

Today & Tomorrow

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CUBA AND AFTER

While the Cuban question is far from being settled, it has almost, though not entirely, ceased to be a major issue between the Soviet Union and the United States. Having removed its strategic missiles, which represented a very large military investment in Cuba, the Soviet Union can have no interest in leaving the bombs in Castro's hands.

These bombs are dangerous weapons in the hands of an unstable character like Castro. The bombs are slow and old and vulnerable, and though they could do much damage in a surprise raid, it is most improbable that the Soviet Union is entrusting nuclear bombs to Castro. We must not forget that the President has put Mr. Khrushchev on public notice that a nuclear strike from Cuba will be treated as a nuclear strike from the Soviet Union.

Theoretically, anything is possible. But it is most improbable that Mr. Khrushchev would dismantle the powerful Soviet missiles which were under Soviet control, and leave Castro with a few dozen obsolete bombs equipped with nuclear bombs which could initiate a thermonuclear catastrophe.

ON CUBA as a military base the United States has prevailed, and what remains is an issue between Castro on the one hand, and on the other hand the United States, the Latin American republics, and the Soviet Union itself.

It appears that Mr. Mikoyan has had a hard and not very successful encounter with Castro in Havana. If so, he has not yet played his trump card, which would be to tell Castro that if he obstructs the complete fulfillment of the Khrushchev-Kennedy agreement, the economic help which is indispensable to Cuba will be cut down. Mr. Khrushchev has done that to Red China. There is no reason why he could not do it to Red Cuba. In any event, the objective is the disarmament of offensive weapons in Cuba. Even if the Soviet Union does not compel Cuba to give up the bombs, the United States has the power, if the power is used under a mandate from the Organization of American States, to solve the bomber problem.

IF POWER is needed to solve it, it could be a

New Refrigerated "Cold Wall" Trailer Holds Temperatures

A new type refrigerated "cold wall" trailer consistently holds frozen foods at average temperatures of zero or below, according to a marketing research report issued by the United States department of agriculture's agricultural marketing service.

Previous research has shown that a temperature of zero or below is essential to the maintenance of high quality in frozen foods. Many trailers hauling frozen foods are not able to maintain that low an average, the researchers observed.

The new cold-wall trailers have double walls, floors, and ceilings, and improved insulation, and refrigerated air is circulated in the space between them so as to form a blanket of refrigeration all around the load.

The study is part of a program of research by AMS to maintain quality and improve efficiency in marketing farm products, to the advantage of both producers and consumers.

A copy of the report, "The Cold-Wall Trailer - Maintaining Frozen Food Below Zero," Marketing Research Report No. 540, may be obtained from the Office of Information, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

A special honey frosting to brush on cookies before you bake them can be made by combining one slightly beaten egg white with enough honey for proper consistency.

If steps are icy in the early morning, sprinkle them with salt immediately.

Italian Schools Plagued By Poverty and Old Age

By RAY MOSELEY

Rome — (UPI) — The Italian schools are in trouble, from their Latin textbooks to their sometimes tumble-down classrooms.

They are suffering from poverty, neglect and old age.

Twenty-two of every 100 children who enter school in Italy never go beyond the elementary grades.

For those who do stay on, the prospect is dismal — not enough classrooms, equipment or books.

In some large cities such as Naples, students are forced to attend school in three shifts, at buildings that are overcrowded, out-of-date and in some cases unsafe.

Shortage

The teacher shortage grows more serious every day, and the substitutes rushed in to fill the breach often are less than satisfactory.

The curriculum is under fire too — perfectly adapted, it critics say, to the requirements of 19th century aristocracy rather than to 20th century space age.

The educational crisis is not a crisis of one country alone, but of almost the entire Western world. Its dimensions are similar in the United States, France, Britain and a score of other countries.

It is a crisis of money and of philosophy. Like most other Western nations, Italy has had unparalleled prosperity since World War II. And like most of the others, its spending for education has not increased in proportion to its rise in income or population.

Increase

In the past three years, the number of students staying in school past the elementary grades has increased from 56 out of 100 to 78 in 100. The number going beyond junior high school is up 33 per cent, and the number of high school graduates has increased 30 per cent.

To meet this growth the Italian schools have boosted their teaching staffs from 65,000 to 105,000. Expenditures for equipment have increased 20 per cent.

But the experts estimate that the country still needs thousands of new schools.

about 100,000 new teachers, plus a program of retraining for many of the old ones, and at least 200,000 to 300,000 scholarships for children of the poor.

As if all this were not enough, Italian educational circles are in a controversy over what should be taught in the schools. The question of whether there is too much emphasis on classical subjects, and not enough on science and other more "practical" subjects.

Critics Argue

The critics argue Italy in 15 years will need 10 million specialized workers, four million higher-rated technicians and almost three million highly specialized scientists and engineers.

There is no scientific instruction in Italy now below the high-school level, and little geography.

Greek and Latin are emphasized heavily in high schools, but critics complain that only one modern foreign language is required, and it is taught according to outmoded forms.

It seems to be agreed that the curriculum must be overhauled, but at that point the educators bog down.

A reorganization of the structure of the schools also seems to be agreed upon. Again there is controversy over how to do it.

In Italy, as elsewhere, talk about school problems is abundant. Action is slow in coming.

Curried Chicken

Curried fried chicken calls for rice and spiced fruit as side dishes. Wash a two and one-half pound frying chicken and cut into serving pieces. Dredge damp chicken in a mixture of three-fourths cup of flour, two teaspoons of salt, one teaspoon of curry powder, and one-half teaspoon of black pepper. Heat one-half cup of vegetable shortening or lard, enough to cover chicken half way, in a heavy iron or aluminum skillet. Fry chicken slowly, turning to brown both sides, until golden brown and tender. Serves six.

The life span of the average dairy cow is between five and six years, the University of California reports.



In a contemplative mood are "Dear Ruth" as played by Paula Prescott, Dave Mott and Bill Tiltford, players appearing in tonight's performance of "Dear Ruth" at the Ashland high school Little theatre. The senior class play is coached by Mrs. Lucy Susee of the faculty English department.

Play Set In Ashland

Ashland — Dress rehearsal and a student matinee Thursday afternoon put the final touches on the senior class play at Ashland High school and all is in readiness for the 8 o'clock curtain tonight.

The play to be presented in the Little theatre of the high school is the popular war-time comedy romance, "Dear Ruth." In the cast are Paula Prescott in the title role; Dave Mott, Bill Tiltford, Barbara Barry, Jane Hennick, Chuck Calhoun, Betty Martin, Craig Pennington, Charles Hilestad, and Miss Mary Paul Workman.

Mrs. Lucy Susee is the faculty coach.

Tickets will be on sale at the theatre box office or from members of the senior class.

Exhibit Announced

The public is invited to view an exhibit of paintings by 15 local artists now being shown at Rath's Fashion center, 214 East Main street, Medford.

The exhibit, under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Twedell, 809 Beekman street, will remain on view through November 19.

The paintings also are for sale.

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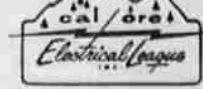
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