

Venezuelans Blame U.S. For All Problems

Editor's Note: AP News analyst William L. Ryan is on a swing through Latin America to report on the effects of Castroism and communism at this critical time when a new U.S. administration is evolving its policies. This is another dispatch from Venezuela. Other reports by Ryan will appear in this newspaper from time to time in the next few weeks.

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Signs reading "Cuba, yes — Yankee, no," are beginning to have an old and faded look.

Occasionally one sees the slogan scratched out, and in its place is scrawled something like: "Venezuela yes, Castro no."

Castroism still has support in Venezuela's cities. This metropolis of 1,200,000 has painful contrasts between abundance and poverty. Caracas' modern areas show prospering evidence of what U.S. purchases of Latin America's raw materials can mean. But in many areas thousands of persons live in shacks, and there Castro remains a symbol of defiance toward the rich uncle in the north.

Many a young man in the university and high schools blames everything on the United States, considers Venezuela's oil riches a curse rather than a blessing, believes the oil has meant domination from the north and benefits only the few who prospered under the fallen dictatorship of Perez Jimenez.

The young men are impatient for change. But today, even in the university, Castro and the Communists seem to be losing ground. The Communist party has 35,000 to 50,000 card-carrying members, a large number for a country of 7 million. To a large extent they are disciplined and obey party orders.

Castroism is represented in the extreme leftist MIR—Movimiento de Izquierda Revolucionario or Movement of the Revolutionary Left—a group that broke off from President Romulo Betancourt's Accion Democratica party.

The Communist party's main drive has been toward the labor movement and youth. And in the labor movement President Betancourt, a shrewd politician, outwitted and defeated the Communists.

Paradoxically, Cuba's Prime Minister Fidel Castro helped the anti-Communists and anti-Castroists. When Castro announced the arrest of labor leader David Salvador in Havana, it was evident to many in the Venezuelan Labor Federation that a free labor movement in Cuba had disappeared.

In December the Communists gambled in an attempt against the Betancourt government. They

called for a general strike. It failed. Accion Democratica's line hardened. Betancourt supporters took charge of the labor federation. The Betancourt forces became tougher with each defeat of a Communist thrust.

"I never thought I'd see the day," commented a U.S. businessman in Caracas, "when I'd be praying that Romulo Betancourt would remain in the presidency of Venezuela."

The comment reflects a dramatic shift of opinion among North Americans. High-powered public relations campaigns in the United States, financed by such enemies of Betancourt as Perez Jimenez and dictator Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, have been attempting to place the brand of Communist on Venezuela's president.

Betancourt once was a Communist, about a quarter century ago, but today he is among the men most hated by the Communist party in Latin America. At one time Betancourt also was a supporter of Castro's revolution in Cuba, and Castro had other ardent admirers in Venezuela. Today, relations between Cuba and Venezuela are tense.

"In a sense," said one high Betancourt government official, "I suppose we owe Fidel Castro a debt of gratitude. What happened in Cuba centered United States attention on the affairs of Latin America. Castro so far overreached himself and became so ensnared by the Communists that the eyes of others who might have looked upon him as a symbol of a new Latin America era were opened."

Venezuela's own revolution, overthrowing the cruel and wasteful dictatorship of Perez Jimenez, antedated Castro's accession to power by a year. Then free elections elected Betancourt three weeks before Castro took over in Havana.

Today there is a good chance Venezuela will demonstrate that its revolution can accomplish what Cuba's might have done, had it taken a different direction. "What we need, principally," says one of Betancourt's aides, "is understanding from the United States that this is Venezuela and that we cannot attack our problems by North American standards. We must show that we can work out our problems in our own way and that we can do it without being accused of being under Yankee domination. We need help from the United States, but we also need a calm appraisal. We want the United States, in short, to be truly a good neighbor and not to identify itself solely with big U.S. industry here in Venezuela."

The eternal problem of Latin America — abject poverty in the midst of visible riches — generates anti-Yankeeism. But little anti-Yankeeism is detected at the government level or in the ranks of Betancourt's Accion Democratica party. There is, on the contrary, much evidence of hope that the United States will make a new approach to Latin America.

Venezuela, with less than seven million people, is enormously rich in mineral resources. Its oil brings in more than \$100 million monthly. It is sixth in the world in production of iron. Yet it is in the grip of a depression.

The causes lie in a combination of the heritage of a wasteful dictatorship and the shock of the change in regimes which frightened foreign capital.

Betancourt and his Cabinet are attempting to use both private enterprise and public projects to stimulate the economy. If the measures have the look of socialism, say Venezuelans, it is because they see no other way to struggle with their problems. Today in Venezuela all parties are to the left of center, and the party in control represents the most moderate.



DALE BELTON "SNUFFY" SMITH was honored by Bly Grangers, during a meeting recently, with charter draping ceremonies. Smith, Bly Justice Court judge and former deputy sheriff, was killed in an auto accident late in December. At left is Ruth Hall, grange master, and at right, Barbara Rantle, acting chaplain. — Photo by Roberta McGee

An Insect's Head Beats None, Scientists Say

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A superior head, heavenly dust and tons of earthly reports engage scientists' attention: Heady Tale

An insect's head is better than none. In many ways it is better than man's, suggests Dr. R. E. Snodgrass of the Smithsonian Institution.

The insect head has a variety of feeding apparatus that can be changed to bite, chew, suck, or pierce, depending on what it is feeding on. It has both simple and compound eyes, antennae that are super-sensitive to touch, smell, and sometimes sound.

Unlike man, the insect doesn't have to bite into something to see if it likes the taste. Taste organs are located outside the mouth, sometimes on the feet.

There is new evidence how our senses — our perception of the world around us — greatly influence our behavior.

Unusual behavior has been produced in cats by severing nerve bundles in the brain, in effect disconnecting the senses from the thinking part of the brain.

These cats have poor attention, little or no aggressive or defensive actions when challenged, no response to pleasurable stimulation. They are mute, lack facial expression, and show a sort of super-exploratory activity — continually wandering, sniffing and searching — as though they were having hallucinations.

The effect, say University of Pennsylvania researchers, is due to sensory deprivation and has a relationship to the effects of sensory isolation in humans.

Heavenly Dust
There may be a dense belt of dust circling the earth about 4,000 miles above sea level, a physicist suggests.

The dust belt may be responsible for sweeping away some of the heavy atomic particles — protons — from the radiation belt in that area, says Prof. S. Fredinger of the University of Maryland.

Two Acute Problems Face New Administration

By SAM DAWSON
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NEW YORK (AP) — Two acute problems face the new administration — rising unemployment and falling gold reserves. What is done about one could affect the other.

And the whole public may get a clue as to what President Kennedy proposes to do when his first news conference is carried tonight on TV and radio and printed at length for all to study in Thursday's newspapers.

The problems are linked in two ways:
1. Rising unemployment is due to a large extent, although not altogether, to a continuing slackness in business. One traditional way for government to tackle that problem is to force interest rates down and make business borrowing easier.

But this time, if it does, the government runs the risk of increasing the flow of investment capital to other lands where returns are higher. And that in turn will make it just that much easier for foreigners to pile up dollars they can turn in for more of our gold.

world confidence in the dollar and disturbs planning at home. The loss of gold with the possibility it could lead to remedies that would mean more inflation and rising production costs also, along with other reasons, encourages U. S. companies to invest in overseas plants to make goods there rather than to hire workers here to produce them. And this has its effect on the total of unemployment.

World trade conditions, whether competitive imports, or brakes on our exports, or financial conditions such as the loss of gold typifies, all have effects on domestic business.

The jobless problem, however, is too obviously cluttering up the economy now to be swept under the rug.

President Kennedy has been given some new estimates by Labor Secretary Arthur Goldberg. Current unemployment is put at 5 1/2 million, up a million in a month. The number actually receiving jobless payments is approaching the record of 3,331,600, set in April 1958. Bad weather and other seasonal factors make it likely that the record will be reached or topped before spring.

Many out of work persons aren't eligible for such benefits and many have exhausted the limit such payments are made. Much of the blame for rising unemployment is put on poor business in auto, appliance, machinery and other manufacturing and metal industries.

will get better, inventories will give out and have to be replenished, automation creates its own skills and builds new markets, business slackness may be reversed. All this in due course and without government interference.

But the administration is unlikely to want to wait. We should know soon what it proposes to do about current pressing problems.

General business uncertainty — running all the way from stock market nervousness to planning for spending on new plant and equipment — has taken a toll. Also, along this line was uncertainty as to what changes would come with a new administration.

Labor chiefs point a finger at automation as a cause for unemployment. They say machines are taking over jobs that men once had.

Conservatives say all these will

Prince Shoots Big Male Tiger

JAIPUR, India (AP) — Prince Philip shot an eight-foot male tiger in the jungle near Sewal Madhpor Tuesday.

A British spokesman said the duke fired one shot, hitting the tiger in the head. Queen Elizabeth II was about 25-36 yards away and it was unknown whether she was able to see the kill.

Two tigers were seen in the area where the royal couple hunted unsuccessfully Monday. But Indian beaters were unable to flush one and drive it by the royal hunters' shooting platform.

The queen and her husband hunted in jeeps with the Maharaja of Jaipur, their host on their visit to this area of southwest India.

IT WAS COLD

PARADISE, Mich. (AP) — It was colder than Hell in Paradise, an Upper Peninsula community. Paradise had an estimated low of 20 below zero Tuesday.

Residents of Hell, a southeastern community near Detroit, basked in a comparatively moderate 5 above zero.

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Udall Picks Consultant

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced appointment Tuesday of W. W. Keeler, Bartlesville, Okla., as consultant on planning policy and reorganization of functions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

One major problem, Udall said, is getting more brain power and man power in Indian areas rather than in Washington. He said that may mean "some decentralization."

Keeler, former chief of the Cherokee Indian tribe and vice president of Phillips Petroleum Co., was offered the position of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Udall said, but did not feel he could take it.

The secretary said he obtained Keeler on loan from Phillips for a 90-day period without compensation beginning Feb. 5.

Meanwhile, he said, an Oklahoman who is a career employe in the Indian office here has the inside track for appointment as acting Indian commissioner. Udall did not disclose the name of the Oklahoman.

Famed Writer Goes Hiking

BUN VALLEY, Idaho (AP) — Writer Ernest Hemingway has gone to his mountain hideaway near this southern Idaho resort after two months at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., where his doctor said he underwent treatment for high blood pressure and a mild case of diabetes.

Hemingway told newsmen Monday he had no public comment on any subject, except that he was going into seclusion to do some work, and some walking to keep his weight down to its present 171 pounds.

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