

Refugees From Castro Dictatorship Strain Miami's Educational Facilities

Editor's Note: — The arrival in Miami of thousands of Cubans fleeing Castro's dictatorship has strained the city's resources in many ways. One of the greatest challenges is in the schools.

By LOUIS UCHITELLE
MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — After a frustrating first-grade reading period, the young teacher told her pupils to sit down and put their papers in their desks.
A few did. Most didn't. Of the entire class of 25 Cuban refugees, only three speak English.
As the pupils stood there, smiling uncertainly, the teacher tried again: "Sit down—sitensea. Put your papers away—like this." Finally, as even her demonstra-

tion failed, she asked a bilingual student to tell the others what she had said. A burst of Spanish from Juanita brought quick action and neat desks.
This teacher was trying to deal with one of the most difficult situations in Miami's widespread effort to teach English to more than 80,000 Cubans who have fled from Fidel Castro's regime and settled here.
Perhaps as many as 18,000 are studying English, including 9,500 children in the public schools, 3,000 in the parochial schools and 3,000 in adult classes run by the public school system.
The Riverside Elementary School has 1,380 pupils and 90 per cent of them are Cubans.

The classes have been divided into those in which all the students speak English and those in which few speak English.
"Until this year, we mixed the English and non-English speaking students in the same classes and I think the Cuban youngsters learned faster because children are natural mimics," said Edith Chase, Riverside's principal.
Ed Hurst, an assistant superintendent of schools, explained: "We must run an American school system. Since a teacher teaches to the level of the majority of her class, if too many Spanish-speaking students change that level, then the classes must be separated."
School officials have announced

that 7,500 of the 9,500 Cuban children can't speak English. Most of them are at the elementary level. Roughly 25 of the 150 elementary schools in the system have separated their classes along language lines.
The junior and senior high schools, with Cuban enrollments of less than 10 per cent for the most part, continue to mix classes although those who can't speak English attend an orientation class for at least one period a day. The Catholic parochial schools do the same, although three have Cuban enrollments of more than 50 per cent.
The Cubans prefer mixed classes. Shenandoah Junior High School

has 340 Cubans in a total enrollment of 1,760. School Principal H. H. Plotts says many Cubans are sending their children to live with relatives and friends in the district.
"Although the practice is illegal, it is difficult to catch them," Plotts said. "The Cubans know that the best way for their children to learn English is to send

them to school with Americans." To help solve the English problem, the school system has hired a special adviser: Dr. Pauline M. Rojas, former language consultant to the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and former head of the English section for the government of Puerto Rico.



"I agree she knows how to keep house. She's kept that front room for over three hours now!"

Russian Fallout Cloud Flies South On Siberia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The great cloud of radioactive debris from the latest Soviet bomb was moving southeastward today over central Siberia, the U.S. Weather Bureau estimated.
The cloud is expected to reach the United States next spring, the Atomic Energy Commission estimates.

Proceeding at the comparatively slow pace of 50 miles an hour, it is expected to curve eastward and by Wednesday evening it should reach a point over the Kamchatka Peninsula.

If present wind trends continue, experts estimate that on Thursday it will move over the Aleutian Islands and perhaps reach the western edges of Alaska.

The possibility that if may be showering much potentially harmful radioactivity on Siberia was raised by all the known circumstances.

An announcement by the Atomic Energy Commission estimated that the blast over Novaya Zemlya in the Soviet arctic occurred at an altitude of about 12,000 feet and that the explosion was on the order of 50 megatons, or 50 million tons of TNT. If the figures—subject to later correction—are correct, the fireball would probably have been something like five miles in diameter and would have churned up much material from the earth. Such material, made radioactive by the blast, would fall to earth rather quickly, in contrast to lighter radioactive particles, which go into the stratosphere and are delayed in falling. The major part of the latter type of fallout is expected next spring, most of it in the Northern Hemisphere, including the United States.

The cloud from the blast was taking a more northerly direction than the one released by the Oct. 23 explosion, which is now estimated by the AEC at about 25 megatons. That is, the cloud from the new, bigger explosion is beginning to circle the Northern

SIAC Study Contracted

SALEM (AP) — A \$57,000 contract for a year-long actuarial study of the state Industrial Accident Commission was signed today, chairman Sidney B. Lewis said.

A national firm that specializes in workmen's compensation, Woodward & Fondiller, Inc., New York and Los Angeles, was awarded the contract.

Lewis emphasized that this is not a rate study but will cover the entire structure of the commission.

This is the first study of this kind since 1940. The firm will study risks and rates and the relation between them.

The 1961 legislature appropriated money for it.

The commission, under Oregon law, has a monopoly on industrial accident insurance under the state Industrial Accident Act, which limits benefits subject only to court appeal.

Employers may reject this act, but then they come under the unlimited liability act and the state schedules for compensating injured workmen do not apply. Rejecting employers then become self-insured.

Honest Man Discovered

Mrs. Jack Wisenhunt of 3414 Emerald Street, Klamath Falls, knows there is an honest man in her home town.

Last July 1, Mrs. Wisenhunt and her husband were fishing at Gerber Reservoir from a boat over about 30 feet of water. In some manner her wallet was dropped over the side and sank.

On Oct. 29, Ben Murphy of the Henley district, a postal clerk in the Klamath Falls post office, was

hunting arrowheads along the lake shore where water in the reservoir had receded for some distance and found the plastic wallet.

It still contained \$68.99 and identification cards. The damaged bills can be replaced.

Murphy returned the billfold to the owner.

Davis' Will Contest Ends

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—A settlement has been reached in the contest over actress Joan Davis' will.

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