

Young British Architects Angry About U.S. Embassy

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LONDON (NEA) — John Hay ("Jock") Whitney, America's ambassador to Britain, is being strafed these days by the Anti-Ugliers, as Britain's angry young architects are called.

There is nothing personal or political about it. But Ambassador Whitney is being blamed for the new, \$7,000,000 American embassy which is nearing completion in Grosvenor Square. The Anti-Ugliers consider it "atrocious."

"It has that gold-plated Cadillac look about it," complains a bearded, pipe-smoking young architect, who is one of the ring-leaders.

He holds Ambassador Whitney, 55-year-old socialite and former polo player, personally responsible for the building "because as an art collector he should know better."

ACTUALLY, THE six-story embassy, which will not be ready for occupancy until March, 1960, is the work of Eero Saarinen, Finnish-born American architect. Saarinen won a State Department competition for the best design.

The Anti-Ugliers are mostly student architects who rebel against the conventional in design. In recent months they have staged mock funeral processions, with mourners decked out in black, before new buildings which they consider to be notable examples of bad architecture.

Their own hang-out is The Partisan, an espresso bar which is done up in the style known as "The New Brutalism." Here, in an atmosphere foggy with pipe smoke, they brood over the ills of city planning.

The Anti-Ugliers have no objection to the actual design of the new American embassy, which is U-shaped and with pencil-thin columns.

"WHAT WE object to," a student in a turtle-neck sweater explained, "is all that gold."

Certainly, Saarinen has not been sparing in his use of gold, or rather anodized aluminum with a gold finish as trimming for the new chancellery.

It will be surmounted by a golden American eagle with a 35-foot wing span, which has become a chief target for the Anti-Ugliers.

"What an outcry there would be in America if the British topped their embassy in Washington with a golden lion measuring 35 feet from nose to tail," the sweatered one exclaimed.

"Yes, or imagine a 35-foot gold hammer-and-sickle above the Russian embassy in Washington," a bearded companion chimed in.

THE GOLD EAGLE has caused raised eyebrows even at The Sunday Times, which questions whether it is "the ideal symbol to brood over a famous square in a foreign capital."

Other examples of "golden pierce-embellishments," as The Sunday Times calls it, are gold bars between the windows of the four upper floors and a gold trimming above the cornice of the new embassy.

The Sunday Times' verdict: "more reminiscent of a cigarette factory than an embassy."

Among other amenities which the new American embassy will offer are a well-stocked library, an auditorium seating 196, a restaurant and cafeteria, recording studios and parking space for 120 vehicles.

Ambassador Whitney's suite includes a lounge with dressing room, conference rooms and his own private dining room.

The ambassador can take some comfort from the fact that the British are also severely critical of their own official architecture abroad. "A frozen evasion" is the way The Observer describes the new wing of the British embassy in Washington.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"I'M NOT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE, HENRY. ALL I WANT TO DO IS MOVE, BUT NOW HE'S HIDDEN MY FOR SALE SIGN!"

Law Of Force Taking Over In Cuba

By HAROLD K. MILKS

HAVANA (AP) — The takeover of Cuban and foreign-owned ranch and farm property by Fidel Castro's forces appears more and more to be following only one law — the law of force.

Although the sweeping agrarian reform law adopted by Castro's revolutionary Cabinet last May gives his representatives power to seize big estates, the government's agents are taking over buildings, equipment and livestock as well.

Estimates of the amount of land seized now reach into the millions of acres. Most of it so far is in cattle-rich Camaguey and Oriente provinces, and in Pinar del Rio, where most of Cuba's fine tobacco is grown. Most sugar estates are being left alone for the present — so as not to reduce the next harvest.

Cuban lawyers representing the landowners say appeals to points of law with agents of the government's powerful Institute of Agrarian Reform (INRA) frequently bring the reply "What law? We are the law."

Files of the United States Embassy are rapidly filling with reports of cases in which Castro agents—usually bearded military officers backed by squads of armed soldiers—moved in and seized equipment, cattle and buildings.

The agrarian reform law provides for expropriation of land for distribution among the landless but contains no provision for seizure of agricultural machinery, other equipment or livestock.

"So-called agrarian institute delegates pay no attention to this law when they 'intervene' in properties," said one Cuban lawyer. "They just take over and all our efforts to find out under what decree or law they are acting are futile."

Intervention is one step short of expropriation — a government agent moves in to control operations of the farm or ranch but does not take formal possession.

This was the step taken Sunday against the American-owned Punta Alegre Sugar Company's 5,000-acre La Gloria ranch in Camaguey province.

A spokesman at La Gloria said the owners are still in physical possession of their land and buildings. But on Sunday INRA agents took the second step—formal seizure—against the 38,000-acre ranch in Camaguey of the Berra Cattle Co., owned by the King ranch of Texas. The managers there are fighting what appears to be a losing battle to prevent Castro agents from physically seizing the ranch buildings, equipment and cattle.

"It's a sort of anarchy in many sections of Cuba today, with institute representatives and armed forces under their doing just about as they please," one American rancher reported.

Weather Table

THE WEATHER ELSEWHERE

	High	Low	Pr.
Albany, rain	44	40	.01
Albuquerque, clear	62	22	
Anchorage, snow	30	27	.01
Atlanta, rain	60	53	.01
Bismarck, clear	1	-9	
Boston, cloudy	39	38	
Buffalo, rain	46	31	.15
Chicago, clear	38	5	
Cleveland, snow	51	22	.07
Denver, clear	18	14	
Des Moines, cloudy	29	-1	
Detroit, clear	43	13	.07
Fort Worth, clear	59	22	
Helena, cloudy	-8	-21	
Honolulu, rain	84	74	T
Indianapolis, clear	43	5	
Kansas City, clear	33	7	
Los Angeles, cloudy	72	56	
Louisville, clear	51	16	.01
Miami, cloudy	85	72	
Milwaukee, clear	35	1	
Mpls.-St. Paul, clear	26	-2	
New Orleans, cloudy	60	51	
New York, rain	40	45	.01
Oklahoma City, clear	38	12	
Omaha, clear	25	0	
Philadelphia, rain	47	46	.01
Phoenix, cloudy	73	52	
Pittsburgh, cloudy	51	M	
Portland, Me., cloudy	37	34	
Portland, Ore., cloudy	35	29	
Rapid City, clear	5	-9	
Richmond, rain	51	49	.05
St. Louis, clear	30	6	
Salt Lake City, clear	50	20	
San Francisco, cloudy	60	51	
Seattle, cloudy	56	32	.06
Tampa, cloudy	80	65	
Washington, rain	51	49	.04
(T-Trace)			

CHICKEN CHICKENS
BUSHEY, England (UPI)—Poultry farmer Frank Woodward complained to police Monday that jet airplanes flying over his farm were ruining him.

They are scaring his chickens to death, he said.

Chief's Budget For 1961 Indicates More Missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — More missiles, less manpower is what emerges from the Eisenhower administration's 1961 military budget.

The President gave tentative approval to this concept Monday at Augusta, Ga., after a four-hour meeting with top Pentagon brass and government budget planners.

Spending will remain at about the present 41 billion dollars for the year starting next July 1.

Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy said the Navy and Air Force had volunteered to cut their manpower requirements a little in 1961. To offset this loss they can look forward to more and better missiles and more atomic-powered submarines. A second nuclear-powered aircraft carrier for the Navy failed to get approval.

The Army and Marine Corps resisted pressures to cut their forces.

McElroy, foreshadowing the new shape of war in the missile age, said the nation must face some time in the future the question of calling back some of its troops overseas. No cut in these forces is in prospect for the next 18 months.

In concert with McElroy's thinking, the Air Force chief of staff Monday told the meeting of NATO parliamentarians here to expect cutbacks in conventional forces, including manned aircraft, in the future.

Gen. Thomas D. White told the NATO group other changes are in prospect, such as a rearrangement of military forces now in Europe and creating of a fast-striking combat unit based in the United States but ready for action anywhere.

White's views dovetailed with the forecast made by McElroy to newsmen in Augusta and on his return to Washington.

McElroy said the 1961 defense budget could be cleared with the National Security Council within 10 days and get Eisenhower's final approval before he takes off Dec. 3 for a good will mission to 11 nations.

Military manpower now is about 2½ million. Just where and how many will be spared was not disclosed.

The Air Force for the current year agreed to accept a lower authorized strength of 845,000, and actually has operated below that ceiling.

Under the new budget the Air Force will lose several of its 192 wings of aircraft, most likely in B47 medium bomber units. It will continue to build up the bigger B52 bombers to a scheduled peak of 700 planes.

The Air Force now has operational control of the intercontinental ballistic missiles, the weapons of the future.

The Navy, under the new budget, will have to retire a few of its 864 active ships, and probably operate the remaining ones with smaller crews.

But the Navy's number of atomic submarines, each capable of launching 16 Polaris ballistic missiles, is slowly growing. It currently is building nine Polaris subs, and will ask money to start at least three more next year. The new Navy budget might even be stretched to provide for five more.

The first Baptist church in the United States was organized in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1638.

Judge Wins Libel Suit

EUGENE (AP) — Circuit Judge Frank B. Reid Saturday won a \$5,000 verdict from a jury of 12 women in the trial of his \$200,000 libel action against the Eugene Register-Guard.

Reid received the damages on statements published by the newspaper in an editorial in June, 1956. The jury refused to grant damages on the other charge, based on publication of a court document the same month.

None of the 12 jurors signed the verdict, which was announced after 15 hours of deliberation.

Circuit Judge George R. Duncan of Marion County presided at the trial, which lasted 13 days.

WON'T QUIT
WAYNESBURG, Pa. (AP)—Dr. Lindsey S. McNeely, at 99 possibly the nation's oldest practicing physician, gives no thought to retiring.

"Who would take care of my patients?" he asks. He has been practicing almost 70 years.

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