

International Experience Required Of Politicos

WASHINGTON (AP)—The proposed series of summit meetings may cause both parties to put a premium on international experience in the choice of their 1960 presidential nominees.

President Eisenhower, along with the heads of Britain and France, spoke of the desirability of a series of summit meetings Monday as they formally proposed a meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in Paris in April.

If the Soviet Union agrees, the timing of any subsequent sessions would be dictated in part by the progress made in the original Big Four talks.

But politicians here are of the general opinion that if the Allied idea is carried out, the next president may find himself involved shortly after his inauguration in what could be a decisive meeting with the other heads of states.

State Crops Reach Value Of \$2 Billion

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—California crops reached a record value of nearly two billion dollars this year, according to the California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

The agency said Monday that the new high of \$1,925,135,000 was 8 per cent above 1958 and 14 per cent higher than the 1950-57 average.

Last week, the reporting service said that a record 31,921,700 tons were harvested in California in 1959.

Heavier production accounted for most of the increase in value, the agency said, as average prices for many crops were lower than in 1958.

The service cautioned that crop value estimates could not be equated with income to farmers. The value of crops is the gross value and includes all the farmer's production expenses. In recent years, the agency said, two dollars of every three received by farmers have gone to meet production costs.

If a more detailed breakdown of production figures, the service found:

Field crops: Production hit a record 18,276,100 tons in 1959, 8 per cent larger than the previous year. Record yields were established for wheat, oats, grain, sorghum, flaxseed, cotton and sugar beets. Field crop values increased 13 per cent over 1958, and at \$910,250,000 approached the record level of \$46 million dollars set in 1952. California's cotton crop this year was valued at \$345,762,000.

Fruits and nuts: Production reached 7,658,600 tons, up 21 per cent from the light 1958 crop. This year's production was close to the record of 7,768,600 tons and the state's fifth largest. All crops were larger than last year, and new record highs were recorded for Bartlett pears and nectarines. Grape production was the fourth largest in history. Tree nut production set a new record, with almond production almost double the average. The aggregate value of fruits and nuts was \$572,427,000, only 4 per cent above 1958 but 19 per cent more than average.

Vegetables and melons: Combined production of vegetables, melons and strawberries was down 5 per cent from 1958 mostly because of the reduction in production of processing tomatoes, however, 1959 production of 5,987,000 tons was the third largest of record. Aggregate value of vegetable and melon crops set a new record in 1959 of \$442,458,000, 5 per cent above 1958 values.

DISSATISFIED CUSTOMER
INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—James H. Coleman, 30, was charged with burglary by police who didn't believe his story of losing a dime in a pay telephone. Coleman was found inside the booth with a hammer, screw driver, mallet, can opener—and one very battered telephone.

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Poison Peril In Milk Diminishes

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Government scientists said today that the danger of milk contamination by insect killers such as DDT is being reduced.

Their statement followed publication of a 1958 government survey showing that some milk in 11 cities across the nation was tainted with substantial amounts of pesticides containing chlorine.

A spokesman for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said there was no evidence the insect killers cause cancer in humans. But he said the milk contamination was a problem "worth working on."

The scientists credited two developments with cutting down the risk of milk being contaminated by use of the pesticides on cattle feeds and in storage barns. They said the FDA has warned the dairy industry it would crack down on any sales of impure milk in interstate commerce and an educational drive among dairymen also has been effective.

The FDA report Monday said milk samplings conducted in 1958, showed a definite reduction over the previous three years in the incidence of milk tainted with the insect killers.

Scientists said there probably has been a further dip since last year.

Of the 936 samples tested in the four-month survey of 17 cities in 1958, substantial amounts of the chemicals were found in 28 samples.

The contamination showed up in some milk in these cities: Washington; Providence, R. I.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Cincinnati; Denver; Wichita, Kan.; New Orleans; New York; Trenton, N.J.; San Francisco, and Seattle.

Cities which were surveyed but turned up no trace of milk contamination were Atlanta; Chicago; Minneapolis; Los Angeles; St. Louis, and Camden, N.J.

Roosevelts Adopt Son

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rep. and Mrs. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.) have adopted a son, red-haired baby Delano Roosevelt.

The child is six months old. He has been with the Roosevelts since he was three days old. Roosevelt and his wife, Irene, were married July 1, 1956. The son of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt formerly was married to Betty Schneider and Romelle Schneider. He has two sons and a daughter by his first marriage. Both ended in divorce.

Invasion By Anti-Castro Forces Unlikely

By WARD CANNEL
MIAMI BEACH (NEA)—There is not going to be an invasion of Cuba by anti-Castro forces.

At least not yet. After conferences with members of the large, but disparate underground and with American businessmen with large holdings in Cuba, I can report:

1. Business money is waiting to back a sure winner and none has yet appeared on the horizon.

2. So, with no resources to make any kind of move, the anti-Castro forces are forced to wait, wait and consolidate—inside and out of Cuba.

3. Meanwhile, Castro himself comes ever closer to what his enemies are certain is the end of the road.

According to informed Cubans

here, all of whom seem to have the same information, every move by Castro is well-planned and carries the seeds of his destruction to wit:

His board of experts and advisers are anti-American Puerto Ricans, Venezuelans and Yugoslavs, schooled in mob psychology and eager for action throughout the Caribbean and South America.

With a show of Cuban approval behind him, underground information says, Castro shortly will make a tour of neighboring countries to stir up feelings against the U.S. At home, he will keep the revolution boiling by feeding more detectors and critics to firing squads, and by promising to arm his followers.

"These are the traditional tactics of dictators," an old Batista

henchman says, "but they do not work among the Latins. I know I have seen what works."

And so, underground joy can hardly be contained at the sight of more than enough rope in Havana. The delight reads as follows: The forced resignation of Castro's chosen president, Manuel Urrutia, was acceptable to Cubans on Castro's say so. (Urrutia had indicated the administration had been infiltrated by Communists.)

The flight into exile of Castro's air force chief, Pedro Diaz Lanz, was all right, too. But then he flew back and dropped leaflets on Havana, again indicting the administration—and signing his name.

And now, in Camaguey, Castro is up against it again. One-time ardent supporter and Camaguey

hero Gen. Hubert Matos has deserted. His aide has committed suicide to back up Matos' charge that Castro was selling Cuba out.

Castro cannot ignore Matos. But he cannot order his execution either. And he cannot keep his old board of advisers because it makes true the bill of the Urrutia-Diaz-Matos indictment.

In the midst of the mess (the word helpfully supplied by old 26th of July men who cannot understand or explain Castro today) the anti-Castro underground is playing on every misstep in Havana for support in the U.S.—regardless how it sounds.

"We told you," old Batista men say happily, "We warned you when that madman was in the Sierra Maestra. He is taking up the cruelty and thievery where Batista left off."

And from a member of the new 26th of July Against Communism: "Don't go to Cuba. If the Castro men don't shoot you, one of ours might—just to pin it on Fidel."

In the end, there is agreement that American fears and interests must be played on (communism, Russia, profit, etc.) if any anti-Castro movement is to get support. But there still is major disagreement on what kind of a program to follow.

The new 26th of July Against Communism cries: "Back to the Sierra Maestra. Fight Castro the way he fought Batista—even if it takes another two years."

A Foreign Legion officer of the Dominican based forces says:

"Invade. We have enough men and arms. We'll worry about getting Trujillo out of Cuba after we're in power."

And like wise, old turtles the Old Guard—Batista Exiles—sit tight and tell you:

"The overthrow must come from inside. And it will. So we are preparing to come back—not all of us, but most."

"Do not believe these crowds who come out to see Castro. They came out to see Batista, too."

"And all the talk and ranting? In Spanish it is said that a hundred people crying make a lot more noise than a thousand who keep their mouths shut."



A CASTRO RALLY in Havana: They used to come out for Batista too.



ONCE COLLEAGUES, Castro later forced the resignation of President Manuel Urrutia. His enemies now say this was one of Fidel's first steps toward destruction.

Uncle Sam Wants Stamps

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Uncle Sam has ordered the 100,000 government drivers to stop pocketing trading stamps when they buy gas and oil at his expense. He wants the stamps himself.

The General Services Administration (GSA), the government's housekeeping agency which issued the directives, did not say what Uncle Sam would do with the stamps.

Officials of GSA and the General Accounting Office were said to be considering a possible deal with the trading stamp companies whereby the government could turn in the stamps for a cash settlement instead of merchandise.

RECOVERING
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Singer Tommy Sands is recuperating from a minor virus condition. Doctors expected him to be released today from a hospital. He was admitted Saturday.

Seattle Pioneer Dies At Age 105

SEATTLE (AP)—A Seattle pioneer, who thought the world was getting better every year, died Monday at the age of 105. "In the last 105 years everything has gotten better and better," Mrs. Sadie Emerson told a reporter who interviewed her on her birthday last April.

Mrs. Emerson, who came here in 1899, had a formula for living. "I'd rather have all my food raw, even hamburger," she said. "That's the secret of long life. Eat most everything raw."

Survivors include her sixth husband, Charles.

A jetliner flying at 35,000 feet starts its "letdown" for a landing 160 miles from the airport.

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FTC Invites Complaints

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Consumers were invited today to take their complaints about phony bargains and other deceptive selling methods directly to the government for action.

Officials of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued the invitation at the end of their first Christmas-week effort to wise up the buying public on "trickery in the market place."

The two-day conference, attended by representatives of 47 civic, professional and welfare groups, winds up today with a discussion of how job seekers are fooled by "misrepresentation of employment opportunities."

FTC officials said they hoped the talks would cement closer relations between the government and the consumer.

FTC Chairman Earl W. Kintner said the commission relies on spot checks, and complaints from business competitors and consumers for information on shady business practices.

"But the most persuasive voice of all is the voice of the consumer," he declared.

ELECTED PRESIDENT
WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP)—Francis Munns, Walla Walla, was elected president of the Northwest Quarter Horse Assn. here Monday.

Elected vice president was Gale Tucker, Pendleton, Ore.

Ex-PNW Woman Facing Charges

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A former Portland girl was arraigned here Tuesday on felony charges of kidnapping and robbery.

Police accused Mary Lee Lantry, 24, of pulling a gun on Peter Overmeier when she jumped into his car Dec. 15 and of forcing him to drive her about and buy her breakfast.

Police told Deputy Dist. Atty. Albert K. Lucas, who issued the complaint, the stenographer later took \$15 from cab driver Cecil G. Rose, 45, of Alhambra, at gunpoint.

Miss Lantry was jailed in lieu of \$5,000 bail, and her preliminary hearing was set for Dec. 30.

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