

Cuban Agriculture Under Castro Found To Be in Bad Shape

Washington—UPI—The Agricultural Department's Economic Research Service today reviewed Cuba's agriculture under four years of the revolutionary regime and found it bad with no prospects of getting better in 1963.

ERS said Cuba, often called "The Pearl of the Antilles," has become "a land of growing food shortages where tightening the belt is now the normal way of life."

Four years ago this month the Fidel Castro government assumed power in Cuba. At that time farm production accounted for more than one-third of the national income and furnished employment for about two-fifths of the labor force. Food supplies were adequate for Cuba's 6.5 million persons, and agricultural exports brought in most of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

Situation Different
"Quite a different situation prevails today," ERS said. "The island is now in the midst of an agricultural crisis, with no break in sight. Food supplies are insufficient, and as a result, per capita consumption has dropped one-fifth since 1958, with most of the decline coming in the last 18 months."

ERS said these food shortages—and the rationing now in effect—are the product of agricultural output well below the 1958 level. They also result from reduced food imports, mismanagement in food marketing, and a shift in trade from the United States to the Sino-Soviet bloc. Last year the value of Cuba's farm exports was down some 50 to 35 per cent from 1958 levels, and farm imports were equally low.

ERS said that all was not well with Cuba's agriculture even before 1958. Yet despite the fact that the island had only one commodity to export—sugar—her agriculture was growing at a rapid pace. Farm output in the late 1950s was twice that of 1935-39. During these two decades, the growth rate averaged 3.5 per cent a year, and excluding sugar was nearer 4 per cent. This was significantly higher than the average population growth of about 2.3 per cent.

Chief Trouble Spots
ERS said the two chief trouble spots in Cuba's agriculture now are an apathetic and indifferent labor force and inexperienced management.

"Wages are not commensurate with the work, and consequently there is little enthusiasm to produce," ERS said. "Furthermore, many of the administrators are appointed for political reliability rather than managerial ability."

"One cannot be very optimistic about the country's food situation for the next few months," ERS concluded.

Cuban Settlement Doesn't Satisfy U.S. or Russia

United Nations, N.Y.—UPI—The United States and Russia, over Cuban opposition, have reached a compromise settlement of the Cuban crisis which brought the world to the brink of nuclear war less than three months ago.

The settlement did not satisfy the U.S. demand for "adequate inspection" of the removal of Soviet offensive weapons from Cuba and guarantees against their return. Nor did it bring a pledge from President Kennedy—as demanded by Russia and Cuba—against invasions of Cuba.

Wants Guantanamo Out
Premier Fidel Castro's government disagreed with the compromise worked out by the two big powers without Cuban participation. It insisted on acceptance of Castro's "five points," which include U.S. abandonment of the Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba.

The former settlement was submitted in a joint statement to Secretary General Thant. The statement culminated weeks of negotiations between U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily V. Kuznetsov and their aides.

CONTRACT AWARDED
Salem—UPI—The State Highway department has awarded a contract for the Klamath Irrigation District "A" canal bridge on Washburn Way in Klamath Falls. The \$29,504 contract went to Inter-City Construction Company of Eugene.



DENIALS EXPANDED—Air Force Secretary Eugene M. Zuckert is shown as he met with newsmen at the Pentagon. Expanding denials that British bombers penetrated U. S. defenses during a 1961 exercise, Zuckert said that "there is no substance to the burden of the story" which appeared in London newspapers. (UPI)

Your Money's Worth

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TAX CUT OBSTACLE—BUSINESS ISN'T BAD ENOUGH
The "trouble" with the U.S. economic picture today is that it is not bad enough to spur the new Congress into immediate, aggressive action to make it better.

Cynical observation though this may appear, it goes to the heart of the debate over significant across-the-board, top-to-bottom tax reduction which will be dominating the 88th Congress as soon as it finishes the formalities of convening and gets down to lawmaking.

The U.S. economy, as 1963 opens, is in a neither-nor stage. Its performance is not good enough to slash our unemployment rate, push our industrial plants into running at full capacity, create the taxes to balance the biggest budget in our history, peace or war. Nor is its performance bad enough to send the jobless rate and business bankruptcies into a sharp upswing and thus spur Congress into taking major steps to bolster activity—regardless of how the steps would swell the budget deficit, the national debt and the cost of carrying the national debt.

In public, no one would dare wish for a business slump in order to ease the way for prosperity-making tax cuts, of course.

In private, though, leaders in government as well as in business do say rather wistfully that the outlook for fundamental revision of the tax structure would be a lot safer if we were in a clear business downturn and the need for new stimulants was indisputable.

On this day that the 88th Congress convenes, our economy is still moving ahead in a vacillating sort of way. Industrial production has been on a plateau since summer, but it's a very high level plateau. Auto sales are a bright spot. Business spending on expansion and modernization of plants is rising only slightly, but consumer spending both on things and non-things is continuing to climb and buoy the economy. Government spending at all levels—federal, state, and local—is in the usual uptrend. It is not a background for imminent recession.

Yet, if this is all our economy is going to do in 1963, we will not create enough jobs to employ the 20,000 youngsters entering the work force each week and the older workers whose jobs are shot out from under them by automation. Nor will American industry be impelled to spend many more billions than it is now spending on making our factories modern enough to compete with brilliant success in the world's markets. Nor will profits and paychecks generate enough taxes to permit us to carry comfortably the immense financial burdens we have assumed as leader of the free world.

Were the federal budget even close to balance and the national debt holding steady, surely Congress wouldn't hesitate to go along with the administration on tax reduction-reform to accelerate our growth. But let's face it—the statistics the administration will submit to Congress this month will be grim.

The new budget will be nudging toward \$100 billion, will be below that historic mark only because Kennedy is trying to make the budget as palatable as possible to budget-slashing Congressmen. The estimate of receipts will be billions below expenditures, assuring a multi-billion dollar deficit for the third year in a row.

The national debt will be rising steadily, will be breaking through the present \$308 billion legal debt ceiling this calendar year—whether or not there are tax cuts.

The debt ceiling will have to be boosted again by Congress right in the middle of the tax cut debate, for under the bill passed in 1961 the legal debt limit is scheduled to drop from \$308 billion to \$305 billion on April 1, to \$300 billion on July 1 and to the "permanent" limit of \$285 billion on July 1. The debt is pushing \$305 billion this week.

Whatever squawks there may be in the House or Senate, Congress will have to vote one debt ceiling hike before April 1, another boost before June 24—for the alternative will be unthinkable one of a U.S. Treasury defaulting on payments of its obligations.

Finally, interest on the public debt will be rising too, taking more than \$10 billion of our incomes this year—more than 10 cents of every \$1 we pay in taxes. That's a huge chunk for debt interest by any yardstick.

Were business clearly in a recession and obviously needing help at once, all of these obstacles would fade in importance. But in a neither-nor economy, a big fight over the tax cut is a certainty.

1962 Second Best Year for Sales In Auto Industry

Detroit—UPI—The American auto industry sold more new cars in 1962 than in any other year except 1955.

The industry sold 6,752,644 cars last year, making it second best to the record 7,370,000 cars delivered in 1955.

The 1962 total was a gain of 21 per cent over the 5,555,820 cars sold in 1961.

The statistical agency, Ward's Reports, said the industry ended its second best year with a sales tempo that was the strongest in history.

Ward's said December car sales of 560,329 averaged 22,413 per day, 11 per cent above a year ago, and topped the 22,100 daily record set in December, 1955.

Best Fourth Quarter
The surge climaxed the industry's best fourth quarter in history. Sales totaled 1,948,009—19.8 per cent above the 1,624,000 record for the period set in 1961.

General Motors took 54.7 per cent of 1962 industry sales, Ford 27.4 per cent, Chrysler 10.3 per cent, American Motors 6.4 per cent and Studebaker 1.2 per cent.

Ward's said compact car sales totaled 2,258,571 units, for a 33.4 per cent share of the market. Rambler led the field with 434,788 sales.

There are only about three dozen whooping cranes in the world.

Minor damage resulted Tuesday when a sheriff's patrol car driven by Deputy Ray Twitchell, Talent, and a pickup truck driven by Dick Souba Sr., Jacksonville, collided in Jacksonville.

Twitchell said he saw headlights of a car shine through the heavy fog, and applied his brakes at the same time Souza did. A headlight was broken on the sheriff's car.

JUSTICE WARREN ILL
Washington—UPI—Chief Justice Earl Warren is suffering from a sore throat and laryngitis, it has been announced.

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