

Latin Americans Laud Pledge To Seek Liberation of Cubans

Washington - (UPI) - Latin American diplomats welcome President Kennedy's pledge to continue to press for the liberation of Cuba from Communist oppression.

The President's words of encouragement to the liberated Cuban prisoners of the Bay of Pigs invasion were interpreted to mean the United States will make every possible effort, short of a military attack, to topple Premier Fidel Castro.

Envoys from countries which have been urging more vigorous action against Castro felt reassured that the U. S. position has not weakened. Representatives of the bigger nations who have been shying away from any military invasion now that the Soviet missiles have been removed, were confident that future efforts would be on the political and economic plane.

There was also belief that Kennedy addressed his remarks as much to the people of Cuba as to the liberated prisoners when he emphasized that the United States shared the philosophy of social reform that had first animated the Castro revolution but was "perverted" to totalitarianism.

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Marcos Falcon Briceno, who is here on a short visit, called the speech "a forceful reaffirmation of our common

belief in the ultimate victory of freedom and democracy over totalitarian forms of government."

Falcon, himself spent some time in exile during the dictatorship of Gen. Marcos Perez Jimenez, said he could appreciate the message of hope the President had given the Cuban exiles.

It is important also that the freedom-loving people of Cuba who are now living in a police state never fall in their awareness that the people of the whole hemisphere

Hood River Couple Hurt in Accident

Portland - (UPI) - A Hood River couple was hospitalized following a traffic accident on the Banfield Freeway east of here Tuesday night.

Leroy Leonard, 31, and his wife, Ada, 33, were taken to Providence Hospital after their station wagon bounced off the steel divider in the center of the freeway while trying to miss a car going in the wrong direction.

The other vehicle did not stop.

Mrs. Leonard was listed in satisfactory condition with facial lacerations and a possible back injury. Her husband was admitted for observation.

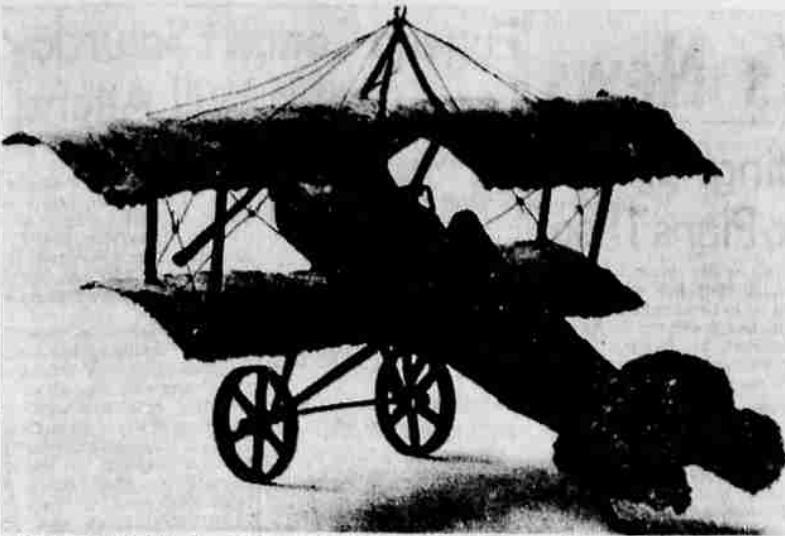
are standing by them in their plight," he added.

Ambassador Gonzalo Facio of Costa Rica, chairman of the council of the Organization of American States, commended Kennedy for making clear that the inter-American system's wish is to see the Cuban people themselves determine in free election their next government and not simply the seeking of "revenge" against Castro and his followers.

"President Kennedy," he went on, "has given us new hope that the OAS will continue to act in behalf of the principles of self-determination which is one of the keystones of the inter-American system. I also share his feeling that the Cuban people themselves must take the initiative in selecting the government they want and that this will require an initial unity of all Cubans."

Officials here had also shied away from public statements on future policy toward the Castro regime that might have jeopardized negotiations for the release of the prisoners.

As a result, some Central American diplomats had lately been complaining of what they felt was a tendency in Washington to "co-exist with Castro." A survey of the diplomatic representatives from these countries showed that Kennedy's remarks had gone a long way to dispell this belief.



SCRAP SCULPTURE—Neungesser's Niuport is one of three "found objects" sculptures by Bruce Breland, Southern Illinois University artist, included in a group show of young American sculptors at New York's Allan Stone Gallery. The show is titled "Nuts and Bolts" in reference to the scrap material used by the artists in their creations. Breland is primarily a painter and his work has been exhibited throughout the United States. (UPI)

An Advance Look

Dick West Offers Plastic Ball Glimpse at Top 10 Stories for 1963

By DICK WEST

Washington - (UPI) - With a myopic look into a crystal ball that actually is made of plastic, I give you an advance summary of the 10 top news stories of 1963:

1. Moscow - Soviet Premier Khrushchev today ordered all Russian military equipment removed from East Germany, Poland, Hungary and other satellite countries.

"We tried it in Cuba," Khrushchev explained, "and it felt so good we couldn't stop."

2. New York - Fletcher Meyak, one of television's top comedians, said tonight the Kennedy joke is on the way out.

"People are getting tired of hearing funny stories about the President and his family," Meyak opined.

3. New York - "Barrel of Monkeys," a television comedy program starring Fletcher Meyak, was taken off the air tonight.

"Meyak has lost his sense of humor," a network spokesman said.

4. Madrid - The weather bureau reported today that in 1963 the rain in Spain fell mainly in the swamps.

5. Washington - A great public protest arose today over increased postal rates.

In an effort to make the increase more acceptable, Postmaster General J. Edward Day changed the design of the new 5-cent stamp so that it would have a misprint.

6. Washington - The Mona Lisa went on public display in the National Art Gallery here today. She was frowning about something.

7. Moscow - The Soviet Union announced today it has developed a revolutionary new aircraft called the "space coupe" which runs by mag-

netic forces drawn from the distant planets.

8. Hollywood - The motion picture industry unveiled a plan today to meet the threat posed by "pay television."

The plan is called "free movies."

9. Miami - A dog ran onto the playing field during the third

quarter of the Orange Bowl game today.

10. It was not a small, spotted mongrel. It was a large, black pedigreed Great Dane.

Hyannis Port - President Kennedy and other members of his family gathered here today for a week end of relaxation.

They played gin rummy.

Oregon State Parks Visited by Estimated 11.5 Million in 1962

Salem - (UPI) - Oregon state parks hosted an estimated 11.5 million visitors during 1962, according to the Oregon State Highway Department.

It was a record number of visitors in spite of a cool spring that held early season park use to unusually low levels, the department said.

Use of overnight camp sites in state parks increased 18 per cent over 1961.

The commission adopted recommendations on the park and recreation study and approved the largest budget in history for the parks and recreation division.

For the 1963-65 biennium, the division has been allotted \$4.5 million to develop and operate the state parks system - a \$1.4 million increase over the 1961-63 biennium.

More than 4,000 acres were acquired during 1962 as additions to existing parks or as entirely new areas.

Under Development One of these areas was the William M. Tugman site on Eel lake south of Reedsport. This 460-acre tract was acquired through the cooperation of the State Game Commission and is already under development as a picnicking, swimming, and boating area.

Three Areas Added Further north along the coast, between Florence and Yachats, lies the Carl G. Washburne Memorial Park site. This land was willed to the state for park purposes by Washburne's widow. Developments for the future will be planned around the 2 1/2 miles of ocean beach.

Three other areas along the coast were added to the parks system: The Nestucca Sand Spit in Tillamook county, Bullards Beach in Coos county, and the Pistol River site in Curry county.

In the Columbia Gorge, a small but scenically important area was donated to the state by the Portland Women's Forum. The Chanticleer Point site contains only 3.7 acres, but gives a sweeping view of the Gorge.

Oregon's first state monument, the hollow, circular Fort Rock formation in south central Oregon, was acquired early in 1962. The 190 acres of this unique area were donated by the Lake County Court and by a Fort Rock rancher.

Other Areas Added In addition to these, more than 650 acres were added to existing state parks, the department said.

Figures released in a national report showed Oregon was sixth in the nation in total park attendance, and

was a leader in economy of park operation. Oregon spent an average of 9 cents per park visitor for operation of its park system, compared to the national average of 22-cents, the department advised.

Douglas To Shift Skybolt Workers

Santa Monica, Calif. - (UPI) - Some of 6,000 Douglas Aircraft Co. workers involved in the cancelled Skybolt missile project probably will be transferred to other programs such as the Saturn project, according to company officials.

A Douglas spokesman said Monday it was too early to estimate how many of the workers would lose their jobs because of Skybolt cancellation, but stressed there would be no blanket layoff.

Another 4,000 workers, primarily at Northrop Aircraft Co. and Aero-Jet-General, worked on the scrapped Skybolt project under subcontract.

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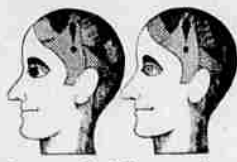
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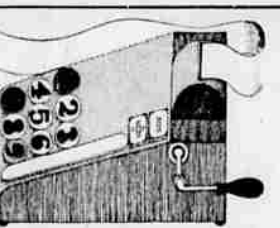
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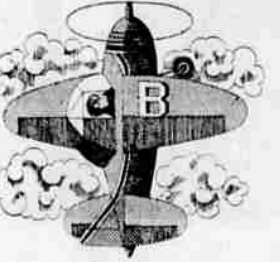
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Search Continues For Girl's Slayer

Portland - (UPI) - Search continued here today for the slayer of little Mona Rae Minyard, 6, Portland, her body was found in a wooded area southeast of here Monday.

An autopsy showed the blonde, blue-eyed girl was raped and death came from suffocation.

Clackamas County Deputy Coroner Douglas Pratt said further tests will be needed before the exact nature of the assault and death will be known.

Police in Multnomah and Clackamas counties continued their roundup of known sex offenders. Officers in Portland Tuesday said they had eight suspects, one of whom they described as a "top suspect." He was not identified. Mona was last seen alive Saturday when she went to the grocery store for her mother.

ASK HOBOES' HELP

Ventura, Calif. - (UPI) - City officials have asked hoboes who have camped out in a 30-acre area near the city's Seaside Park in recent years to contact the district attorney's office. Heirs of the persons who donated the site to the city in 1911 are suing to get it back, claiming it was never used as a park site or for camping purposes as was specified. Officials hope the hoboes will prove the heirs wrong.

DAKOTA WHEAT

Bismarck, N. D. - (UPI) - North Dakota is the nation's leading producer of hard red spring durum wheat, producing about 90 per cent of the nation's supply.



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HEAR TOM ROBERTS PLAY THE CARILLON

Tom Roberts, music professor at Oregon State University, is one of the few musicians in the world who specializes in playing the carillon bells. He'll play four concerts daily—at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.—on the new carillon bells at Equitable Savings & Loan Association.

The welcome mat is out! It's Open House at Equitable Savings' new office in the Medford Shopping Center. From Gold Hill to Ashland, everyone is invited to join the fun. The punch is chilled and the coffee's hot. The cookies are crunchy and the prizes bright and shiny. There's something for the whole family... so bring the kids, too. Souvenirs for your pocket or purse. FREE \$1.00 savings accounts and special bonus gifts for new savers. Open a new account of \$250 or more and get an attractive, dependable electric or springwound clock... \$150 or more, a modern, rugged umbrella... \$50 or more, a polished chrome flashlight. (Limit, one gift per account.) We hope you can join the celebration. We'd like to meet you and let you get acquainted with us. Just drop by anytime from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on January 3, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. January 4, or 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. January 5.

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