

By FRANK JENKINS

What of Cuba?
It all depends on this man Castro and his followers and his backers who have tossed out Dictator Batista and appear to be in a position to take over the Cuban government and run the country.

Our own Revolution was the most successful in history. It was successful because of the quality of its leaders. Our Founding Fathers were wise, able and patriotic men who commanded the respect of their followers and of the world.

Who is this Castro?

He is the 32-year-old son of a rich father who died a couple of years ago and left his six children a fortune. Young Fidel and his brother Raul dedicated their all to the deposition of Batista. Along with a few followers, they invaded Cuba in 1956 and have been fighting ever since.

They seem to have won their battle.

In situations where all the facts do not meet the eye, the French are alleged to shrug their shoulders and mutter cynically "cherchez la femme" (look for the woman). In similar situations in this troubled period in world history, we are inclined to paraphrase the French and say "cherchez les communistes."

What of Fidel Castro?

Is he a communist?

Is he communist-backed?

He says he isn't.

He claims to be strongly opposed to communism.

But his brother Raul, who is his second-in-command, is known to have spent two weeks behind the iron curtain attending an international student congress. Movements like that are favorite tools of the communist leaders.

When young Fidel led his band of followers from Mexico into Cuba two years ago, he was strong for immediate nationalization of Cuban industries — which is a prime tenet of communism. He has since watered down his economic program considerably — possibly in deference to American public opinion.

He stands now (he says) for extension of social security and a broadened program of industrialization to solve Cuba's chronic problem of poverty and unemployment. He has called for land reform, limiting the amount of land any one plantation owner can hold.

He says he wants to end government corruption and to re-establish political freedom and freedom of the press. If he is SINCERE in what he says — if he proposes to be his own man and not a puppet animated by strings pulled from Moscow — he is headed in the right direction and great good can come of his leadership.

But he bears watching.

Why are we so concerned about Cuba?

The answer to that question is self-evident. We got into one war because of Cuba and we don't want to get into another one.

But we can't permit communism to establish itself on our doorstep.

EAL Readies Some Planes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eastern Air Lines readied some of its planes today for limited north-south service in the wake of a 38-day strike by flight engineers. American Airlines remained shut down for the 14th day by a pilots' walkout.

The first inbound Eastern plane at Idlewild Airport — from Miami — was due to arrive shortly before 1 p.m. The first outbound flight to Miami was set for 2:30 p.m.

About 30 flights were scheduled for today with hopes that full service would be restored by next week.

Some 16,000 Eastern employees prepared to go back to their jobs as the line signed a New Year's Eve peace pact with its engineers, and came to an understanding Thursday night with the Air Line Pilots Assn.

Increased Federal Timber Cuttings Expected To Offset Klamath Slash

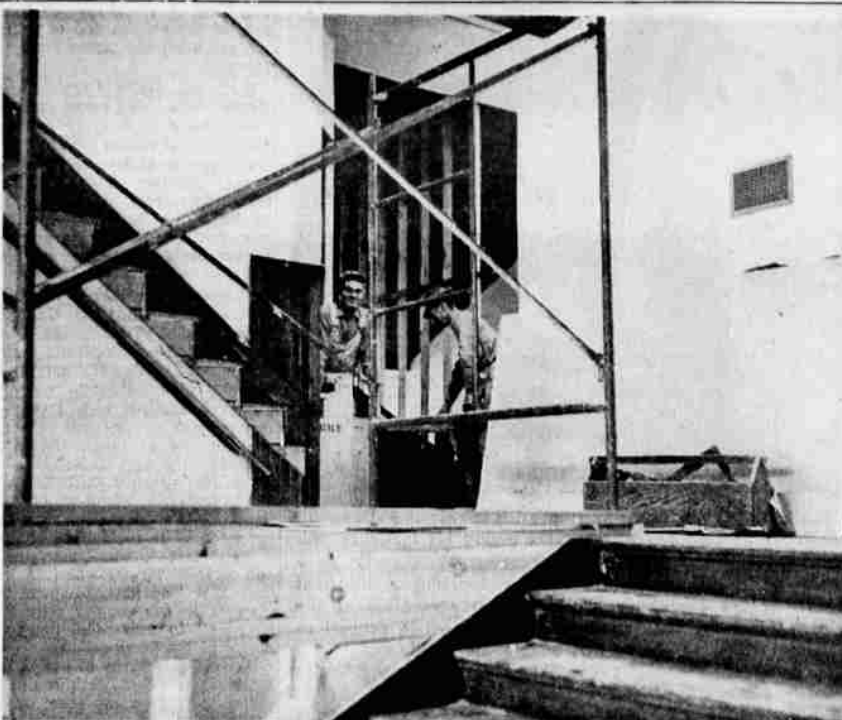
Increases in timber cuttings in federal forest lands supplying the Klamath Basin will more than offset the expected reduction in cuttings of Klamath Indian timber during the next three years, J. Herbert Stone, regional forester at Portland, said in a statement to the Herald and News Friday.

Stone explained what action his own U.S. Forest Service, together with other government agencies, was taking in view of the three-year period of reduced Indian timber sales which is expected to accompany termination of the Klamath Reservation.

He said the forest service has been in consultation with Indian service officials to determine the extent of likely deficits in sale of cuttings, and has conducted a survey of timber supply needs of Klamath Basin mills. General plans for a program to offset the expected shortage were made at a recent meeting of forest service

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THINGS ARE HUMMING AT RIVERSIDE SCHOOL, this Christmas vacation, with workmen hastening to effect improvements required by the state fire marshal. Charles Chaffee, left, and Loren Stroud of the Duncan Construction Company were working on the north staircase Wednesday. Here, at second floor level, the marks at left show where the staircase until recently continued on to the third floor. Henceforth, only the east staircase will go to the third floor. The scaffolding will facilitate the covering over of the former stairwell at ceiling level. Fireproof board like that at right is being used to isolate stairwells from the rest of the building.



SHOOTING HOURS:

OREGON		
January 3		
OPEN	CLOSE	
7:06	4:47	
January 4		
OPEN	CLOSE	
7:06	4:47	
CALIFORNIA		
January 3		
OPEN	CLOSE	
7:04	4:46	
January 4		
OPEN	CLOSE	
7:04	4:46	

Reds Receive Reply By Ike

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—President Eisenhower has told Russian leaders their professed desire for peace should be applied to their handling of the Berlin crisis.

He made a pointed reply in an exchange of New Year's greetings with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and President Klementi E. Voroshilov.

His message, delivered to Eisenhower's farm home near here, expressed hope that 1959 would see an end to "fears of the dangers of a new world war."

Eisenhower — watching a football game on television when the message came in — fired back a cablegram saying he shared the Russians' hopes. He agreed that "genuine efforts" might well be fruitful.

He went on to say: "As of this moment it seems to us critically important to apply the sentiments expressed in your message to the Berlin situation. In this connection, I cannot fail to recall your government's declaration toward the people of Berlin."

He referred to the Russians' announced intention to make Berlin a free city — which would mean Western withdrawal from a key city that, in this country's view, would then inevitably come under Communist rule.

Eisenhower said the Russians' moves to take over Berlin "are not in accord with your expressed aspirations and hopes for peaceful coexistence."

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School Work Progressing As Ordered By Fire Boss

By LAMAR HOOVER

Work is now going ahead at Riverside and other Klamath Falls schools to comply with the orders of State Fire Marshal Hugh H. Earle, made after a December 9-10 inspection by his deputy, Wilburn R. Dodge.

The results of the inspection of eight District One (elementary) schools were 44 orders and eight recommendations, some of them similar from one school to another. Seven of the orders and two recommendations applied to Riverside. There were also five orders and one recommendation applicable to District Two, the Klamath Union High School district.

The ensemble of the marshal's report was discussed at the December 22 meeting of both school boards. Following is a detailed list of the marshal's orders and recommendations in reference to Riverside.

January 15, 1959 was set as the compliance date for the first four orders. These were:

1—Extend vent ducts from classrooms, which now terminate in the attic area, through the roof.

2—Remove combustible construction from around the central flue from the furnaces so as to provide at least a two-inch air space between this flue and any combustible material.

3—Effectively seal all under-stairway storage areas with materials offering not less than one hour's fire resistance.

4—Effectively treat stage curtains on the gymnasium stage with an approved solution which will render them reasonably flame resistant.

In view of the short time given for compliance, the District One board ordered the work without formal bids, on the basis of informal quotations. The first item was assigned to Holland Sheet Metal, while Duncan Construction was given numbers 2 and 3. The fourth item is being handled by the school district staff.

Compliance date on the remaining three orders was set at February 14. The orders were:

5—Completely separate the third floor room, now used for storage, from the remainder of the attic area by construction rating not less than one hour's fire resistance.

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arate stairways from the corridors at each floor by construction of a fire resistance rating of not less than one hour, access through which shall be protected by self-closing doors of the same fire-resistance rating, which shall be hinged to swing outward with the way of exit travel and shall be kept normally closed — or they may be held in an open position by means of a fusible link arrangement, with the fusible link (of not over 165 degrees F rating) located over the top of each door opening.

7—Provide an approved fire alarm system with warning de-

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Mark To Seek Court Ruling

SALEM (AP)—A source close to Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield said today that Hatfield definitely plans to ask the state Supreme Court to decide whether Hatfield can name his own successor as secretary of state.

This source said that Hatfield's attorneys were meeting today to decide whether to bring the suit in the next few days, or whether to wait until after the scheduled inauguration on Jan. 12.

The lawyers are studying Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton's opinion that Hatfield must resign before taking the oath, and that Gov. Robert D. Holmes should name Hatfield's successor.

Hatfield's lawyers fear that, unless the Supreme Court decides the issue next week, Hatfield's inauguration may be delayed.

The Democratic Legislature might hold up the inauguration in an effort to force the Republican governor-elect to resign as secretary of state.

Thornton held that before Hatfield can be inaugurated, he must submit his resignation to Holmes and the new secretary of state must be in office before the inauguration.

Hatfield's attorneys believe that the Supreme Court might refuse to hear the case before the inauguration, because no definite act had taken place which could be appealed. An attorney general's opinion is not appealable.

Holmes said he expects Hatfield to resign promptly. But Hatfield said he doesn't consider Thornton's opinion binding.

French Tourists Try To Unlean Leaning Tower

PISA, Italy (UPI)—A group of French tourists tried to correct the lean of the famed Pisa Tower after a New Year's Eve party Thursday.

They drove from the hotel where they were celebrating to the leaning tower, hooked one end of a steel cable to the base of the structure and the other end to the rear axle of their car.

Then one of them put the car in gear and stepped on the gas. The tower did not budge an inch, but the car went off in two directions.

The rear end was jerked out of the vehicle by the cable, while the rest of the car hurtled across the square.

The leaning tower was still leaning today.

First Of Rebel Forces Enter Cuban Capital

Cuban Rebels Arrest, Free AP Newsmen

HAVANA (AP)—Armed Cuban rebels fired today on the Havana Post building and temporarily detained three Associated Press men covering the city's post-revolt convulsion. The three were released after questioning.

Larry Allen, loving AP correspondent; George Kaufman, Havana AP Bureau chief; and Harold Valentine, AP photographer from Miami, were taken to a police station but were freed 30 minutes later.

Rebels carrying machineguns,

CHICAGO (AP)—Representatives of Fidel Castro today took over the Cuban consulate in Chicago with a handshake.

The shift was announced by Constantine N. Kangles, counsel for Fidel Castro in the United States.

rifles, and other weapons opened fire on the Post building. Several bullets smashed through the windows and into the walls of the Post editorial office adjoining the AP headquarters on the second floor. The Post is an English-language newspaper.

Allen and Kaufman were working in the AP office, and Valentine was in the photo darkroom.

The front door of the building was smashed in, and six rebels pounded up the stairs and leveled rifles at the AP men. They escorted them into the Post composing room, where they claimed to have found a pistol and attempted to pin ownership on the AP.

"We tried to argue our way out of it," Allen said, "but the rebels became more menacing."

"We were herded downstairs and into an automobile and taken to a police station where young rebels were running the show."

"After much protesting and explaining that we were Americans, the rebels decided to release us and permit us to return to the bullet-battered Post building."

As Allen, Kaufman, and Valentine were taken out of the building, Bob Clark, AP writer from Miami who had just reached Havana after a charter plane flight, walked into the building.

Clark grabbed a phone and dictated the story of the arrest until the others returned.

"Young boys were running wild through the streets, waving guns and picking up anyone they suspected of possessing arms or of being anti-Castro," Allen said.

"It is a wild situation that could go out of control at any time and develop into something horrible."

"There is no protection for Americans whatsoever, except what the rebels themselves give."

William L. Ryan, AP news analyst who also is in Cuba helping to cover the revolution, was not in the AP office when it was invaded.

He arrived shortly after the others had been taken away.

Many Killed In Accidents

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Traffic deaths across the country over the four-day New Year's holiday were occurring today at a rate which could exceed the record for a similar New Year's week end.

More than 40 hours after the start of the 102-hour holiday period, the death rate from highway accidents was slightly more than four an hour. If the pace continues throughout the period, the record of 404 deaths set in the four-day New Year's week end of 1956-57 would be topped.

The National Safety Council has estimated the New Year traffic toll this year will reach 390. The council said the shock of the 594 deaths recorded during the four-day Christmas holiday a week ago apparently was not having much effect on drivers this weekend.

Traffic deaths last year, estimated at 37,000 by the council, averaged about 101 a day. But the slaughter on the highways since the start of the New Year holiday count at 6 p.m. local time Wednesday topped the daily traffic toll in 1958. The count continues until midnight Sunday.

"The weather is bad and the toll is bad," the council said. "The toll is proceeding at an alarming rate. We appeal to every driver to realize that he must hold his speed down and be doubly careful."

- BULLETIN -

NEW YORK (AP)—A woman who staged a \$3,000 robbery at a Manhattan bank a month ago was seized today when she attempted a similar feat at another bank a block away.

She was identified by police as Vera Wilson, 57.

Cuba At A Glance

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAVANA — Fidel Castro's field troops enter Havana, setting stage for installation of Manuel Urrutia as provisional president. Interim general strike called by Castro seems 100 per cent effective. Rebels fire on Havana Post building and temporarily detain three Associated Press men but free them following questioning. Havana calms down after orgy of looting and revenge.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA — Castro proclaims his native Santiago provisional capital.

NEW YORK — Sugar futures drop sharply in heavy trading as a result of developments in Cuba, which produces almost one-eighth of the world's sugar supply. Dealers doubt decline will affect price of sugar to consumers.

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic — Batista, wife, three children and leaders of his regime take refuge in Dominican Republic.

NEW YORK — Leading Batista supporters come by plane to New York, New Orleans, Jacksonville, Key West, Daytona Beach and West Palm Beach. Some flee by boat. Batista's other five children among refugees.

WASHINGTON — State Department in close touch with Havana embassy but says has no plans to remove U.S. citizens. President Eisenhower kept advised of events at Gettysburg farm. Castro representatives expect United States to recognize his government.

PARIS — Cuban Ambassador Hector de Ayala switches to Castro, says he will propose French government recognize Urrutia government.

LONDON — Moscow radio reports Batista's flight, says he was a U.S. protegee.

Government Keeps Vigil On Safety Of Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government kept watch today on the safety of its citizens in Cuba and waited cautiously for the formation of a new government there.

Both the White House and the State Department discounted the possibility of major danger to U.S. citizens despite some rioting and uncertainty which followed collapse of the regime of Cuba's President Fulgencio Batista.

They declined any immediate comment on possible steps toward recognition of a new government, now in process of formation under the direction of rebel leader Fidel Castro.

President Eisenhower, vacationing at his Gettysburg, Pa., farm, was kept advised of the situation by telephone, press secretary James C. Hagerly reported.

The Cuban Embassy in Washington, meantime, was taken over in friendly fashion by Castro supporters.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Clearing tonight. Mostly sunny Saturday. Much colder. Low tonight 8-13; high Saturday 20-30.

High yesterday 41
Low last night 25
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 1.82
Same period last year 7.92
Normal for period 4.83

Northern California — Mostly fair through Saturday but scattered snow flurries in the mountains and a few showers from Eureka northward. Slightly cooler afternoons.

Northerly to northwesterly coastal winds 20-35 miles an hour.

CRATER LAKE
High yesterday 30
Low last night 12
8 a.m. today 12
New snow 7
Snow depth 28
Last year 97

Chains were required this morning for travel in the park and the road from park headquarters to the rim was temporarily closed.

Wind was from the north and dry powder snow was falling. Skying is good, according to the park rangers and it is planned to have the warming hut open on Saturday and Sunday.

Truckloads Of Guerrillas Enter Havana

HAVANA (AP)—Advance spearheads of Fidel Castro's revolutionary forces entered Havana today. Truckloads of bearded guerrilla fighters rolled into the city over the main central highway from the eastern provinces of Matanzas and Las Villas and sped along the Malecon Sea Boulevard toward the former military headquarters of deposed President Batista at Camp Columbia.

As the Castro forces advanced, Cuba's 6,300,000 war-weary people had two provisional presidents. Neither occupied the chair vacated by dictator Fulgencio Batista, who fled in the darkness of the new year morning Thursday.

The streets of Havana were tense and alive with expectation. The triumphant Castro partisans, who had seemed to emerge armed from nowhere Thursday to take over control of the capital, kept a tight lid on the situation to prevent pent-up public emotion from creating a chaotic situation.

Youthful, bearded Castro early today proclaimed ex-Judge Manuel Urrutia of Oriente Province as provisional President of the republic with his temporary government in Castro's native Santiago de Cuba. Castro apparently intends momentarily to move the government to Havana.

In this capital sits the last vestige of a shell of government named by the junta which Batista left behind when he fled the country early New Year's Day. But the government had no control over either the army or the police who now get their orders from rebel leaders installed at Camp Columbia in a Havana suburb.

The Castro troops entering Havana were unopposed. They were led by the Argentine physician, Ernesto Guevara, and Camilo Cienfuegos, two of the rebel chief-tain's hard-fighting field commanders.

A final showdown obviously is near. Castro announced today he would not accept what he called a coup d'etat arranged by Batista. This he rejects the provisional government which purports to be headed by Supreme Court Justice Carlos Piedra.

Castro claimed Maj. Gen. Eulogio Cantillo, who headed the junta left by Batista, had betrayed the revolution's leadership by letting the chief figures of the Batista government escape from the country.

While Castro's success in his 25-month-old rebellion seemed close to complete, he still must bring his oft-proclaimed choice to Havana and install him in the presidential palace from which dictator Fulgencio Batista fled Thursday. To install Urrutia in the capital, Castro ordered a mass public demonstration in Havana's Central Park at 4 p.m. today.

The country will remain in a state of paralysis from a general strike ordered by Castro until Urrutia takes over in Havana.

Castro spoke just before dawn to a huge crowd in Santiago, the capital of easternmost Oriente province, after a parade of ora-

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COMING TO A CRASHING HALT in the Metter Brothers Building at the intersection of South Sixth Street and Altamont Drive, was this car which Robert Colahan, 50, 1803 Hope Street, was driving just before 10:30 p.m. on New Year's Day. State Police said the vehicle, eastbound on Sixth, failed to make a slight curve and, going over a traffic separator, knocked out a street light before plowing into the building. Peace Ambulance personnel had to break down part of the front seat in order to extricate Colahan, pinned behind the steering wheel. Authorities at Klamath Valley Hospital reported Friday morning that Colahan sustained two bad head cuts and a dislocated hip.