

# U.S. Protest Rejected By Fidel Castro Regime

HAVANA (AP)—Fidel Castro's regime has rejected a U.S. protest against tactics used in seizing American property in Cuba and said it would speed up operation of its land reform program against both Cubans and foreigners.

Property owners were told to take their complaints to the Cuban courts.

U.S. Ambassador Philip Bonsal delivered a State Department note Monday complaining that lands and buildings of U.S. citizens in Cuba had been seized without court orders and frequently without written authorization.

The State Department said in many cases no inventories were made, no receipts given for the seized property and no indication given that payment would be made.

Acting Foreign Minister Marcelo Fernandez issued a statement Monday night which said the State Department "does not take into consideration the basic situation but rather relates a number of supposed deeds which are qualified as 'violations' of the agrarian reform law."

Fernandez said that while a formal reply would be made later, Bonsal had been told the "firm position of the revolutionary gov-

## SCOUT NEWS

### DISTRICTS REORGANIZED

LAKEVIEW — Three Lake District Scout Units were reorganized during December, 1959. Cub Pack 12, with 18 boys, sponsored by St. Luke's Episcopal Church Couples Club began new activities under Cubmaster Don Allen. New den mothers are Lucille Furen, Beatrice Gilbert, Jeanne Matchett and Dorothy McAllister. Clifford Tiffany is the institutional representative and Walt Furen, chairman of the pack committee.

Scout Troop 76 is sponsored by the Presbyterian Church, re-chartered with 27 boys. J. T. "Jim" McDonald was appointed scoutmaster, assisted by Bob Utley and James Bracken. The retiring scoutmaster, Henry McCormick, will work as advancement man on the troop committee. Delbert Millholland is institutional representative and France's McNeely is chairman of the troop committee for the second year.

Scout Troop 95, sponsored by the Methodist Church, has been re-activated under new leadership. Starting with two boys, the troop is attempting to double membership at each meeting. Ron Waterhouse is scoutmaster, and Ron Stone is assistant. Lewis Conway is institutional representative and, for the present, Herb Warren is the sole committee man. Meetings are held Monday evenings in the church basement and are open for more boys and more committeemen.

The week of February 7 to 13 is National Scout Week and will be celebrated by all boys and leaders with troop, district and council activities. In the meantime the calendar for January shows the following events.

January 10, Order of Arrow annual meeting, Klamath Falls.

January 11, Lake District Committee, 7:30 p.m., Goodnough residence, Lakeview.

January 13, Council Executive Board, 7 p.m., Klamath Falls.

January 14, Lake District Roundtables, 7:30, Presbyterian Education Building.

January 27, Cub Pack 12 meeting, January 28, Cub Pack 13 meeting, January 11, 18, 25, Troop 95 meeting, January 13, 20, 27, Troop 76 meeting, January 12, 19, 26, Troop 15 meeting.

January 18, Explorer Post 176 meeting, January 12, 19, 26, Explorer Post 115 meeting.

# 1959 Sets Dubious Record For Highest Fire Losses

Klamath Falls recorded a new but dubious record during 1959. Fire Chief Roy Rowe said the \$545,896.19 fire loss was higher than during any previous year. It is just a shade under the \$520,408.78 total damage recorded from 1951 through 1958.

Accounting for the lion's share of the loss were three major fires which broke out in late spring and early summer. The Dick B. Miller Cadillac and Oldsmobile Company at 710 Klamath Avenue caught fire the evening of May 15. The building was gutted, and most of its contents were destroyed, including a number of new cars.

Two weeks later, the morning of May 25, flames swept the giant Pay Less Drug Store at Eighth and Main streets, causing damage estimated at about \$250,000.

Then, the morning of June 29, fire broke out in the McCollum Lumber Company building and yard at 2074 South Sixth Street, causing about \$200,000 worth of damage.

Several other fires reached near major proportions during the year. The department answered 386 calls during the year. Two were false alarms. Equipment was used a total of nearly 126 hours. Firemen laid 82,700 feet of hose, hoisted ladders 833 feet, made 3,710 inspections, removed 316 hazards, issued 2,591 fire permits. Seven firemen were injured—none seriously. No deaths resulted from fires in the city.

Damaged property was insured for \$2,934,898, and \$546,760 was collected from insurance companies.

Here is a breakdown of the specific types of buildings, the number of fires, value of property, actual loss, the amount of insurance and the amount of insurance collected, in that order:

Three fires were reported in public buildings, churches, schools, hospitals, etc. Value was not estimated, nor was loss, insurance coverage or insurance collected estimated.

Mrs. Robert A. Thompson will review the Paul Gallico book, Mrs. 'Arris Goes to Paris.

All members of the local chapter are urged to attend and bring guests. Reservations should be made for the luncheon by telephoning Mrs. Charles Dibble, at TU 2-4038.

## Railroaders Give To OTI

Three lodges of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen have contributed convention proceeds to the OTI New Site Fund.

A check for \$155 was presented to fund chairman Vern Owens by Klamath Lodge 557, Fremont Lodge 1085, and Ewauna Auxiliary Lodge 902.

Norman Hansen, secretary-treasurer of the Fremont Lodge, said proceeds were earned at a Northwest convention of the brotherhood. The money originally was to have gone into a future scholarship fund, but was deposited into the OTI fund by vote.

Owens said a tally of the OTI New Site Fund drive would be made near the end of the month. The goal is \$40,000 to purchase a 150-acre campus site near the North Entrance.

## Book Review To Be Given

The Klamath Falls Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its January meeting on Saturday, January 16, starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Klamath Lutheran Church, 1175 Crescent Avenue.

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## Hunters Use Rocky Estate

TARRYTOWN, N.Y. (AP)—There's nothing quite like hunting deer on the Rockefeller estate at Pocantico Hills.

Seventy-five hunters who tried it Monday were carefully escorted to starting points set up in the 2,600-acre area.

They also found themselves served with such luxuries as maps, coffee and rolls and a truck pick-up service for heavier deer.

The operation marked the start of a 10-day special hunting season to cut down Westchester County's booming deer population. Animals are starving for lack of food and are damaging orchards and crops.

The Rockefellers voluntarily opened their estate for the Westchester hunt but checked on applicants to screen out minors, game violators and anybody so color blind he couldn't tell a red coat from a deer hide.

Those who made it bagged 36 deer.

## Driver Released By East Judge

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Joseph Suber, 37, pleaded guilty to drunk-driving. He said it was medicine that made him tipsy.

"I guess the medicine had a lot of alcohol in it because it smelled like whisky and tasted like whisky," said Suber. "But it wasn't whisky, it was medicine."

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Dwelling, outbuildings and contents, 93, \$381,384, \$26,329, \$339,768, \$24,766.

Mercantile, office and bank buildings, retail and wholesale stocks, 28, \$451,000, \$187,610, \$390,500, \$185,610.

Warehouses, docks, general storage and contents, 7, \$109,000, \$9,410, \$106,500, \$9,410.

Furniture manufacturers, cooperage, paper mills and contents one, no estimates of property value, loss or insurance coverage or collection.

Lumber and woodworking industry, lumber yards, sawmills, etc., eight, \$318,180, \$204,052, \$272,110, \$161,532.

Metal workers, iron foundries, mining apparatus, shipyards, one, \$75,000, \$758, \$75,000, \$758.

Textile workers, cloth works, dry cleaning and laundry establishments, four, no estimates.

Food and food products factories, bakeries, canneries, creameries, two, \$7,000, \$580, \$7,000, \$580.

Hotels, apartments, flats, rooming houses, clubs, 32, \$1183,500, \$5,587, \$1,179,000, \$4,687.

Public garages, filling stations, airports, six, \$207,641, \$44,690, \$137,745, \$43,549.

Restaurants, confectioneries, delicatessens, eating houses, five, \$170,800, \$113,730, \$167,800, \$113,069.

Miscellaneous manufacturing, specials not otherwise classified, 113, (grass and trash fires) no estimates.

Miscellaneous non-manufacturing specials not otherwise classified, 31, \$5,000, \$295, \$5,000, \$295.

Motor vehicles, planes, motors, boats, etc., 44, \$21,555, \$2,578, \$19,405, \$2,408.

Railway traction properties, lighting and power plants, waterworks, seven, \$235,000, \$75, \$234,000, \$75.

Rowe also classified fires by cause. His breakdown:

Fires caused by exposure to other fires, 12, \$165,294 damage; electrical and defective wiring, 43, \$342,519 damage; explosion, sparks from combustion, automobile backfires, 32, \$2,436 damage; friction, sparks from running machinery, five, \$25; fireworks, firecrackers, fuses, three, \$1,045; hot ashes and coals, open fires, 19, \$1,557.

Hot grease, oil tar, wax, asphalt, etc., 13, \$4,253; Hot metals, including forgotten electrical appliances, six, \$446; incendiary, three, \$3,337; matches and careless smokers, 119, \$4,033; petroleum and its products, gas, 31, \$1,250; overheated and/or defective (flues, steam pipes etc., eight, \$1,332; overheated and/or defective stoves, etc., 37, \$241; rubbish and litter, two, \$83.

Sparks on roof, one, \$50; spontaneous combustion, one, \$3,365; unknown causes, nine, \$44,625; miscellaneous, cause known, but not classified, 411, no estimate of damage.

The department also made 11 calls with resuscitating equipment.

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