

Citizens Group for Free Cuba Supplies Information

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — What is life really like inside Communist Fidel Castro's Cuba?
For Americans who don't want to risk loss of their passports or their lives by trying to find out in person, there is an alternative: Ask the Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba.
Established here last April to spotlight life in the Caribbean Communist stronghold, the committee has a ready supply of what it claims are facts and figures about Cubans, Castro and communism.
It said its purpose is to bring such information to the attention of the American public and Congress.

Publishes Periodical
The committee publishes a semi-monthly periodical, "Free Cuba News," with a circulation of over 6,000, and on request also supplies special information.
Secretary Danile James told UPI that much of the data which the committee processes is identical with that compiled by government agencies. He said the committee's relationship with the agencies is "quite good."
He insisted the committee operates neither in "cooperation nor competition" with the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency in analyzing the Cuban situation. Rather, he said, it "tries to supply the American public with facts about Castro's Cuba and communism in this hemisphere

which might otherwise not be available to them."
"We are by no means competing with the government," he said. "We simply pass on to the public all the information we receive."
He said the activities of pro-Castro Communists in Central and South America had forced the committee to expand its field.

Drive For Funds
Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, former chief of naval operations, is a member of the committee and is pushing a drive for money to keep it in business.
He said recently that greater financial support was necessary to help the committee "mobilize American opinion in support of measures needed to defeat communism at our doorstep."
Principal information sources used by the committee are monitored Cuban radio broadcasts, Cuban newspapers, interviews with refugees and reports from activist groups inside and outside Cuba.
A team in Miami, Fla., monitors Castro's domestic and special frequency military broadcasts and sends transcripts to Washington where a staff translates and evaluates them.
If an item seems interesting, James said, the committee will find and interview a recent refugee for confirmation. He said other information is collected before a final report is printed in the news.

Paul Bethel, the committee's Cuban affairs specialist, said the methods used had enabled the committee to accurately follow developments. He also said the flow of refugees from Cuba to Miami had provided a valuable source of information.
"Between what the refugees have to tell us and what we already know from radio broad-

casts," Bethel said, "we are able to piece together an accurate picture of what's going on."
Bethel said that on Sept. 14 the committee received reports of a revolt by the second largest labor union in Cuba. He said efforts to find and interview a former union official among the Miami refugees were successful and the committee soon will publish a full report on the incident.
"The Cuban government is waging a determined effort to wipe out the labor unions," he said.

Internal Developments
Some of the latest internal developments, reported in the committee's news were:
—The off-shore Isle of Pines is one of 10 areas being transformed into a large-scale training camp for Communist revolutionaries who are being smuggled into Central and South America.
—There has been a gradual departure of Russian personnel and troops from the island, but this has been offset by an increase in Communists from other Soviet Bloc nations and Red China.
—The resistance of Cuban teachers to teaching Communist principles resulted in the firing of 3,000 in the past three months. As a result Castro has made a sixth-grade education and 12-years of age the minimum teaching requirements in Cuban schools.

Students Cheer
Mme. Nhu addressed 5,000 University of Texas students who whooped wildly when she said "I hear you have the No. 1 football team in the United States."
The Nhu party was to fly from Dallas to Phoenix, Ariz., at 4 p.m. EDT today, where she was to continue her revelation of the "other side of the coin" concerning the regime of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem of South Viet Nam, her brother-in-law.
She referred to criticism about beatings suffered by three newsmen who witnessed a burning suicide in her country by a Buddhist monk. Mme. Nhu said more about that incident made the news than about a French reporter who was shot in the back and killed during race riots last year in Oxford, Miss.

Beddoe Named to Staff of Company
Paul Beddoe, Medford, has been named a member of the field service and sales staff for Miller Products Company, Portland, according to Keith Sime, sales manager.
Beddoe will continue to make his home in Medford and will serve the Southwestern Oregon and Northern California fruit and agricultural industries for the firm.
Beddoe is a graduate of Washington State University with a degree in agriculture.

Yugoslavia Said Getting More Aid Than Viet Nam
AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu said Thursday night the United States had extended more aid to Communist Yugoslavia than had been given to her Southeast Asia country, which was fighting communism.
"We have paid back with 14,000 casualties a year... with our blood," she said, while Yugoslavia "has paid back nothing."
The First Lady of South Viet Nam said her country wanted to become more independent but did not want to lose all U. S. aid. Some aid to her country recently was withheld.
"We are not beggars," Mme. Nhu said, "your gift is not just a one-way gift. We paid back with blood."
She said aid to her country was closely controlled while Communist Yugoslavia received help without limitation.

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