

Cuba's Economy Declines Steadily Under Communism

By DONALD MAY
United Press International
Washington — Cuba's economy has gone steadily downward under Fidel Castro, and only massive Soviet assistance could reverse the trend. Indications are, in fact, that Russia would have to cut back its economic commitments elsewhere in order to provide the amount and quality of assistance Cuba needs. Analysts here draw these conclusions from the latest information available on the Kremlin's efforts to help the Cuban premier, both in the economic and military fields. It appears likely that Russia will step up its economic assistance. But this might serve only to shield Castro from the worst repercussions of mismanagement. **Sugar Cane Drops** Information indicates that consumption, production, investment and foreign trade all are substantially below pre-

Youngest Elephant Gets Name: 'Me-Tu'

Portland — (UPI) — The youngest member of the Portland elephant herd got a name Friday. The month-old girl pachyderm was named Me-Tu in christening ceremonies at the city's zoo. The name was submitted by Helen Thorsen of Delake in an elephant-naming contest sponsored by the Portland Zoological Society and a Portland newspaper, The Oregon Journal. A board of five judges selected the name from among 2,500 letters. Me-Tu was born to Rosy at the zoo Oct. 3. She was the second elephant born at the zoo in six months. The first, Paddy, was born to Belle April 14.

Cooks & Stewards Union Starts Vote

San Francisco — (UPI) — Some 2,000 members of the Marine Cooks and Stewards union have begun voting for some 15 union officials at four designated voting ports around the world. A spokesman for the west coast union said the members will have 60 days to cast ballots at voting places in San Francisco, New York, Seattle and Portland. The spokesman explained that provisions had been made for union members to vote by absentee ballot if their assigned ship didn't touch any of these designated ports during the 60 day period. He said the ballots cannot be counted until the voting period had expired and that election results would be posted Jan. 1, 1963.

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School Board Can Bargain Legally With Labor Unions

Salem — (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton said Friday that local school boards can enter into collective bargaining agreements with a labor union representing school district employees. This overruled a 1946 attorney general's opinion. Thornton said that subsequent decisions and legislation have clearly changed the law relating to collective bargaining in the field of public employment. The opinion was requested by Dr. Leon P. Minear, state superintendent of public instruction. In other opinions Friday, Thornton said: —Patients in the state tuberculosis hospital under workmen's compensation cannot be charged more than the statutory rate of \$100 a month for care. —Retrospective social security payments received by state mental hospitals on behalf of patients can be applied to debt that patients may incur for their care. —Funds deposited with a state institution by relatives or friends for an inmate need not be released without probate to a survivor if the inmate dies if there are other claims against the funds or the inmate's estate.

New Auto Plates Planned in 1964

Salem — (UPI) — Vern Hill, Oregon Motor Vehicles director, said Saturday the state expects to issue new license plates in 1964. The last time new plates were issued was in 1959. Since then metal or paper stickers have been issued each year, for use on old plates. Hill said the new issue would involve about 800,000 sets of plates, at a cost of more than \$400,000. But he said the issue would be gradual, and everyone wouldn't get new plates the first year. The schedule calls for the new issue to begin in January, 1964, with new plates only for new licensees, and for those who have lost or damaged plates. The new plates will have three letters and three numbers, like Washington and California, rather than the present one letter and five or less numbers, Hill said. The reason for the change is that Oregon has so many cars that the state is running out of combinations under the present system. Hill said his department currently favors using the same color combination, yellow figures on a blue background, but this hasn't been decided yet. It depends in part on what color combinations other states use.

26 From West Coast To Attend Meeting

Portland — (UPI) — Twenty-six representatives of the West Coast Lumbermen's association will attend the three-day meeting of the National Lumber Manufacturers association starting Monday at Miami Beach. G. Cleveland Edgett of the West Coast group says the agenda at the national meeting includes lumber promotion and a study of Canadian imports.

STRIKE ENDS Coast Bay — (UPI) — Agreement was announced here late Friday between the Plywood, Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, Local 633, and Menasha Corp., Plywood and Lumber Division, ending a strike that began Oct. 13.

State-Wide Political Roundup

Morse Defends Kennedy's Timing on Cuba

By United Press International
Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) defended President Kennedy's timing on Cuba Friday as campaigning went into its final week end. Morse said the United States would have been outlawed if it had followed the course of "demagogues" who advocated action in Cuba sooner. To act too soon would have made the United States an aggressor, Morse said. "It was not until Khrushchev and Castro crossed that vital line — from defense to offense — that the United States became entitled to act," Morse said. "Then it acted swiftly and properly, and will maintain its blockade and air surveillance until the last Russian missile is removed from Cuba," he said. Morse's opponent, the Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate, Sig Unander, said the President should arrange briefings for newly elected members of Congress within 10 days after the Tuesday election. Unander made the proposal

in a wire to President Kennedy. **Crisis Noised** Unander said newly elected senators and congressmen should be called to Washington for military, intelligence, and State Department briefings. He said he felt the briefings were necessitated by "the crucial international situation today and the powder kegs that exist in Cuba and Berlin." In the Oregon gubernatorial race, Gov. Mark Hatfield predicted Oregon's future growth and prosperity will be tied to space age industry. Hatfield said he thinks Oregon is on the "brink of one of its greatest eras." He said a graduate research center will let space age scientists carry on their academic work while employed by industry. The governor said he envisioned Portland, Corvallis and Eugene as a scientific-educational-industrial triangle. **Thornton Endorsed** The Democratic nominee for governor, Atty. Gen. Robert Thornton, won the endorsement of Oregon division 1055 of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America (AFL-CIO). Thornton released a letter from Fred C. Spivey, president of the division. It said the union voted to endorse Thornton because of his stand against right-to-work laws, the sales tax, and "health insurance racketeering." Thornton also denied a suggestion that if elected governor he might appoint judges on a partisan party basis. He said the suggestion was made by retired Oregon Supreme Court Justice James T. Brand in an article in a Portland newspaper. The Oregon attorney general said "This I have not done in over nine years of appointing assistant attorneys general."

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Fisher Benefitted From Lumber Group

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Mail Tribune Washington Correspondent
Washington — (Special) — Conservative lumbermen have formed the Lumber Political Education committee to put money into the congressional campaigns of candidates of their choice. One beneficiary is Carl Fisher, Eugene, candidate for fourth district congressman. This committee was organized as such on Oct. 4 when it took over the functions and bank balance of a more euphemistically labeled group, the non-partisan committee for national betterment, whose leaders were top officials in the National Lumber Manufacturers association. The treasurer of the now-defunct non-partisan committee was N. B. Guistina, Eugene lumberman. His Oct. 23 report filed with the clerk of the House shows that \$250 was given to "Fisher for Congress" May 3. Other recipients listed were two conservative Washington state Republican congressmen, Walt Horan of Spokane, and Jack Westland of Everett; two southern Democrats, Rep. James A. Haley, Florida, and George M. Grant, Alabama; Sen. Thurston Morton, (R-Ky.), and Rep. John H. Rousset, (R-Calif.), a John Birchite. Guistina's report showed that the committee's bank balance of \$3,080.65 was turned over to the new lumber action committee, whose secretary, George M. Fuller, said they reorganized because they

thought the word lumber ought to appear in the name because its backers are "lumbermen from all over the country who are trying to help deserving candidates." His report showed \$5,262.64 on hand Oct. 23, but no disbursements. Fuller declined to identify who was receiving money from this fund. He said it will show up in the committee's next report.

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