

By FRANK JENKINS
We've broken off diplomatic relations with the Castro government of Cuba—a step fully justified under the circumstances. Not only has Castro been calling us every foul name he can lay his tongue to. Not only has he been making reckless and inflammatory statements, including absurd charges that we are planning to invade Cuba within a matter of hours.

The big question: WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?

An interesting suggestion comes from South America, where in Argentina and Brazil there is talk of a special hemisphere-wide conference to deal with the situation created by the break. Raymundo Padilla, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the Brazilian chamber of deputies (corresponding roughly to our house of representatives), says this morning:

"Cuba has placed itself outside the Pan-American system and has become a COMMUNIST BRIDGE-HEAD AND STRONGHOLD in the Hemisphere. The Organization of American States should call an immediate meeting and take a collective stand against Cuba."

That makes sense.

It takes us out of the position of the Big Shot who insists on running everything. It makes of the Castro business in Cuba, with its dangerous background of communist intrigue, a matter of mutual concern to ALL OF THE AMERICAS.

It aligns all of us in the Western Hemisphere in a shoulder-to-shoulder defense against communist aggression.

One more question: What of Guantanamo?

Here is its background.

In April of 1898, we went to war with Spain. Our immediate provocation to war was the sinking of one of our battleships (the Maine) in Cuban waters. We charged that the Spaniards did it. Our REAL reason was to free Cuba from Spanish misrule.

The war to liberate Cuba lasted 113 days. After the liberation, Cuba was ruled for several years by American governors. In 1901, what was known as the Platt Amendment (to the army appropriation bill before the U.S. congress) demanded from Cuba a lease of Guantanamo as a naval base. It included other conditions too voluminous to be gone into here. The Cubans objected to the Platt Amendment, but finally gave in and included it in their constitution, which was adopted in 1901. We finally repealed the Platt Amendment in 1934.

That is the background of our claim to the Guantanamo base.

This should be added:

Back in 1901 we were planning the Panama Canal. If built, it must be PROTECTED. The navy was then our big weapon of defense for the Canal. That made Guantanamo highly important to us.

The situation has changed. First war in the air and now MISSILE warfare are our weapons for defense of the Canal. Under these circumstances, Guantanamo is less important.

But—

We can't stand by and permit Castro to take Guantanamo and then TURN IT OVER TO THE COMMUNISTS as a base of operations from which to extend communism throughout the Western Hemisphere.

7 Children, Mother Die In Tenement

LYNN, Mass. (AP)—A young mother, six of her seven children and her niece died in an early morning fire today, trapped in bedrooms of a 2½-story tenement.

Fire Chief Walter Carter said the blaze started in the rear of the second floor and spread to the attic.

Investigators said there was only one stairway to the attic bedrooms.

Donald Amirault, 29, the father, saved his youngest child, Dawn Marie, 5 months, by dropping her from a second-floor porch into the arms of a neighbor.

He tried to get back into the house to rescue others but a soap lock had closed.

Dead are: Shirley Amirault, 23; her children, Michael, 8; Shirley, 7; Donna, 6; Robert, 4; Kathy, 3; Barbara Jean, 18 months; and the niece, Paula Hollingsworth McGrath, 8 months.

Weather
Klamath Falls and vicinity — Mostly cloudy through Friday with occasional rain. Low Thursday night 30-35; high Friday 43-48.

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Weather
Northern California—Fair with little temperature change through Friday except fog in Central Valley and chance of rain north of Eureka Friday.

Cubans Blame Administration For Relations

HAVANA, Cuba (UPI)—Cuba blamed the Eisenhower administration for its break in relations with the United States today and implied that things might improve under President-elect John F. Kennedy.

American Bases Ready For Laos Developments

HONOLULU (AP)—Powerful elements of the U.S. 7th Fleet—and alerted American bases in the Western Pacific—stood ready today to deal with any eventuality in the developing Laos crisis.

Major Fire Hits Town

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP)—The second major fire in little over a week burned through a business block in downtown Moscow Thursday and damage again was expected to run well over \$100,000.

Crosby Ordered To Pay Support

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge ordered Dennis Crosby to pay \$100 a week support for a 3-year-old girl a jury last week declared to be his daughter.

Radioactivity Hampers Blast Probe

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP)—Nuclear experts gingerly probed today a silo-shaped building today, seeking the cause—and nature—of an atomic reactor explosion that killed three young servicemen.

Senators Get Down To Business

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate gets down to ordinary business today, with its usual fight over limiting filibusters still simmering on the back burner.

Parents, Teachers Talk School Issues Tonight

"Lights On For Education" programs will roll in Mills Elementary School and Altamont Junior High School and other schools in the county this evening.

Monkeys Ticked By Performance Of Irate Keeper

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Visitors to San Francisco's Fleishacker zoo witnessed quite a show in one of the monkey cages Tuesday.

Explosion Downs Jet

PEASE AFB, N.H. (UPI)—A thundering explosion demolished a B47 Stratofort on takeoff Wednesday night, killing all four men aboard.

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Nation's Farm Leaders Offering Ideas In First Of Confab Series



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Vandiver Bids Off Federal Position

NEW YORK (AP)—The Kennedy administration plans to hold a broad series of conferences with farm leaders on the pressing agricultural problem.

Pierre Salinger, press secretary for President-elect John F. Kennedy, told a news conference today that a meeting of farm leaders and congressmen today on the farm issue was only the first of a series.

This indicated today's meeting in itself would bring no decision on what steps Kennedy might take to improve farm prices and income.

Salinger announced also that Kennedy will hold a conference today on the state of the national economy.

Attending will be Dr. Walter Heller of St. Paul, designated by Kennedy to be chairman of his Council of Economic Advisors; Theodore C. Sorenson, named special counsel for the White House; and Dr. Paul Samuelson, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

U.S. To Ask Charge Drop

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United States was expected to insist today that the U.N. Security Council drop—without formal action—Fidel Castro's charge that the U.S. government plans to invade Cuba.

The 11-nation council continues debate this afternoon on the Cuban charge, which the United States Wednesday called false and ridiculous.

The U.S. position dimmed the chances for council approval of a resolution submitted by Chile and Ecuador calling on the United States and Cuba to settle their differences by peaceful means.

Medicare Plan Falls Short, Says Adviser

SALEM (AP)—A member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Medical Care for the Aged called the suggested program inadequate as the final report was presented to Gov. Mark O. Hatfield Wednesday.

Dr. Wesley G. Nicholson, Congressional minister from Eugene, said, "I do not think this meets the needs of our people."

Hatfield said there was no doubt in his mind that it would not cover all the needy but was merely a start.

He said this state, like others, was feeling its way in a new field and this was a beginning that could provide data on which to build a more adequate program.

Dr. Nicholson said the program would apply only to persons 65 and over with a maximum income of \$2,000. He said this is only \$500 more than the maximum for old age assistance under welfare.

He said he signed the report because he agreed with it as far as it went.

The report should have presented the picture of the entire need and not been confined to the framework of a budgetary figure worked out in advance, he said.

The program was built on a budget of \$13 million for the next biennium with \$4.5 million of that state money. The federal government would pay most of the remainder with the counties also contributing.

Dr. Nicholson said by the time a person covered pays the \$100 deductible for physician service and the difference between the cost of a hospital room and the \$10 per day allowed for hospital care this will not be much help.

Shape Up Now, Commandant Tells Marines

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Marine Corps commandant, who already has frowned on swagger sticks and close-order drill, now has come out against yellow socks, fat Marines, yes men, and unbelted coats.

In a 17-page annual message, which read more like a down-to-earth pep talk than the usual military document, Gen. David M. Shoup also said that Marines sometimes "fall below our usual high standards."

He mentioned, as an example, the sort of officer whose uniform "look like it belonged to some one who retired in 1940."

"A few of these people are still around," Shoup said Wednesday. "We must do something about them."

The commandant said sloppiness can "chip away at Marine Corps stature." He said if the day ever came when a Marine looked upon his role as only a job "we are headed for the Smithsonian Institute as another relic."

On the subject of unbelted coats, Shoup said a proposal for an unbelted uniform is before him but he has decided to reject it. He hasn't made up his mind as yet about a proposal for a "year-around green uniform," he added.

On yes men, the commandant said that a Marine who would give up his own ideas "to align with me, before my decision, is useless to me."

Shoup did not explain his remark about "yellow socks," but presumably his aversion would apply to any unduly loud attire.

B. Fitzgerald, Movie Actor, Dies At Age 72

DUBLIN, Ireland (UPI)—Barry Fitzgerald, 72, whose performance as an impish Irish priest endeared him to moviegoers of all ages and won him an Academy Award in 1944, died Wednesday night after a long illness.

Fitzgerald, who was christened William Joseph Shields, son of a Dublin weekly newspaper columnist, was 42 years old when he gave up his career as a civil service worker to become an actor.

It turned out to be a wise move because it resulted in an Oscar for the veteran Irish actor with the waggish manner and soft brogue.

"He was a gentle, nice, warm human being," said Bing Crosby when he learned of Fitzgerald's death.

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