

# Plane With U.S. Marks Shot Down Over Cuba; Two Americans Captured

HAVANA (UPI) — A light plane with U. S. markings was shot down today by Cuban revolutionary troops near Matanzas and its American pilot and co-pilot captured. A Cuban army officer said the plane came from Florida.

The pilot was identified as Leonard Howard, of Miami. He was wounded in the leg. His co-pilot refused to identify himself, telling his captives: "First I want to talk to Fidel Castro."

The plane was shot down around 7 a.m. while apparently on a mission to smuggle out Cubans classified by the revolutionary government as "war criminals." Four Cubans including a former police official and an army officer were captured near where the plane came down.

The plane was attempting to land on Cuba's northern coastal highway known as "La Via Blanca" when shot down. It crashed in a field near La Carbonera, about 12 miles from Matanzas. Matanzas, capital of the province of the same name, is about 50 miles east of Havana.

Howard was given first aid treatment for his wound before being taken with the others to 4th Regiment headquarters at Matanzas for questioning.

The co-pilot, in addition to his request to talk to Premier Castro, asked also to see Castro's personal secretary, Dr. Juan Orta, and a Captain Guerra of the rebel army.

His request raised speculation that he may have been acting as an agent for the Castro regime to foil the escape.

Maj. Universo Sanchez, who commanded the troops in the operation, said the plane came from Florida. The plane was a red-and-white Piper Comanche.

The other persons arrested were identified as Lazaro Damas Montesinos, a police major during the Batista regime; Gladys Montesinos, believed to be his daughter; her husband, former Maj. Santiago Rodriguez; and Miguel Sanchez.

All were taken to Matanzas under armed guard.

The plane carried the registration "M 6137 P" and sources here said it apparently had been rented from Autoflight of Miami. Witnesses said the plane showed numerous bullet holes.

The incident followed accusations Sunday night by President Osvaldo Dorticos against the United States of "undeniable sabotage" and "criminal aerial attacks" against Cuba.

It marked the first time a high Cuban government official had lodged such charges directly against the United States in public.

The bitter onslaught, aired over television and radio, came less than seven hours after U.S. Ambassador Philip Bonsal returned from Washington to try to salvage steadily worsening relations between the United States and Cuba.

Earlier Sunday leftwing extremist Ernesto (Che) Guevara, head of Cuba's National Bank, lashed out at U.S. economic policies and vowed that all American business "monopolies" soon would be ousted from Cuba.

Guevara, one of Castro's closest advisers, staunchly defended Cuba's recent trade pact with the Soviet Union. "Cuba's great friend is Russia," he said.

The new denunciations darkened hopes that Bonsal, who left Cuba Jan. 23 at the start of Castro's anti-U.S. campaign, could achieve his mission of preventing an outright diplomatic break between the two governments.

In New York, just before his departure, Bonsal made it clear the U.S. State Department had no idea of "appeasement" toward the Castro regime.

No member of the Cuban foreign office was on hand to greet the ambassador, but a crowd of about 400 persons welcomed the emissary warmly.

**New City Directory Is Delivered Today**

The 1959 Polk city directory was delivered today, listing the names and addresses of all the adults in the city, the names of the residents by street number, the names of the residents by telephone numbers, and the names of the taxpayers of the county.

The yellow and maroon book contains 114 pages of names of Decatur families this year, compared with 97 pages in 1957. The directory is issued every two years. A library of city directories is maintained at the Chamber of Commerce office for those interested in the same information for other cities.

**Reduce Speed For Electra Airliners**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government has put a strict speed limit on Electra airliners pending completion of an investigation into the Tell City, Ind., crash in which 63 persons were killed.

The action Sunday night by the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) was endorsed by Lockheed Aircraft, manufacturer of the four-engine, turbo-prop plane which is used by four major airlines.

FAA Administrator E. R. Quessada, in a "safety precautionary measure," ordered Electra pilots to limit their speed to 275 knots (about 315 miles per hour) at or below 15,000 feet, and slightly less at higher altitudes. They normally cruise at about 415 miles per hour.

**Two Accidents Similar**

The FAA linked the investigation of the Northwest Airlines tragedy at Tell City last Thursday with its inquiry into a Braniff Airlines Electra crash at Buffalo, Tex., Sept. 29 in which 34 persons perished.



DISARMAMENT SESSION—Frederick M. Eaton, glasses in hand, head of the U. S. disarmament team, listens to talks in Geneva.

## Police Fire On Africa Rioters

VEREENING, South Africa (UPI) Police opened fire today on a crowd of stone-throwing Africans protesting a government law requiring them to carry identification passes. Many Africans, some of them women, were killed.

This correspondent personally counted 34 bodies, including those of eight women.

There was no way to estimate the number of wounded. "I don't know yet how many we shot," said the police commander in the nearby African township of Sharpsville where the shooting took place.

Other officials refused to give detailed figures of the casualties. This correspondent was ordered to leave the location immediately. Corpses still littered the ground near the Sharpsville police station at the time.

The Sharpsville riot was the most serious of a group of incidents which broke out today in a cluster of locations about 40 miles south of Johannesburg.

The riots came in the wake of demonstrations called by the Pan-African Congress at the start of a campaign against laws requiring Africans to carry detailed passes at all times.

Other incidents and demonstrations were reported in Capetown, at the African township of Bophelong and its city of Vanderbijl Park, at Everton and at Orlando.

The Sharpsville riot broke out about 1 p.m. when shouting, stone-throwing Africans completely surrounded the township police station.

Police opened fire. "It all started when hordes of natives surrounded the police station," Colonel Pienaar, the police commander, said. "My car was struck by a stone. If they do these things, they must learn their lesson the hard way."

The air was filled with the wailing cries of women who had found their menfolk among the dead. Ambulances carried away the dead and wounded.

## Panel Of Americans At Rotary Thursday

Four college students and a faculty member from Purdue university comprising a group known as "Panel of Americans" will present the ladies' night program for the Rotary club at 6:15 o'clock Thursday evening at the Youth and Community Center.

The panel will consist of a Jew, a Catholic, a Negro and a Protestant. It will present a frank and open discussion of American society among students who have learned that differences are important and can be discussed intelligently. The purpose of the group, which is sponsored by the student religious council, is to develop mutual respect and understanding among people of diverse racial, religious and cultural backgrounds.

Altogether approximately 30 students and seven moderators participate in the panel program which made 75 different appearances during the past school year. In recent years they have made presentations to groups at Ohio State University, University of Minnesota, Washburn College, Ball State Teachers College and Northwestern University, in addition to many high schools, churches, labor unions and service clubs.

The panel coming to Decatur will be led by William Stielstra, assistant dean of men as moderator. Other members are Eunice Piet, a Catholic, a sophomore in pharmacy; Lynn Hirschman, Jewish, freshman in the school of education; Betty Ryan, Protestant, or Jill Lewis, Protestant, juniors in sociology; Malone Zimmerman, Negro, civil engineering or Golden Richmond, Negro, junior in sociology.

Seventeen colleges in America are now sponsoring the Panel of Americans which originated at the University of California in 1942. One of the most interesting features of the presentation comes from audience participation in sincere and constructive discussion and the students welcome questions of all kinds.

**Final Season Concert In Decatur Tonight**

The final concert of the 1959-60 season of the Adams County Civic Music Association will be presented at 8 o'clock this evening at the Decatur high school gymnasium-auditorium.

The Indianapolis symphony orchestra, whose appearances have highlighted previous seasons, will present tonight's final concert. Renewal slips for memberships for the next season will be available tonight for those members who failed to receive them earlier.

**Sister Of Decatur Man Dies Sunday**

Mrs. Alta Rose, 68, of Bluffton, a sister of Lloyd Cowens of Decatur, died at 4:55 a. m. Sunday at the Clinic hospital in Bluffton following a serious illness of eight weeks.

Mrs. Rose was a native of Adams county, having been born the daughter of John W. and Amy Sowers July 18, 1891. She was married to Earl Rose at Linn Grove August 27, 1908. Mr. Rose preceded her in death June 2, 1943. At the time of her death Mrs. Rose lived at 1014 W. Wash street in Bluffton.

One son, Lloyd E. Rose, of Bluffton survives. Two brothers, Lloyd, of Decatur, and W. F. Cowens of Bluffton, also survive.

Friends may call at the Thoma funeral home in Bluffton after noon today.

Services will be held at the funeral home at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, the Rev. Alton Miller officiating. Burial will be in the Al-berson cemetery east of Petrolum.

## Sen. Kennedy Enters Indiana Primary Today

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Sen. John F. Kennedy flew to Indiana today to enter the presidential preference primary and ran smack into a delegation of demonstrators challenging him to a debate on the religious issue.

Kennedy, a Roman Catholic, walked past a group in the Statehouse lobby whose leaders identified themselves as members of the "Baptist Evangelization Society," and officially filed his declaration of candidacy about 9:30 a.m.

The group challenged Kennedy to debate on the subject. "Resolved that a Roman Catholic president cannot impartially defend the constitution and advance the true welfare of the United States while remaining true to his religion."

A man who identified himself as Dr. Hendon M. Harris Jr., Bloomington, said he was a founder of the society, said the group included ministers and laymen.

"If Kennedy has the moral courage of his book (Profiles in Courage), he will accept our dare," Harris said.

Kennedy accepted a leaflet handed him by one of the demonstrators. He smiled and walked on down the lobby.

**Most Were Ministers**

Harris said most of the demonstrators, estimated to number anywhere from 20 to 100, were "Baptist ministers." But representatives of the Indiana Baptist Convention, an organization made up of most "regular" members of the denomination, said none of their members were in the group.

Kennedy walked past the demonstrators and entered the office of Secretary of State John E. Walsh, where he filed his petition formally entering the primary.

Rev. Greg Dixon, pastor of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple, said the group held an all-night prayer meeting at his church. He said they represented 25,000 members of the "Indiana Bible Baptist Fellowship," a group not affiliated with either the American Baptist Convention or the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dixon said the demonstrators came from all around the state, including Evansville and South Bend.

At a breakfast for Democratic women in the hotel where Kennedy's Indiana headquarters is located, the senator again challenged all the Democratic presidential aspirants to "enter the Indiana primary."

**Entry Is Colorful**

Kennedy said this is important because Vice President Richard M. Nixon has entered the Republican primary and "we should demonstrate that Indiana is going Democratic."

The demonstrators at a news conference later repeated their challenge. When Kennedy was asked about accepting it, he asked:

"Why didn't you issue this challenge when I joined the United States Navy?"

## Monroe Over Quota In Red Cross Drive

The town of Monroe went over the top in its annual Red Cross fund drive, raising \$137.35, \$17.35 over its goal, Otto Longenberger, Monroe chairman, reported today.

Homer Winteregg and Silvan Sprunger, county co-chairmen of the drive, praised all of the workers in Monroe for their fine effort. Preble, Pleasant Mills, Monmouth, Geneva and Linn Grove are the other towns in the drive, and their reports are expected shortly.

Decatur and Berne met their quota through the community fund drive. French township has its job half completed, Winteregg said, with 12 of the 24 sections reporting. The people of French township have given \$120.50 towards their goal of \$200.

Preble township is next in reporting, with \$139.25 raised towards its goal of \$230.

**French Township**

Reporting from French township this time were 200 sections, Teddy Kipper of section 9 reporting \$7, and Kenneth Isch of section 24 reporting \$6. Other French section reports were: Chester Isch, section 27, \$14; Sam Gerber, section 3, \$8; Ervin Isch, section 15, \$11; Elmer Moser, section 35, \$14; Carl H. Flechter, section 14, \$19; Merlin Steiner, section 36, \$9; Lewellyn Lehman, section 34, \$2; Raymond Moser, section 26, \$14; Rale Rich, section 25, \$6.

Preble township reported as follows: Arnold Erlebein, section 3, \$15, 100%; M. F. Gallmeyer, section 12, \$15, 100%; G. D. Koene-mann, section 35, \$17.50.

Mrs. Robert Franklin collected \$12 in section 36 of Root township. In Union township Wilbert Thleme collected \$9 in section 30, and section 19. In Kirkland township Paul Arnold collected \$12 in section 11.

Washington township reports included \$12.50 from section 13 collected by Mrs. Arthur Braun, and \$6.50 collected in section 15 by Mrs. Gerald Strickler.

**Monroe Report**

Hugh Tate, collecting at Adams Central, reported 100% participation with \$34 collected; other reports from the town of Monroe.

**Local Man's Mother Dies At Fort Wayne**

Mrs. Loretta Judd, 74, 2223 Andrew street, Fort Wayne, mother of Robert Judd of Decatur, died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in St. Joseph's hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient one day.

Mrs. Judd, a native of Hoagland, had lived in Fort Wayne 50 years. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors lodge.

Surviving in addition to the son are three daughters, Mrs. Noble Schell of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Alfred Schell of Walkerton, and Miss Elizabeth Judd, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Buckner and Mrs. Dora McLaughlin, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Delmar Ulrey of Wayne-dale; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Kleinhart funeral home, the Rev. J. Luther Seng officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home until time of the services.

says there shall be no religious test for qualification for public office.

through the town chairman, were Phyllis Reinhart, \$3; Mrs. Verlin Geyer, \$18.60; Mrs. Homer Winteregg, \$16.50; Mrs. Elmer Sheaf, \$4; Otto Longenberger, \$38.

With less than two weeks remaining in the Red Cross fund drive campaign, \$1,902.15 remains to be collected. Winteregg and Sprunger stressed. They urged every solicitor to make a special effort in the remaining sections.

**Red Cross Purpose**

In this year alone, Red Cross classes will teach more than 200 women in all parts of the county home nursing, care of the sick and injured, first aid, and other valuable courses. The Red Cross trains swimming instructors, and sponsors classes so that everyone will know how to swim.

In addition, the Red Cross maintains the blood bank program, which keeps blood on hand at the local hospital for use during any emergency. Emergency aid for disasters is dispatched immediately when floods, typhoons, hurricanes, tornadoes, or earthquakes strike. In every part of the United States, the American Red Cross is ready for disasters because everyone contributes through their own county organization. "Good things happen when you give to the Red Cross," Winteregg and Sprunger added.

## Appraisers Named On County Garage

The Adams county commissioners today approved the appointment of three appraisers to place a new valuation on the old county highway garage at First and Jackson streets. This will be the second attempt to sell the land. The sale is set for April 30.

Last summer, the property was put on the auction block with other county property but failed to bring the appraised value. General opinion at that time was that the appraisal was too high for the actual value of the building and property.

The commissioners said this morning that Decatur auctioneers, Ned Johnson and Charles Kent, will conduct the auction sale.

Kenneth Beer, of route 2, Berne, Phil Sauer, of Decatur, and Curtis Hill, of Decatur, will be the appraisers. They will report next week to be sworn in and to conduct the appraisal. Each commissioner selected one man for the task.

Legal advertisements must be run four times before the sale can be conducted, thus the wait until April 30. The first legal will run as quickly as minor arrangements can be straightened out by the commissioners.

## Five Girls Entered In Geneva Contest

Girls from five different high schools have already entered the contest to select "Girl of the Limberlost 1960" which is being held in conjunction with the Geneva Lions club's annual Limberlost land party being held in Geneva, Friday evening.

Miss Winifred Rafert, a junior, will represent Monmouth. For her talent demonstration she will present a vocal solo.

Miss Pat Uptgraft, a junior, will represent Petroleum high school. For her talent demonstration she will play the flute.

Miss Linda Rigby, a senior, will represent Poling high school. Her talent demonstration will be a twirling act.

Miss Martha Brewster, a senior, will represent Hartford Center high school. For her talent demonstration she will present a reading.

Miss Janice Yoder, a junior, will represent the Geneva-Wabash high school. For her talent demonstration she will present a vocal solo.

Additional entries for the contest are expected to be received this week. Because of the unfavorable weather that has hampered school activities during the month of March the Geneva Lions club will accept entries for the Limberlost contest up to Wednesday evening. No school can have more than one representative in the contest and no girl can enter without the official approval of her school either directly or through one of its recognized organizations.

Jim Luck, public relations director of radio station WOWO, Fort Wayne, who conducts the program Spotlight on Schools, will serve as master of ceremonies for the 1960 party.

## U.S. Studying Russian Plan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The White House said today a new Soviet proposal for banning nuclear tests is "under serious consideration."

The statement was issued after President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Christian A. Herter conferred on the Russian proposal for an unlimited test moratorium.

White House News Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters: "Many people in the government are taking a very careful look at it."

The President conferred by telephone at least two times during the weekend with Herter on the Soviet plan, Hagerty said. Eisenhower spent the weekend at Camp David and returned this morning for the meeting with Herter.

The Russians announced they favor a moratorium on all explosions, including the smallest which are hardest to detect and suggested joint efforts to find ways to detect all underground tests.

Hagerty said the Soviet proposal came up at a meeting between Eisenhower, Herter, and Livingston Merchant, deputy undersecretary of state for political affairs.

Asked if the President and Herter were encouraged by the latest Russian move, Hagerty refused to go beyond his statement that the proposal was being studied seriously by the United States.

Hagerty's comments were the first White House reaction to the Russian proposal made at Geneva. State Department officials were reported to be anxious for more information on the formula.

Roy Rubottom, assistant secretary of state for Latin American affairs and Army Secretary Wilbur Brucker also conferred with the President on matters involving the Panama Canal Zone. Hagerty refused to elaborate on what specific subjects they discussed.

## Lenten Meditation

(By Rev. Benj. G. Thomas, Bethany Evangelical United Brethren)

### "IN-AS-MUCH"

Matthew 25:31-46

Sheep ----- Goats.  
You fed me ----- You fed me not.  
You clothed me ----- You clothed me not.  
You visited me ----- You visited me not.  
You welcomed me ----- You welcomed me not.  
Come, inherit the kingdom. ----- Depart into eternal fire.  
How easily I classify myself a "sheep" rather than a "goat."  
But, read again the whole passage, Matt. 25:31-46. Do I recall times when I was "too busy" to minister to someone? Or sought to avoid contact with someone, because he did not belong to "my group"? Or I did not wish to leave my warm comfortable house and go into the cold?  
"In-as-much as you did it not unto one of these, you did it not unto me."  
"Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner."