

Castro Said Fighting for Political Survival

Wirts Meets With Ship Industry on Dock Strike

New York—UPI—Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirts was to meet today with shipping industry representatives, starting a new round of negotiations to settle the longshoremen's strike.

Elsewhere along the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts, the six-day walkout by dockworkers was marked by gunfire, threats of court action and union efforts to keep stray locals in line with national strike policy.

Wirts, who presided over bargaining sessions until the talks collapsed last week, said he would confer with negotiators for the New York

Smuggled Reports Say Irreparable Damage Suffered

New York City, Dec. 27 (UPI)—Smuggled dispatches from Western diplomats and other reliable sources in Cuba reported today that Fidel Castro is battling for his political life.

The dispatches, delivered in New York City, reported that his image has been damaged, perhaps irreparably, by Nikita Khrushchev's unilateral decision to remove Russian rockets and bombers and their crews from Cuba.

The Soviet action enraged Castro's student followers, the dispatches said, and he was reported having trouble keeping them in line.

Cuba's 7 million people, meanwhile, were described as increasingly restless over prolonged shortages.

The dispatches said there was continued anti-Castro activity in the interior but described it as scattered and ineffective. More serious for Castro, they said, was growing discontent among the peasantry.

The dispatches cited "unconfirmed" reports in Havana of similar discontent within the armed forces.

Nightly Visits Reported

Castro was said to be visiting his alma mater, the University of Havana, almost nightly to keep his student followers from open street protests against what they term "Soviet treason."

The dispatches cited protest rallies within the university, not only against Khrushchev but against university Rector Juan Marinello, veteran president of the Cuban Communist party for 40 years.

Diplomats said that the internal crisis in Cuba provoked by Khrushchev's action also has caused a cleavage in Cuban Communist ranks.

Such party stalwarts as Ernesto (Che) Guevara, generally credited with having been instrumental in getting the rockets and bombers into Cuba, was described as "enraged" over the Russian role.

Long a sympathizer of Red China in its ideological clash with Soviet communism, Guevara was said now to be openly pro-Peking in his political attitude.

Information Confirmed

The dispatches confirmed earlier information from Havana of serious differences between Castro and Anastas Mikoyan, the Soviet deputy premier, in their recent "peace talks" in the Cuban capital.

The dispatches said that Castro's failure to personally attend more than the first two sessions of talks was because he expressed himself on the subject of Russia in terms which Mikoyan considered offensive.

The Cuban leader, the dispatches said, ignored several Mikoyan overtures for a withdrawal or modification of the phraseology used.

The consensus among Western diplomats in Havana was that Castro's subsequent dispatch to talk trade with Russia means the Cuban leader is fully aware of his economic dependence on the Kremlin.

Castro's emissary was said to have told the Russians they must at least maintain present Soviet aid to Cuba despite any apparent unfavorable balance of trade if Castro is to survive.

No Evidence Found of Venus Magnetic Field

Stanford, Calif.—UPI—Scientists who conducted experiments with the satellite Mariner 2 flew past Venus said today that there was no evidence that Venus had a magnetic field surrounding it as does the earth.

Reports on the Mariner flight Dec. 14 were made to the national conference of the American Physical Society and the American Geophysical Union, meeting at Stanford university.

Four scientists who were in charge of the magnetometer experiment said that although the satellite flew within 21,594 miles of the surface of Venus, there was no rise in the average value of the magnetic field.

The instruments aboard the satellite were sensitive to a change of five gamma, a unit of magnetic measurement. But they did not register when near the planet. The earth has a magnetic field of approximately 30,000 gamma at the equator and 50,000 gamma at the poles.

The scientists were P. J. Coleman of the University of California at Los Angeles; Prof. Leverett Davis Jr., of the California Institute of Technology; Dr. Edward J. Smith of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and Dr. C. P. Sonett of Ames Research center.

They said that their findings do not necessarily mean that Venus has no magnetic field but that, if it does have one, it is either weak or limited to a region close to the planet.

They also reported that their data was consistent with astronomical observations indicating that Venus is rotating at a much slower rate than earth.

John D. Anderson and George Null, scientists of the Cal Tech Jet Propulsion Laboratory, reported that the Mariner 2 fly-by also provided the most accurate estimate yet of the mass of the planet.

Anderson told the Geophysical Union that their figures give Venus a mass of 0.81485 times the mass of the earth, with a probable error of 0.015 per cent. He said analysis was continuing and that the final result probably will alter the quoted value slightly and reduce the percentage of error.

Mass of the earth is about 13 septillion pounds (written with a 13 and 24 zeros).

Stock Prices Ease; Steel Sector Mixed

New York—UPI—Stocks eased today.

Duke Power, the most active issue, lost nearly 2 points. Youngstown Sheet added nearly 3/4 in a mixed steel sector and chemicals weakened, paced by point-sized losses in Du Pont and Rohm & Haas.

Autos were narrowly mixed but most oils held steady. IBM and Texas Instruments bucked the general trend, up roughly 1 each in the electronics.

Carolina Power & Light lost nearly a point in the utilities and Acme Markets closed to 3/4 in the stores.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York—UPI—Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 650.56, off 1.08; 20 railroads 139.93, off 0.57; 15 utilities 128.38, up 0.04, and 85 stocks 228.37, off 0.43. Sales Thursday were about 3.67 million shares compared with 3.37 million shares Wednesday.

Thursday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	44
Alum. Co. Am.	34
American Air Lines	18 1/2
American Can	15 1/2
American Motors	11 1/2
A. T. & T.	115 1/2
American Tobacco	29 1/2
Amstar	40 1/2
Armco	37 1/2
Bendis Corp.	53 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	52 1/2
Boeing Air	37 1/2
Brinswick	18 1/2
Caterpillar	37 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	37 1/2
Coca Cola	45 1/2
C. I. B. Paper	44 1/2
Columbia Gas	25 1/2
Continental Can	45 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	45 1/2
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Par Gas Elec.	31 1/2
Penn. S. C.	42 1/2

Europe Suffers in Sixth Consecutive Day of Bitter Cold

London—UPI—For the sixth consecutive day bitter winter weather brought havoc and death to Europe today with forecasts for more snow and cold over the week end.

From Britain east to the Iron Curtain, from Lapland south to the normally balmy Mediterranean an unofficial count showed deaths attributed to the weather rose above 400 for the week.

Traffic, rail and miscellaneous accidents have killed at least 137 Britons to top the grim fatality toll. Although the airports were back to normal today, a Royal Automobile Club spokesman said roads in hard-hit southern England "resemble Alpine passes."

But workers on the Scilly Isles off the southwest coast picked early blooming narcissi, London shoppers lined up at 6:30 a.m. in 24 degree darkness for post-Christmas sales. British railways ran "ghost trains" to deceive their

Pendleton College Sites Recommended

Pendleton—UPI—Two sites were recommended for the proposed Blue Mountain Community College in a meeting here Wednesday.

Members of the college board proposed either the Bregotti site located south of U.S. Highway 30 and east of Pendleton Airport, or a site near the residential area of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital.

The site proposals were made in the board's second meeting of the day. In the first meeting the board tabled the site recommendations.

Snow, Winds Lash Northern Montana

By United Press International

Blinding snow and winds of 30 miles an hour lashed northern Montana today but for most of the rest of the nation the weather was moderate.

The mercury fell 27 degrees in two hours today at Cut Bank, Mont., reaching 8 above. Livingston, Mont. was hit by 73 m.p.h. gusts of Arctic wind. Blizzard warnings were posted for the entire state.

December's bitter cold remained only in parts of Colorado and Utah. The temperature at Eagle, Colo., today dropped to 22 below and at Delta, Utah, to 10 below.

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Foreign Briefs

YUGOSLAVIA OFFICIAL VISITS IN IRAQ
Baghdad—UPI—Yugoslav Vice President Edvard Kardelj flew into Baghdad Thursday for a three-day official visit to Iraq. He arrived from Bombay, India.

CASTRO REGIME LIFTS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS
Havana—UPI—Premier Fidel Castro's revolutionary regime announced Thursday night that foreign correspondents wishing to come here need no longer obtain the special entry permits required during the Cuban crisis.

NINA II CREWMEN TO RETURN HOME
San Salvador, Bahamas—UPI—The nine crew members of the replica ship Nina II, who sailed here following the route taken by Christopher Columbus in 1492, said Thursday they will start home in a few days by commercial transportation.

PRIESTS ACCUSE SUDAN GOVERNMENT
Nairobi, Kenya—UPI—Four Roman Catholic priests Thursday accused the government of Sudan of imprisoning clergy and fining Nuns in an attempt to wipe out the Christian church.

MISSILE SALE TO ISRAEL 'ONLY BEGINNING'
Jerusalem—UPI—Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) said Thursday that the U.S. sale of Hawk missiles to Israel was "only the beginning" of American arms deliveries here.

1962 Employment In State Improved Over Previous Year

Salem—UPI—Employment in August topped 750,000—a record—Gov. Mark Hatfield noted in releasing a year-end report from the Oregon Department of Employment.

"At the same time the year was much improved compared with 1961 with a rate of unemployment well below the national average," Hatfield noted.

Except for June, 1962, each month's employment total was the highest on record, and for each month the unemployment total and rate was lower than for the same month in 1961, Hatfield said.

Favorable Weather

During the fall months, the Oregon unemployment insurance fund contained approximately \$10 million more than at the same time in 1961 with total claims much lower than last year, he said.

Much of the increased employment and lower unemployment was thought due to favorable weather for outdoor activities, an increase in construction projects all over the state, as well as an increase in employment in government and several other industries in the state, including electronics, plywood, service, and trade.

During the year bids were opened for construction of new employment service offices at Baker, Klamath Falls, and Salem with opening of these offices scheduled in 1963. New offices were opened at The Dalles, Eugene, and Ontario during 1962 and the new office in Pendleton is expected to open early next year.

Average weekly earnings of production workers in Oregon manufacturing industries have increased from \$92.04 in June, 1961, to \$103.88 in June, 1962, a jump of 12.9 per cent.

In September, 1962, the average weekly wage was \$104.28, average weekly hours 39.8, and average hourly earnings were \$2.62.

In November of this year, the Oregon employment index of non-agriculture wage and salary workers reached 127.0, the highest level ever recorded.

Interstate Fraud Jury Debating

Tacoma, Wash.—UPI—The jury in the interstate fraud trial of five Oregon and Washington men in Federal District Court here retired Thursday night without reaching a verdict.

The jury of ten men and two women was locked up for the night at about 10 p.m. The jury received the case at 11:45 a.m. Thursday.

The case involves violations of five different federal criminal laws in various timber and land transactions in the Pacific Northwest. The value of the transactions was put at more than \$162,000.

Defendants in the trial include Anthony Fernandez, Longview, Wash.; Raymond Dual, Kelso, Wash.; Burt Dalglish, Haines, Ore.; Carl Pratt, Portland, and Spokane attorney Joseph Delay.

TRUCK KILLS SPEEDER

Newark, N. J.—UPI—Sampson Troutman was killed by a truck Thursday while standing next to the patrol car of an officer who stopped him for speeding, police said.

Expense Account Rules Eased by IRS

Washington—UPI—The Internal Revenue Service has eased its expense account rules so they "won't hurt anybody who hasn't been trying to get away with something."

IRS Commissioner Mortimer Caplin said Thursday night that after Jan. 1, taxpayers would need receipts to prove deductions of more than \$25 a day for business travel, entertainment and gifts.

Under the new requirements "a person would almost be inviting fraud charges if he made deliberate overstatements. It would be quite unwise for anyone to fabricate such records," he said.

Individuals would be allowed 30 days and companies up to three months to convert to the new record-keeping requirements, Caplin said. As a conservative estimate, Caplin said, "the Treasury will save about \$100 million a year." But he said he actually expected an even greater tax yield.

"This will mean greater profits for companies and therefore more revenues for the government," the commissioner said. "It will go a long way toward eliminating abuses—both deliberate and accidentally born out of confusion of what was required by the old rules."

He said he also expected that the tougher expense account reckoning would promote more honest returns from the general public, some of whom complained "why should I pay an honest tax when so-and-so down the block is living it up on his expense account."

Bing Crosby's Son Faces Drunk Charge

West Hollywood, Calif.—UPI—Dennis Crosby, 28, son of crooner Bing Crosby, must appear in court next Wednesday to answer drunk driving charges.

Crosby, who gave his occupation as salesman, was arrested Thursday night by police officers who said they saw his sleek sports car weaving through traffic.

Investigators said Crosby failed a field sobriety test and was taken to headquarters to be booked.

He was later released on \$273 bail posted by an associate, Don Bledsoe. Crosby left in Bledsoe's car and refused to answer newsmen's questions.

Crosby and his wife, former Las Vegas show girl Pat Sheehan, were reunited Dec. 7 after a one-week trial separation. They were married in 1958 and have two small sons.

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