

# Rebel Leader's Platform Calls For Nationalization Of American Utilities

HAVANA (AP) — Rebel leader Fidel Castro's last announced platform calls for the nationalization of American utilities and sugar estates in Cuba.

The bearded guerrilla chieftain published his program in 1955, while in exile in Mexico. It called for:

1. Nationalization of U.S. financed and operated utilities in Cuba and division of American-owned sugar estates among Cuban peasants.
2. Confiscation of all properties acquired through "corrupt government."
3. Distribution of 30 per cent of all industrial and utility enterprises to Cuban workers.
4. A public housing and rural electrification program.
5. Liberation of Cuba "from the economic interest of half a dozen businessmen."
6. A speed up of industrialization and increased social security.

Castro never doubted he would win the victory over strongman Fulgencio Batista.

Now 32, the husky, 6-foot 3-inch leader is a professional rebel who has been in revolt most of his life. He has been involved in revolutionary movements in the Dominican Republic, where Batista took refuge, and in Colombia.

In 1947 he joined an expedition to the Dominican Republic aimed at overthrowing the dictatorship of Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo. It was a failure and Castro escaped by sea.

In 1948 Castro participated in Colombia before the ninth International Conference of American States protesting what he termed the non-Latin influence in Latin America. He joined with a group of Colombian rebels and was captured. He gained his freedom, reportedly largely through the influence of the U.S. delegate to the conference, Gen. George C. Marshall.

On July 26, 1953, he led a bloody but unsuccessful attack on an army barracks in Santiago de Cuba, capital of Oriente province at the eastern end of Cuba.

For this attack he was sentenced to 15 years in prison. Freed when Congress granted a political amnesty to political prisoners, Castro later fled to Mexico. There he began plotting the campaign which resulted in Batista's flight to the Dominican Republic New Year's Day.

He returned to Cuba in December 1956 in a leaky Mexican yacht with 81 armed followers, landing on the coast of Oriente.

In the first few days after his arrival Batista announced that most of his force had been killed or captured, but Castro escaped to a hideout in the mountains of Oriente and began his guerrilla war.

He struck when and where he could, disrupting communications, burning fields of sugar cane, ambushing small army units, kidnapping, sabotaging transportation and carrying on a propaganda war.

Despite defeat after defeat, Castro kept up the fight. Many times the government announced extermination of the rebels was imminent.

But the size of his ragged army continued to grow. Arms and equipment reached him from sympathizers in the United States and other countries.

Operating in the rugged country around his mountain headquarters, he successfully eluded government troops sent after him.

Castro's movement continued to gain momentum in spite of repeated losses and the opposition of government - dominated labor unions.

The kidnaping of world champion race driver Juan Fangio from a hotel in downtown Havana convinced many Cubans that Batista could not deal with Castro's hit and run tactics. Fangio was released the next day and praised the rebels for their treatment of him.

Batista called Castro a Communist and a criminal. Communists around the world hailed Castro and Cuban Reds supported the rebel cause. But the rebel chief denied he was a Communist. He pointed out that most of his followers were members of the Roman Catholic Church, which strongly opposes communism.

Castro, son of a wealthy sugar planter, describes himself as a moderate. Friends say he is a man with driving political ambitions whose rebel movement is basically middle class.

Born at Colonia Biran on Aug. 14, 1926, Castro went to a Catholic boarding school and later high school at Belen. He attended law school at Havana University and was a politically active student leader.

Following graduation from the university, he set himself up in private law practice and married Mirtha Diaz Balart, sister of a government official. They have one son.

Castro does not drink but smokes 8 to 10 cigars a day. He gets by with 2 to 3 hours' sleep a night, according to associates. His diet is simple, mostly dried beef, rice, beans and bananas. He reads a great deal of poetry.

His father, who disapproved of Castro's revolutionary activities, cut off his son's allowance when he was in school. He died in 1956, leaving a half million dollars. Fidel received \$80,000.

An older brother, Ramon, takes care of the family plantation with his mother. A younger brother, Raul, is one of the rebel chieftains' aides. The family also includes two sisters, a stepsister and a stepbrother.



OFFICERS OF PONDEROSA LODGE 220, A.F. and A.M., are shown following their recent installation. Left to right are, front row, Harry C. Tear, treasurer; G. Marion Grant, senior warden; Donald B. Orrell, worshipful master; Wilbur A. Lewis, junior warden; and Robert H. Baker, secretary; second row, William J. Barnett, senior deacon; Clem Lesueur, chaplain; Alex Kozak, junior deacon and Larry Baraboo, senior steward; back row, F. L. Telanga, tiler, Deane Sacher junior steward and Joseph F. Lovell, marshal.

## Freighter Runs Aground

SEATTLE (AP) — The 7,600-ton freighter P&T Adventurer ran aground on Foulweather Bluff in Puget Sound during a snow storm Thursday night but her crew of about 40 were in no apparent danger.

Two heavy-duty tugs, the Shannon Foss and Wedell Foss reached the scene during the night. They were standing by to pull the 439-foot Liberty ship into deep water during high tide at about 10 a.m. Friday.

The Coast Guard said the vessel jammed hard aground at 8:20 p.m., 40 minutes before an 8.5-foot high tide.

An official for Pope and Talbot lines, operators of the freighter, said the vessel was bound for Port Gamble after several loading stops at southern Puget Sound ports. She was to sail for the East Coast Jan. 4.

## New Provisional President Anti-Red, Pro-American

United Press International

Manuel Urrutia Lleo, 58-year-old provisional president of Cuba, is strongly anti-Communist and pro-American.

Compared to the romantic chief of the revolutionary forces, Fidel Castro, Urrutia is a sober, dignified man. Until 1957 he was not identified with the rebel movement that brought him to power today.

Dark, stocky, moustachioed, Urrutia is a native of Las Villas province and a graduate in law at the University of Havana. At 26 he was named to the bench in Oriente Province, which was to become the heartland of Castro's movement.

There, a little more than a year ago, after 31 uneventful years as judge, Urrutia handed down an opinion that shocked the Batista government and caused rejoicing throughout rebellious Cuba.

As chairman of a three-judge panel sitting in Santiago, he stated that 150 youths brought to court on charges of rebellious action should be released since there was no peaceful means left to Cuban citizens to defend their constitutional rights. He was overruled by two other judges, but he had established himself as a champion of liberty.

The government soon forced Urrutia to resign from the bench. In November, 1957, he and his wife and their two sons fled to New York, where he set up a Castro headquarters. Castro later announced that Urrutia was his choice for the presidency of Cuba, a choice ratified by other revolutionary groups in Cuba.

### Weather Table

United Press International

Temperatures and rainfall for 24 hours ending at 4 a.m.

City	High	Low	Rain
Albuquerque	42	35	19
Atlanta	63	37	
Bakersfield	63	37	
Boise	40	—	
Boston	55	33	54
Brownsville	55	42	14
Chicago	36	27	03
Denver	52	13	03
Detroit	42	30	21
El Centro	71	38	
Fairbanks	-12	-20	T
Fort Worth	55	35	
Fresno	60	31	
Helena	48	-16	15
Kansas City	33	27	
Los Angeles	72	54	
Miami	78	73	
Minneapolis	29	11	01
New Orleans	49	40	
New York	41	38	1.03
Oakland	59	49	
Oklahoma City	40	26	
Phoenix	59	35	
Pittsburgh	44	34	54
Red Bluff	58	33	
Reno	57	33	
Sacramento	47	38	
Salt Lake City	45	24	01
San Diego	69	59	
San Francisco	61	48	
Seattle	43	28	
Spokane	35	14	
Stockton	48	32	
Thermal	70	38	
Tucson	61	32	
Washington	44	37	88

## Snow Storm Hits State

SEATTLE (AP) — Icy road conditions were reported from wide areas in Western Washington after a driving snow storm left the region under a cover of white Thursday night.

Snow was reported from Vancouver, B.C., to Vancouver, Wash., but the State Patrol reported no serious traffic accidents because of the weather.

Winds which accompanied the snow reached 46 miles per hour at Bellingham, 37 at Hoquiam and 36 on Whidbey Island.

The weather bureau here predicted Thursday light snow flurries with occasional sunny periods with maximum temperatures between 32 and 37 degrees and minimums between 15 and 25 degrees.

### LAST TIME

STINKENBRUNN, Austria (AP) — This is the last time the name Stinkenbrunn, which means stinking well, correctly appears in a newspaper dateline.

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WINTER—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Winter December 31 in Klamath Valley Hospital a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 8 1/2 oz.

1958 SUMMARY  
Boys: 504 Girls: 464

### TURNCOAT RETURNING

HONG KONG (UPI) — "Return-coat" ex-Sgt. Richard Corden, of Providence, R.I., left for home Thursday night aboard the liner President Cleveland.

Corden, who "chose Communism" at the end of the Korean War, changed his mind after five years in Red China because he found it increasingly difficult to get an education. He left Communist territory Dec. 19.

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### CITY BRIEFS

**Nurses Meet** — The Licensed Practical Nurses will hold their regular meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the county library. All members are urged to attend.

**In Pasadena** — The Ross Ragland family went to Pasadena for the Tournament of Roses and the Rose Bowl game, stopping in San Francisco on the way south.

**Public Card** — party will take place Saturday, starting at 8 p.m., sponsored by the Midland Home Economics Club, at the Midland Grange Hall. Refreshments will be served.

**Installation** — Prosperity Rebe-kah Lodge 104 will have its 1959 public installation of new officers tonight, January 2, at 7:30 at the IOOF Hall. All Rebekahs, Odd Fellows and friends are invited.

**Neighbors Of Woodcraft** — will meet at the KC Hall Monday at 8 p.m.

**Evangelist** — Vaughn L. Hayden, Lodge Grass, Montana, will open a series of meetings at the Gospel Mission of the United Holy Church of America, 251 Commercial, on the corner of Walnut and Commercial streets, on Sunday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. Those with sick and afflicted in the home are invited to take them to the meetings.

**Midland Grange** — Home Economics Club will meet Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Alice Hoover on Del Fatti Lane. All ladies are invited to attend.

### California Weather

United Press International

San Francisco Bay Area: Fair through Saturday; small craft warnings for northerly winds 20-35 m.p.h. today and tonight; high today 57-62; low tonight 40-47; expect 50 in downtown San Francisco and Oakland.

San Joaquin-Siskiyou area: Scattered snow flurries through Saturday; slightly colder.

Sacramento Valley: Fair through Saturday; colder north portion today; high both days 46-56; low tonight 28-38; northerly winds 10-20 m.p.h.

Northwestern California: Scattered showers north of Garberville and partly cloudy south portion through Saturday; cooler inland; high today and low tonight Ukiah 55-55; Santa Rosa 57-33; Napa 55-36; small craft warnings on coast for north to northwest winds 20-35 m.p.h. with locally stronger gusts.

## Two Siskiyou Supervisors Report On Capital Meeting

YREKA — Supervisors W. C. Ealy and S. C. Jackson, representatives of Siskiyou County to the California State Supervisors Association, reported recently to the board on recommendations made by the association in Sacramento, that the state medical-aid program expenditures be cut back and individual counties given more freedom in general county relief.

Ealy, a member of the association's board of directors, stated that the move to reduce its medical care program by \$2,000,000 annually for the needy, aged and blind was brought about by a telegram sent to the welfare board last week by the association.

After receiving word from department personnel that the program was running out of funds, the board voted the curtailment of tranquilizers, hormones and doctors' injections.

Mrs. Carolyn Nixon, acting welfare director for Siskiyou County, stated Tuesday that her orders so far are only the elimination of vitamins and food supplements, but she expects later that injections and hormones will be added to the eliminated items.

Ealy said "It was specifically urged that the welfare board bring expenditures into line with the funds available," for the medical care program.

Jackson, who is a member of the association's welfare committee, reported that another recommendation for the aid program involved "a single method of payment for services direct to the vendor for the medicine, and not through the recipient." Jackson also said that another recommendation was made that "recipients staying in public medical institutions should have their grants paid directly to these institutions substantially in the manner done prior to July 1, 1957."

Jackson said that, in addition, his committee had reached the decision that the counties should be freed from legislative standards in the administration of county general relief programs. That the boards of supervisors should take on the responsibility for the standards, and not specify which standards.

POPULAR MECHANICS  
NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — City high school authorities report adult classes in auto mechanics for women are so popular they are setting up advanced courses.

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