

## Jack Heller Writes Of Experiences In Cuba

Tourists are being treated especially well in Cuba now, John G. Heller, vice-president of the Decatur Daily Democrat, writes from Santa Clara.

Heller, writing Monday, had the following to say in a letter to his family:

"What a wonderful time I had in Havana. Any doubts Americans might have about the friendliness of the Cuban people are false. We have been treated wonderfully—not only at the churches but on the streets all through the city. Friday night I left the group after the meeting at the First church, and walked through Havana with some young people from the church.

"They took me through the fourth district police station. The strong-arm police of Castro turned out to be a group of very efficient clean-cut young men—about 22 years of age average. They were very polite and friendly.

"Sue and Harry Estill's preacher from Springfield, Ill., and his wife, and Frank Heinze, editor of a Presbyterian preacher's magazine, accompanied me on a walk down the Prado, a beautiful tree-lined avenue in Havana. Sunday we left the group and rode a bus 12 miles to the beach and went swimming. Then we had dinner and rode back to the hotel. Those bus rides were wonderful: The drivers make American hot-rodders seem like baby-buggy pushers. And the streets are narrower than Third street.

"We could speak no Spanish, the people on the busses could speak no English, and we had a magnificent time, laughing and talking back and forth. If you want to

know the country, meet the people. "What a wonderful country! The weather is beautiful. Hot in the sun, very nice in the shade, and just cool enough at night.

"We are in Santa Clara now. Arrived about an hour ago. Lovely hotel. My room is on the eighth floor, and since the hotel is the tallest building in the town, I can look over the whole city. The city square and province capital are right across the street from our hotel."

## Training Session On Law Enforcement

A law enforcement training session was conducted Thursday night by the Adams county sheriff's department as the first phase of a series of similar programs to educate local enforcement officers in new techniques.

With more than 30 law personnel in attendance, sheriff Merle Affolder instructed at the initial meeting. Three informative films from the federal bureau of investigation library were viewed by local city police, special deputies and members of the county posse.

The first film dealt with the procedures of searching at the scene of a crime, while the second one showed the manner of apprehending and identifying stolen automobiles. The third film illustrated how the police collect, identify, and package evidence. Discussion of the subject of the films followed.

Sheriff Affolder announced that members of the F. B. I. will attend the next sessions and instruct the group in various phases of law enforcement such as proper use of firearms, proper methods of "frisking" a suspect, and other technical procedures.

About 15 members of the sheriff's posse attended the training meeting at the city court room at 7:30 p. m. last night. The instruction lasted about two hours. Sheriff Affolder said the training was instituted to prepare all local law enforcement officials for any impending outbreaks of crime.



"CRASH VICTIM" ARRESTED—Dr. Robert Spears, 64, head down and wearing a cap, follows an F.B.I. agent after he was arrested in Phoenix, Ariz. Spears' name was on the passenger list of a National Airlines plane which crashed in the Gulf of Mexico Nov. 16, 1959. He is suspected of having tricked an acquaintance on plane in attempt to get \$100,000 insurance.

## Seeks Death Penalty For Finch, Tregoff

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Prosecutor Fred N. Whichello says he is going to ask the gas chamber for both Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff.

Whichello told United Press International, after presentation of the bulk of the state's case, that he has not changed his intention of asking the death penalty in the killing of the surgeon's blonde.

The law in California is unusual on this score. If the jury reaches a verdict of first degree murder, arguments are opened all over again on the penalty and then they must reach another unanimous verdict on the penalty.

The woman who spent the evening with Mrs. Barbara Finch, 33, before she was shot to death May 18, is scheduled to testify at the murder trial today.

Return To Jail

Convict John Cody, 29, who "hopes" he is a ladies' man and admits he is a liar, swore Thursday that he had not been asked to get counter-evidence for divorce against Mrs. Finch and to sleep with her if necessary.

Cody was returned to jail in Minnesota after testifying Finch and Carole hired him "not to follow Mrs. Finch, to kill her."

"You told Dr. Finch you didn't know any woman you couldn't sleep with within 24 hours," said Cooper.

"That's a lie," said Cody.

Another tough witness against the red-haired Carole, 23, now beginning to weep into a handkerchief, and the still very cheerful Dr. Finch, 42, was Don Mire, a handwriting expert of 20 years' experience.

Sees Possible Forgery

Mire testified his studies of the handwriting of Mrs. Finch and the doctor made him positive a check for \$3,000 signed by Mrs. Finch to the order of the doctor was not her signature. He said it was his opinion that Finch had forged it by copying or tracing.

Grant Cooper, Finch's suave and able attorney, got out a magnifying glass and peered with intensity at blow-up signatures of the pair as he asked Mire to explain how he reached such a conclusion.

Mire pointed to "tremors" in the handwriting and Cooper said he had trouble spotting such tremors.

Mire on two occasions accidentally referred to the signature as that of "Barbara Graham," and the crowded courtroom laughed at mention of the convicted California murderer about whom the movie, "I Want to Live," was made.

Admits to Mistakes

The check for \$3,000 left only \$182.70 in Mrs. Finch's personal account. The state charges money as well as love—was the motive for the killing. Mrs. Finch had legally tied up most of the doctor's fortune, estimated at \$750,000.

Cooper in his cross examination brought Mire's concession that "no person will sign their name exactly the same way twice."

"Do you ever make mistakes?" Cooper asked Mire.

"I am 57 years old and I have made a lot of mistakes in my life," said Mire. Cooper laughed.

"I don't mean that," he said. "Have you ever made a mistake in your profession?"

The expert replied that in no case in which he has testified had he been proved wrong.

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## Grounding Airliners No Help For Safety

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind.) has proposed that the government consider grounding all commercial airliners for a thorough safety check "for a few days." The following dispatch discusses the practicality and need for such drastic action.

By ROBERT J. SERLING  
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Industry and government aviation officials agree that grounding the nation's 2,000-plane commercial air fleet would do little or nothing to improve safety.

They offer these reasons:

"All airliners already undergo daily inspections and necessary overhauls at regular intervals under strict Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) maintenance rules.

"Mechanical difficulties constitute only a small proportion of fatal crash causes; inspecting all aircraft would not solve other problems as pilot error, weather, visibility and runway approach failure.

Even though inspection would not guarantee that a vital part would not fail on the very next flight, there is no way to predict some kinds of engine failure.

Complete Inspection

The airlines already are operating under the most rigid maintenance rules in history—both their own strict procedures and new ones recommended by the FAA. The government agency has just completed a 30-day inspection program not only of maintenance but all pilot training and flight operations of every schedule airline.

The airlines conduct what they term "cycle maintenance"—an aircraft in continuous perfect condition. This consists of:

"Visual inspection after every landing, with particular attention paid to any complaints by crews on unusual handling or performance.

"After 130 hours of flight time, or more frequently if necessary, opening engine nacelles, changing spark plugs and checking for oil leaks, wiring, tire condition etc.

Pull Out Engines

"After 800 hours (longer for jet powered aircraft) pulling engines out for overhaul, replacing them with new or completely overhauled engines.

"Block overhauls" at approximately 3,400 hours, each consisting of major inspection and/or overhaul of key parts including engines, frame, wings, electrical systems, control cables and instruments; after four block overhauls, an airliner literally is rebuilt from nose to tail.

Civil Aeronautics Board records

show that mechanical failure has been dwindling as a major cause of accidents. Of the nine fatal crashes during 1959, seven involved NO engine failures. The remaining two still are under investigation.

Airline officials feel that if Congress had voted the necessary funds for improved traffic control and airport facilities when they were first requested years ago, there would be little or no safety problem now.

## De Gaulle To Visit Algeria

In February

PARIS (UPI)—President Charles de Gaulle's office announced today he would visit revolt-ridden Algeria next month, but kept silent on whether he had fired paratroop Gen. Jacques Massu as military chief leader in Algiers.

Reports, including a front page bannerline in the influential daily *Le Monde*, insisted that Massu was ousted despite the risk of an uprising by right wing Algerian settlers who idolize him.

"Gen. Massu won't return to Algeria," *Le Monde* said.

De Gaulle, furious at anti-De Gaulle remarks attributed to Massu in an interview with a German newspaper earlier this week, barred him from a major conference today in Algeria. The commanders of the Oran and Constantine districts were present, but Massu did not even have a representative there.

Twin communiques issued after the half-day meeting between De Gaulle and the other chief military and civil administrators for Algeria made no mention of the Massu affair.

The first communique said De Gaulle "will go to Algeria Feb. 5 for an inspection trip of several days" and "will make contact with the army, the administration and the elected representatives of the population everywhere."

The second communique assured the French settlers that the self-determination policy, which they oppose and which they fear will be changed to the advantage of the Moslems at their expense, will stand as is.

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Thus, in effect, De Gaulle told the million French settlers and the army in Algeria that the Paris government is making the policy for France and he intends to make it stick, whether they like it or not.

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## SALE CALENDAR

JAN. 23—11:00 a. m. Edward Ritchhart, owner. 1 mile south of Payne, Ohio on Route 49, east 1/2 mile and south 1/4 mile. Farm machinery and miscellaneous. Merl Knittle, Don Max, Aucts. Bluffton, Ind. 3-Bedroom home. 613 W. Cherry street. Stricker, auctioneers. C. W. Kent, sales mgr.

JAN. 23—12:30 p. m. Mrs. Kenneth Huser, owner. 3 miles south of Berne, Ind. Farm machinery, household goods and miscellaneous. Phil Neuenchwander, Emerson Lehman, Miz Lehman, auctioneers.

JAN. 23—10:30 a. m. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Hackney, owners. 3 miles south of Decatur on U. S. 33 to drive-in theater, then 2 1/2 miles south on stone road, then 1/4 mile west. Farm machinery, implements and household goods. Eilenberger Bros., auctioneers.

JAN. 27—10:00 a. m. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pence, owners. 2 1/2 miles south of Bluffton, Ind., on No. 1 to road 350, then east to road 450, then south 1/4 miles. Livestock and farm machinery. Dell Shaw, Walter Wiegmann, auctioneers.

JAN. 28—1:00 p. m. Don Short, administrator of Halloway Oscar Young estate. 6 miles west of Rockford, Ohio, to Graubauer road, then 1 1/2 miles south. Real estate, farm machinery, welding equipment, household goods. Purdy & Hoblet, aucts.

JAN. 28—11:30 a. m. Howard L. Evans, owner. 4 miles south of Decatur on U. S. 21, then 1 1/2 miles west. Farm machinery, implements and miscellaneous items. Eilenberger Bros., Ned Johnson and Bill Schepf, auctioneers.

JAN. 28—7:30 p. m. Dorothy Brewster and Eileen Bollenbacher, owners of Cardinal Inn. To be sold as going business. Phil Neuenchwander, Miz Lehman, auctioneers.

JAN. 28—7:00 p. m. Adams County Trailor Sales, Inc., owners. 803 N. 13th street, Decatur, Ind. Furniture and appliances. Sale conducted by Kent Realty & Auction Co., Gerald Stricker, D. S. Blair, auctioneers. C. W. Kent, sales mgr.

JAN. 30—1:30 p. m. James F. Dumas, Alton L. Bloom, commissioners. Elmer J. Girardot and Luella A. Girardot farm. 3 1/2 miles west of Monroeville, Ind. on Monroeville road. 127 Acre farm in 3 tracts. Glen C. Merica, Orville Sturm, auctioneers.

JAN. 30—1:00 p. m. Treva L. Sharpe, administratrix of the James M. Fisher estate. 9 miles south of Bluffton, Ind. on St. Rd. 1 to Petroleum, then 2 miles east to Co. Road 600E, then 1 1/4 miles south. 78-acre farm and household goods. D. S. Blair, Gerald Stricker, auctioneers.

FEB. 1—11:30 a. m. John E. Cochran, L. E. Templin, owners. 7 miles west of Berne on St. Rd. 118, then 3 miles south, then 1 mile west on County Rd. 900S. Holstein dairy cattle, dairy equipment. Ellenberger Bros., auctioneers.

FEB. 2—11:30 a. m. Walter Pfister, owner. 3 miles west of Cope's Corner