

Cuban Life Said Worse Than Ever

MADRID (UPI) — One of the American students who went to Castro's Cuba, despite a State Department ban, shaved off his Castro-type beard here today and said, "The people of Cuba never lived worse than they do now."

Clinton M. Jenks, a 26-year-old resident of Monroe, La., who was born in San Francisco, told UPI:

"I don't know how they lived before in Cuba. But I am sure the people of Cuba never lived worse than they do now. They (the Castro government) told us the people were better off now but I don't believe it."

Jenks and his wife Clara were among 54 Americans who arrived here Monday on an Iberia Airlines flight from Havana on their way back to the United States. They were scheduled to leave here Thursday aboard Iberia Airlines Flight 931 for New York.

One of the group, Christian Lee Poiner, believed to be from Pennsylvania, was jailed here shortly after the plane arrived because he did not have a passport, U.S. consular officials said.

The original group that went to Cuba included 59 Americans. But one died accidentally while there — Hector Warren Hill, 29, of Brooklyn, N.Y. Three more remained in Cuba and one — Barry Hoffman, 25, of Brooklyn, Mass. — flew to New York Monday from Bermuda, where he had stopped over with the group on their way to Madrid. The Boston Herald said today Hoffman was a U.S. counterespionage.

The 54 Americans who reached the Spanish capital Monday night on their way to New York came by way of Madrid, since the Spanish national airline Iberia is the only non-Communist country's airline with regular flights to Havana.

Pair Drives Across U.S. In 49 Hours

NEW YORK (UPI) — Like weary women travelers anywhere, one of the first things Paula Murphy and Barbara Nieland did at the end of their trip was head for the beauty shop.

"We really needed Dache by the time we got here," said Mrs. Nieland.

The two at 11:40 p.m. EDT Sunday pulled their car up in front of New York's city hall and thus set an automobile record from Los Angeles to New York. They covered 2,933.2 miles in 49 hours and 48 minutes, including fuel and food stops. They averaged 59.13 miles per hour.

The cross-country run was made at legal speed limits — the highest limit they found on the whole southern route was 75 miles per hour. It is supposed to be the first run between the two cities to be sanctioned officially, observed, and timed by the United States Automobile Club (USAC).

The record of the run will be submitted to the Federation de l'Automobile, Paris, the international governing body for vehicle speed records, according to Bill Carroll, an automotive writer.

Carroll served as team captain and alternate driver on the trip which began in Los Angeles Friday, Aug. 23. They drove a hardtop sports-type car, a American make, and were accompanied by a station wagon.

In all, there were eight in the two-vehicle group — the two women drivers, Carroll, the three drivers who took turns at the wheel of the station wagon, and two USAC observers.

The schedule in each 24-hour period gave each driver of the sports car four hours at the wheel, four hours navigating, four hours driving, four hours navigating, and eight hours to sleep—in the station wagon.

Interviewed shortly after their arrival in New York, Mrs. Nieland and Miss Murphy told how they figured out the problem of privacy when the station wagon served as bed for anyone off duty.

"There was the neatest foam rubber, upholstered bunking board you ever saw," they laughed.

Incidentally, as a souvenir of their trip, the men will get miniature bundling boards "which may be worn in the lap as a sign of suffering."

What do the two women get, besides the motorizing honors? "Dollars," said Mrs. Nieland candidly.

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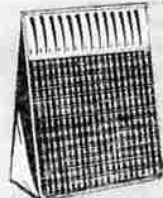
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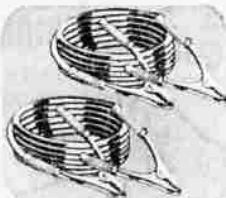
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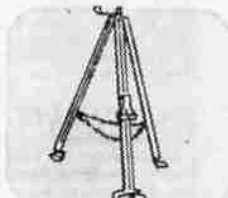
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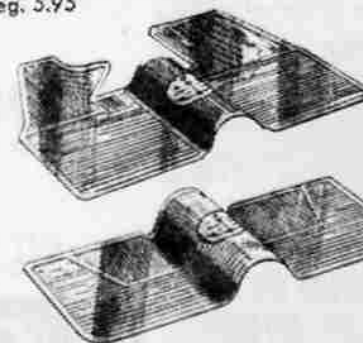
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