



VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I Barracks and Auxiliary 925 posed at their recent annual picnic supper in Veterans Memorial Park. The picture shows only part of the 55 members and guests who were present.

Misconception A Help To Cuban Communists

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HAVANA (AP)—Cuba's Communists have tried—and failed—to set up what they likely would consider an ideal situation for themselves in present circumstances. Banking on unwitting help from the United States, they now await a fresh opportunity. To the Communists' delight, there has been a basic misconception of what they are up to in Cuba, and this tends to deflect U.S. attention from their immediate aims.

The Communists know—if many in the United States do not—that they are not strong enough to turn the island of Cuba into a Red satellite. What they seek is a base for Red operations in the Caribbean and Latin America with complete freedom of action and communications. Cuba thus would be extremely valuable as a lever for creating turmoil all over the area. The Communists tipped their hands July 17 when Fidel Castro resigned as premier in a maneuver to demonstrate his popularity with the masses.

Within two hours the Communists broadcast an appeal for a "government of national unity," meaning they wanted cabinet representation. They would have settled for one or two ministries and considered the situation ideal at this stage. Castro held them off. Participation in the government would nail down present Red advantages. The Communists have been highly successful, for example, in penetrating the army, and have the comfort of knowing its high command has many dedicated American-haters. Among the most dedicated of these is the commander-in-chief, Maj. Raul

Castro, thin-lipped, fanatical 39-year-old brother of the premier. The Communists have penetrated the ranks of labor organizations. They are organized, disciplined and dangerous.

A "national unity" government would put the Communists in a good position to provoke angry and ill-considered responses from the United States. These provide Latin American Reds with what they need most: whipping boys as typical examples of "yankee imperialism" trying to dictate to weaker countries.

There are few here who would accuse Castro himself of being Communist. What seems to be happening is that clashes involving North Americans tend to push the regime into the position of standing somewhere between being not antagonistic and being downright sympathetic to the Communist bloc.

The party plays expertly on inferiority complexes of weaker peoples to provoke the defiant attitude of the neglected child kicking its rich uncle in the shins. New revolutions need outside enemies, and "yankee imperialism" fills the bill.

From the moment he took over, Castro found himself pushed more and more into a defensive posture by criticism from the United States. Only recently has he given any indication he realizes the dangerous position into which the Cuban revolution is being maneuvered.

The following story is vouched for by a reliable source: Castro had been debating with advisers about Cuba's sugar crop and how to move it in the world market in the face of slumped price and demand. Somebody informed him how the United States protects Cuba from price fluctuations by buying a sugar quota above the world market. The United States is buying about 3 million long tons of Cuba's current 3.8 million-ton crop above the world price. Castro seemed stunned.

"Why," shouted Castro, "didn't somebody tell me about this before?"

Inexperience and amateurishness on the part of members of the regime help strengthen the Communists. Numerically they are not as strong today as they were in the early days of Fulgencio Batista's dictatorship, when they got their first real foothold.

At present the card-carrying Communists probably total about 12,000. Of these only a small number can be considered hard core, working for the interests of Moscow as transmitted by Juan Marinello, party president. Recently he was a glorified guest on a Communist bloc tour.

The Communists seek diligently to create and maintain in Cuba a climate basically hostile to the United States. They may succeed if uninformed and impatient elements in the United States goad Castro's followers into more violent anti-U.S. postures.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"NOTHIN'S WRONG! CANT A GUY JUST SIT?"

Note Lost; Youth Safe

DENVER, Colo. (AP)—The cops and almost everybody else looked for Patrick Bryan, 11, the past two days.

But Pat says he knew where he was all the time: "See, I was sitting on the back porch—this was Sunday—working on my fishing reel, when my pal Marty came by.

"Anyhow, Marty says to me—'Come on, we'll spend the night at my house.' I figured it would be all right with Mom, as long as I let her know. So I left her a note.

"Marty and me, we had a good couple of days, just laying around and doing nothing. I get home and find the folks practically on the ceiling. Sure, I found the note—in the trash can—but everybody's still pretty mad.

"Gosh, how's a fella gonna know when everybody else is gonna get excited?"

WET WEATHER

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Walter Williams, last survivor of the Civil War armies, and the nation's oldest veteran, is getting weaker day by day, his doctor says. Williams, 116, recovered recently from pneumonia, but the illness sapped his strength.

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The accident occurred an hour after the group set off from Augustine Beach, 20 miles south of here. Bayview is another five miles down river from Wilmington.

The dead, all Wilmington Negroes, were Clarence Cooper, 54, a grocer; Gus Davis, 50, and Robert Henderson, 45, both barbers. The survivor is Rev. Addison D. Wilder, 49, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

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Ballet Opens 8-Day Stand

ASHLAND — Ballet Celeste opened an eight-day stand in Ashland Saturday, under the auspices of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival. The popular young dance troupe from San Francisco, making its second appearance as a festival daytime attraction, is alternating two different matinee programs daily. The performances, staged at the Ashland Junior High School Auditorium on Siskiyou Boulevard, begin at 2:30 p.m.

Former Ballet Russe soloist Merriem Lanova, acclaimed by ballet critics as one of America's major choreographers, is director of the unique group and creates most of its dances. Headquartered in San Francisco, the Ballet Celeste organization operates a dance school, an academic study program for gifted young dancers, and a full performance schedule. In the recent past, the dancers completed a highly successful American tour, and they now look forward to the premiere of their newest venture in a busy fall schedule—a weekly Bay Area television series.

Following last season's success in Ashland, Ballet Celeste elected to extend its 1959 stay, and is honoring the occasion with a new ballet version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," choreographed especially for the festival by Miss Lanova, and featuring the music of Mendelssohn. Other program highlights include: Act II of Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," "Les Sylphides" with Fokine's choreography and Chopin's melodies, Act III of "Coppelia" by Delibes, a charming oriental fairy tale called "Chinese Cinderella," a colorful Spanish creation called "Espanita," and several "Pas de Deux" and "Pas de Trois" from "Swan Lake."

Following the opening day performance on Saturday, August 8, matinee programs are being staged daily at 2:30 through Saturday, August 15. Tickets, priced at \$2 for adults and 75 cents for children, may be purchased at the festival's central box office in Ashland or at the door. They are also available at the Derby Music Company in Klamath Falls and at all of the festival's branch agencies.

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Harvard Man Likes Jails

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—John Wood is 19, a Harvard man, and accustomed to some of the finest jails in this country.

Don't get the wrong impression. John is a law-abiding youth. Sometimes he seeks the hospitality of jails on his Los Angeles-New York bicycle trip.

The son of a New York attorney, Wood undertook the excursion when he realized "I've lived 19 years and never been farther west than Pennsylvania."

He explained, "I just want to see the country and talk to people. People are very friendly, especially in the rural areas."

Wood visited here Tuesday, but not in jail. He'll head for Cincinnati today, then Washington en route home.

Deadline Near For Tax Payment

Deadline for payment of fourth quarter property taxes in Klamath County is Saturday, August 15, and the office of the tax collector in the court house will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. that day to accommodate last minute payments.

Deputy Tax Collector Esther Lawler warned that payments should be on time or they may have interest added to them.

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