of the GOP Policy committee foresaw a "close vote." The committee Tuesday afternoon agreed to fight House passage of the measure in an effort to force elimination of the disputed financing provision.  
The so-called "back door financing" would permit federal outlays of \$300 million without requiring the administration to get the funds appropriated by Congress, as is customary for such programs.

# Search Fails To Find Missing Judge

Salem - UPI - Aeronautics Director Earl Snyder said Tuesday an aerial search of a mountain peak near Gates in the Santiam canyon has shown no sign of missing Lincoln County Circuit Judge Richard Anderson.  
The judge disappeared on a Lebanon to Newport flight in a private plane March 19. The new search was ordered after a woman reported seeing a burst of light and cloud of smoke on the mountain peak near Gates the afternoon Anderson vanished.

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# Riddle Plant Part Of Major New Field In Marketing Nickel

Riddle, Ore. - The Hanna Mining company has entered a major new field, the commercial production and marketing of nickel, it was announced today.  
The company has completed acquisition of a smelter that processes ore from the Riddle mine, the nation's only large nickel deposit, and has begun marketing high grade ferro-nickel for use in the production of stainless and other alloy steels.

Through a subsidiary, The Hanna Nickel Smelting company, Hanna Mining has operated a plant here since it was opened in 1955. To date it has produced more than 100 pounds of nickel, all of which has been for the account of the government to help build the defense materials inventory of the strategic material.  
High Quality Nickel  
W. A. Marting, president, said that the company's experience has shown it can produce a nickel of dependable high quality at a competitive price. He said the company has sales agreements with major alloy steel producers in the country.  
"We are confident that the demand for alloy steels in this country will continue to grow," he declared, "and that our nickel business will benefit accordingly."  
Hanna Mining for many years has been a supplier of raw material to the steel industry. It is one of the world's large independent producers of iron ore, with holdings in Minnesota, Michigan and Missouri. It has a substantial interest in Iron Ore Company of Canada, which can produce more than 12 million tons of ore annually from the Quebec-Labrador fields, and is currently investigating a large commercial development of extremely high grade Brazilian iron ore.  
Interest In Vessels  
It also has interests in ore vessels in the Great Lakes trade, in the St. Lawrence Seaway and on saltwater. With Dutch associates, it recently built a large, fast ore unloading and storage dock in Rotterdam to serve the steel industry of western Europe.  
The company will distribute the nickel to steel companies and foundries across the country from warehouse stocks in Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Riddle. The distribution system is set up to provide prompt service on less-than-carload lots.

The nickel smelter installed here was the first to use the Uginex process to produce nickel. The process, developed in France for refining chrome and adapted by Hanna Mining for nickel smelting, involves the use of electric furnaces, with impurities removed from the molten metal in a series of ladles.  
Aerial Tramway Used  
Crude ore, containing about 1.5 per cent nickel, comes from the deposit here held for many years by Hanna Mining. It is moved to the plant over a 1-mile aerial tramway.  
Total employment at the plant and mine approximates 450.  
Nickel and chromium are the two key alloying metals used in stainless steel. Last year approximately 85 million pounds of nickel were used in the United States for this purpose. The plant at Riddle produced more than 22 million pounds of nickel in 1950.  
LAWFORDS EXPECTING  
Hollywood - UPI - English-born actor Peter Lawford and his wife, Pat, sister of President Kennedy, expect their fourth child in June. Their other children are Christopher, 6, Sydney, 5, and Victoria Francis, 2.  
PENNY CONTENT  
Washington - A U.S. penny coin must contain 95 per cent copper plus a five per cent mixture of tin and zinc.

# Laos Rebels Call For Meeting in Own Territory

Vientiane, Laos-UPI-Former Laotian Premier Souvanna Phouma today demanded formation of a provisional government and called for a meeting in Communist-controlled territory to discuss details of effecting a cease fire in Laos.  
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Delegations Invited  
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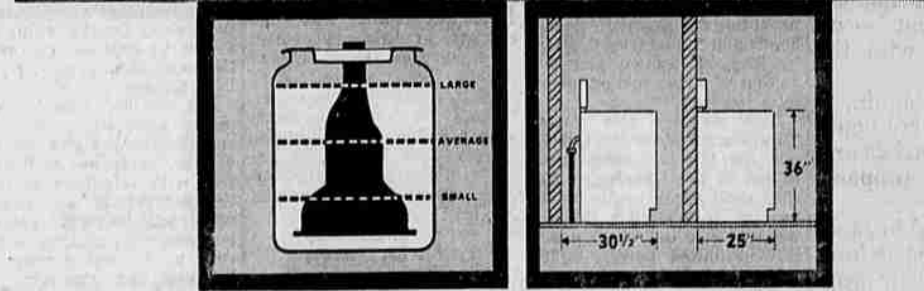
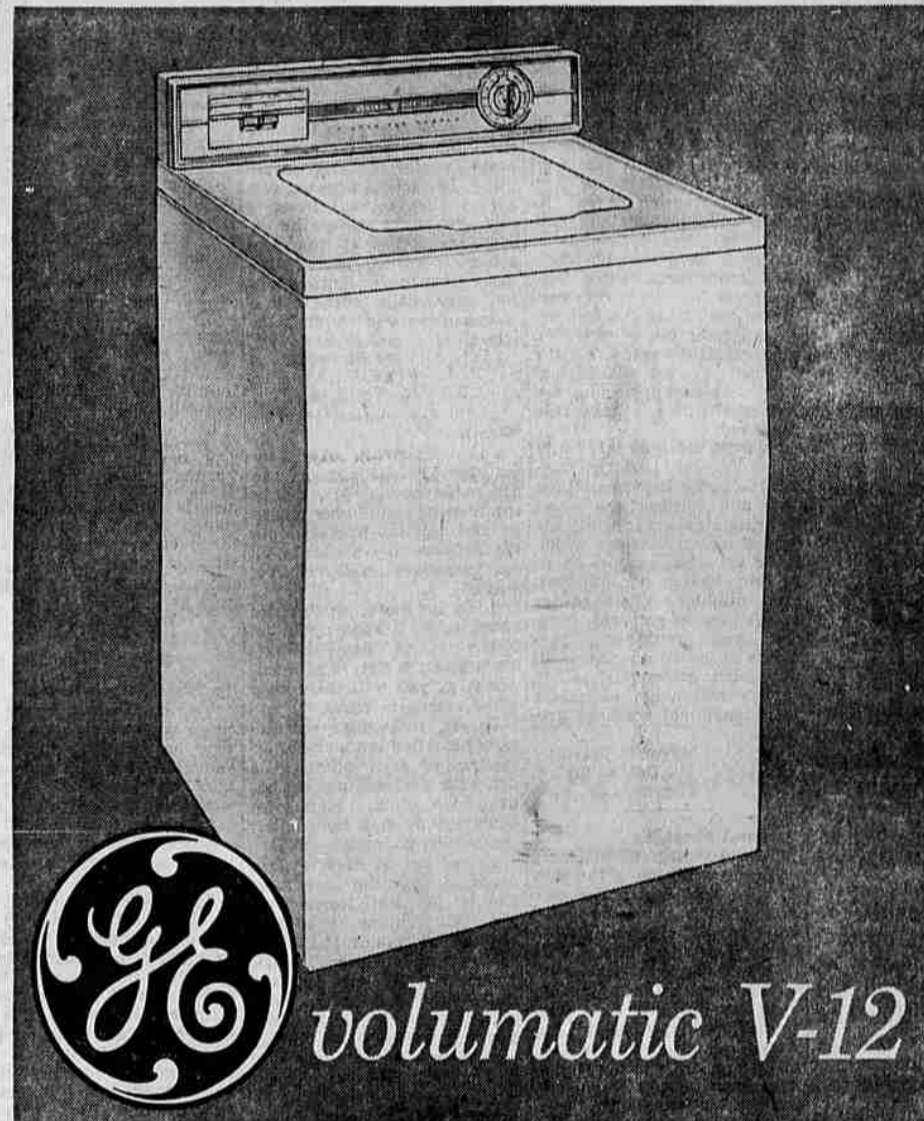
Pre-Sentence Report Requested by Court  
A pre-sentence report was requested on Frederick Bernard Beck, 20, of Rogue River, after he pleaded guilty in Jackson county circuit court yesterday to contributing to the delinquency of a minor.  
Darrell La Verne Fariss, 40, of 2890 Crater Lake highway, Medford, appeared in district court on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a girl. He waived right to an attorney and preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury. He is being held in Jackson county jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

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