

# Fidel Castro Prepares To Confiscate All U.S.-Owned Cuban Sugar Mills

HAVANA, Cuba (UPI) — Premier Fidel Castro's government prepared today to seize all United States-owned sugar mills in Cuba as a likely first step in reprisal against U.S. cuts in the Cuban sugar quota.

Informed sources believed that confiscation will follow as soon as President Eisenhower signs legislation empowering him to reduce or eliminate Cuba's share of the U.S. sugar market. After that, they believe all other American property here probably will be seized.

Among the most likely targets for immediate seizure are the \$300 million Cuban electric company, which is half-owned by the American and Foreign Power Co., and the \$125 million Cuban telephone company, about 65 per cent of whose stock is owned by U.S. International Telephone and Telegraph.

The Commodity Stabilization Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture suspended all Cuban sugar imports Tuesday in a preliminary move. And there is no doubt here that President Eisenhower is going to make a slash in the remainder of Cuba's 1960 sugar quota.

**Will Nationalize Mills**

The sources said that as soon as the President formalizes the import cut, Castro will start a "clean sweep" of American properties here.

The first step will be nationalization of the sugar mills in accordance with powers granted Castro and President Osvaldo Dorticos at a cabinet session that ended in the early hours this morning.

All morning newspapers here gave top billing to Castro's new power, whereas the U.S. Agriculture Department's action got secondary play.

Cuba's 500,000 sugar workers and their militia units were poised to move in on the mills as soon as Castro made his confiscation bid.

Sugar union leader Conrado Becquer said Monday that 37 of 161 mills are American-owned, with a value of \$260 million.

Taking over of the mills probably will mean complete cessation of sugar imports by the United States, observers believed. Cuba

would thus be forced to sell exclusively on the world market. The United States would be forced—and apparently is preparing to do so—to arrange bigger permanent imports from other sugar-producing nations.

**Believe Banks Next**

Cuba and the United States thus were at the end of a 38-year-old trail of friendship and economic relationships. Once the mills are seized, many observers believe that United States banks—which play an important role in the whole sugar economy—will also be nationalized, along with other industries which have been on the brink of intervention for months.

Observers doubt that when and if all remaining U.S. property here is nationalized that the United States will continue to maintain diplomatic relations with Cuba. Many believe that as soon as the mills and the electric company are taken over, there would be no point in keeping an ambassador here.

But the most vital point in Cuban-American relations is considered by many to be the huge U.S. Guantanamo naval base, which Castro would like to force out of Cuba or take over himself—although he has said repeatedly that "we will never attack it."

Statements by top U.S. Navy officials, including Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Arleigh Burke, in recent months seem to make it certain that the Pentagon has no plans to pull out of Guantanamo. Yet is the opinion of some military experts, the United States easily could move its fleet operations to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, where a vast base—virtually abandoned since World War II—could rapidly be rebuilt.

**Castro Given New Law**

However, if the United States moves out of Guantanamo, it would have to abandon vital radar defenses of the Panama Canal. Such a move also might constitute at least an indirect "invitation" to the Soviet Union to move in. And some observers say that "Uncle Sam is not going to invite Khrushchev to set up a base 90 miles away" from the U.S. mainland.

The cabinet, in a marathon ses-

## Eye Pennsylvania, California Votes

tion that broke up just before midnight, passed a law giving the president and prime minister the right to expropriate property belonging to U.S. citizens merely on a declaration that it would be "necessary" for the country.

The government said the owners would be given 30-year bonds but that these would be paid only with money coming from excess sugar sold to the United States.

The quota of sugar to be sold before the excess started was set so high it made it unlikely the bonds ever would be paid off.

The law read that the president and prime minister have the right to "nationalize enterprises and property belonging to naturalized or native citizens of the United States of America and of enterprises in which such persons have the major interest even when such enterprises are legally constituted under Cuban law."

**INDIANA WEATHER**

Fair north, partly cloudy south tonight. Chance of a few showers south tonight. Thursday fair and pleasant. Low to night 52 to 58 north, 58 to 65 south. High Thursday in the 70s extreme north to around 80 south. Sunset today 8:16 p.m. Sunrise Thursday 5:24 a.m. Outlook for Friday: Generally fair, a little warmer. Lows 58 to 66. Highs 80 to 85.

## Sidewalk Sale In Decatur July 20

The six free acts which will be held in conjunction with Decatur's third annual sidewalk sale have been announced by Tom Garner, retail chairman, and Fred Kotler, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The sidewalk sale will be held Wednesday, July 20, and is expected to draw an even bigger crowd than in the previous two years. The sale always brings color and humor to the city as witnessed by the merchants and the attire they have worn in the previous sidewalk holidays.

The merchants are expected to go all out again this year and this year's festivities will probably attract more area people to Decatur than ever before.

One of the acts will be called "Running Bear." It will feature a pantomime of the record of the same name by five girls and a boy. The act will be very colorful, as it will have hundreds of dollars of authentic Indian costumes.

Andy and Bee, a pair of youthful dancers who have appeared on Club 21 and been featured on other television shows, will also be seen by Decatur people.

The Vallants, a fine instrumental group with Ron McKee as vocalist, will present a variety of music. McKee is an audience pleaser with several years of singing experience. He has a fine voice and makes a fine presentation with his excellent appearance.

Another vocalist appearing will be Sue Miller. She is a bright and attractive young vocalist with extensive professional experience. Her voice is excellent and she is always a favorite.

Two local acts will feature Jack Dailey and his combo and little Mike Stonestreet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stonestreet. Dailey graduated from Decatur high school this spring and had a fine musical background while in high school, appearing for various club and group meetings. Mike is a very talented youngster who has appeared on many area television programs and also won many amateur contests.

The acts promise to be very pleasing and Decatur merchants look for their third sidewalk sale to be the best ever.

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Campaign managers for the Democratic presidential contenders viewed the Pennsylvania and California 81-vote delegations with a hungry look today.

With the opening of the national convention only five days away, these two pivotal states have begun to look more and more like the key-keepers to the outcome of the contest for the presidential nomination.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown, favorite son candidate from California, is expected to endorse Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts by next weekend. No one yet on the convention scene pretends to know which way Gov. David L. Lawrence of Pennsylvania will go.

**Could Be Damaging**

Realists in the still confident camp of the front-running Kennedy concede the opposition from the powerful Lawrence could be damaging, but not fatal.

Rep. Charles H. Brown of Missouri, campaign manager for Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri, told a news conference Tuesday that estimates of delegate strength in Pennsylvania would be worthless until Lawrence is heard from.

In the numbers game before the convention, some wildly varying rundowns are given on how the California delegation will split after its token vote for Brown. The governor is expected to release the delegation to switch its votes at the end of the first ballot or on the second ballot.

**Sees Kennedy Swing**

One highly placed Democrat, who favors the nomination of Adlai E. Stevenson for a third time, expects the delegation to swing almost solidly to Kennedy if the Massachusetts senator approaches 700 of the needed 761 votes in the early balloting.

Otherwise, this informant gives 19 votes to Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson, 18 to Kennedy, 14 to Stevenson and 8 to Symington with the balance uncertain. Kennedy partisans in California scoffed at this breakdown and claimed 45 to 65 of the California votes for their candidate.

## Steeplejack Killed In Fall From Church

GOSHEN, Ind. (UPI) — Marion F. Davis, 43, Elkhardt steeplejack, Tuesday became the second victim in five years of a tall spire atop the Goshen Presbyterian Church.

Davis plunged to his death when the rope rigging holding him as he worked on the steeple became unfastened. A fellow steeplejack, Ernest Webster of Goshen, saw Davis fall.

Five years ago, another steeplejack was killed in a plunge from the same spire.

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## Residents Of Oak Ridge Ask City To Annex

Some of the residents of Oak Ridge place appeared at the city council meeting Tuesday night to find out what preliminary procedures must be taken for Oak Ridge to enter the city of Decatur.

Ted Hill, speaking for the people, asked the council what steps must be taken before the new addition may be taken into the city limits of Decatur. Mayor Donald F. Gage told Hill that before the people could petition the council for entrance, certain city regulations on streets and sewer mains would have to be met. Gage told the people some of the conditions, among which were the minimum 26 foot width of the street, grade line and drainage, and the proper height of the gutters. He also said that the pavement of the street would probably have to be the same as the surrounding streets. Hill then raised the question about Kemper Lane, the street adjacent to Oak Ridge, and Gage explained that it was going to be blacktopped in the near future.

Hill wanted to know if the residents would have to pay to have these conditions met or if the city would do it and assess the people. City Attorney Robert Anderson replied that either way would be permissible. Ralph Roop, city engineer, told Hill that he could check the street and see how much work would have to be done. He also gave the figures that it cost to repair a street in Decatur recently. Roop explained that the price of the other street was \$4.86 a lineal foot on each side of the street.

**Discuss Sewage**

The sewage problem was then discussed and it was agreed that the city could fix the street and take care of the sewage problem and then assess the costs to the people.

Hill asked the mayor if the city would conduct a survey for the people and find out how much work should be done and some of the approximate costs. Roop replied that he is very busy this month, but next month he would conduct the survey. He also said that it wouldn't take too long to survey it, the most time would be taken in finding the elevation of the sewers.

Hill and the other residents present agreed that whenever Roop could conduct the survey would be fine and they appreciated the interest and help the council was giving. The council agreed to go into the situation more thoroughly after the survey is made.

## Royal Canadian Air Force Marshal Killed

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (UPI)—Air Vice Marshal Keith L. B. Hodson, 44, of the Royal Canadian Air Force, was killed Tuesday when his neck caught in his parachute harness when he bailed out of a disabled T33 jet trainer.

Leonard Soliday appeared before the council and asked if anything could be done by the council about cleaning up the eyecore property in his neighborhood. Soliday said that most of the people in his neighborhood of South Fifth try to keep their lots look-

## Ike Charges K. Meddling

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower charged today that Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev is making very crude attempts to interfere in the American presidential election.

The President told a news conference, however, that he did not believe the Democrats or Republicans were going to try to take advantage of Khrushchev's intervention.

The Soviet leader's crude efforts, Eisenhower said, were designed to involve the premier and his influence if any, in American affairs.

The chief executive also told reporters he would be ready after the November election to work closely with his successor, regardless of political party, to provide for an orderly transition of government particularly in the field of foreign affairs.

Eisenhower at his first news conference in eight weeks said the degree of consultation with the new president would depend largely on the wishes of his successor. But he said he was prepared to arrange for cooperation not only on the presidential level but between members of his Cabinet and appointees of the incoming presi-

ding nice but one property is definitely a disadvantage to the people in the vicinity of the house.

Anderson explained to Soliday that the only thing the council could do would be to force the weeds to be cut, but they couldn't force repairs or cleaning up. He said that the people could take it to court, but he would write a letter to the owner and see if that won't settle the matter.

M. J. Stephens appeared before the council requesting permission to set up his powerful telescope somewhere in the city and charge admission to look at the moon. The councilmen decided that if they would grant Stephens permission there would be too many others who would want to set up such things. They told Stephens that he could set up the telescope on private property if he can receive the owner's permission, as the council has no authority over private property.

**Invest In Bonds**

A resolution was approved by the council for investing \$1,500,000 from the electric utility sale in government bonds. The bonds maturity must be less than one year. The money may be held in bonds until June of next year, at which time the money must be allocated for certain uses in the new budget.

An ordinance was passed fixing a \$2 connection charge on any delinquent water bills where the water has been shut off; and a resolution for taking the sum of \$20,000 from the light department and putting it into the sewage disposal fund.

After the bills were read, the meeting adjourned.

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**No Recession in Economy**

Eisenhower also made these other high points of news:

—He disagreed with New York's Gov. Nelson Rockefeller that the United States has declined in military, economic and psychological strength as compared with Russia.

—He rejected suggestions that the American economy was now in a recession, saying the only dark spot as he saw it was currently low steel production.

—He reiterated the friendship between the people of the United States and Cuba, saying that only the inexplicable actions of the government of Fidel Castro was causing trouble between the two nations. He expected to act later today or early Thursday on the bill empowering him to cut Cuba's share of the U.S. sugar market or freeze it out altogether.

—He saw no reason for despair because of his cancelled trips to Russia and Japan. He predicted that the new president would want to visit other countries and that his successor would not reflect the feelings of the American people unless he worked to the greatest possible extent for peace.

**An Orderly Transition**

Eisenhower's conference covered a broad range of developments that have occurred since before his trip to the Far East last month and since his last news conference on May 11.

Told that Khrushchev might make some radically new proposal on settlement of the Berlin crisis shortly after the elections, the President was asked whether he was thinking of a transitional arrangement with the new administration regarding foreign affairs.

The President said his successor would be given every facility to familiarize himself with every going policy. He said all of his associates would cooperate similarly with their opposite numbers in the new administration so they would be fully informed and so there could be an orderly transition from the policies of one administration to another.

As for recent statements by Khrushchev, the President said he didn't think any part could or should be swayed by these very crude attempts to intrude in our domestic affairs and he did not believe either party would find any advantage stemming from the Khrushchev ideas.

Khrushchev has declared he would be willing to attend a new summit conference but only after Eisenhower's successor takes office. He also has jested about the candidacy of Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

**BULLETIN**

ROME (UPI) — A series of Communist-inspired riots and demonstrations today threatened to topple the government of Premier Fernando Tambroni.

## Bargain Vacation Tour To New York

Plans were announced today by the Erie railroad and the Decatur Daily Democrat for another bargain weekend vacation tour Aug. 5 to 8.

This tour will be to New York City and Freedland, N.Y., a brand new attraction in New York, termed the "Disneyland of Eastern U.S.A."

The tour will leave Decatur on the Erie railroad at 1:34 p.m., Friday, Aug. 5. The air-conditioned diesel-powered "Lake Cities" will arrive in Hoboken station at 8:25 a.m. Saturday, and passengers will be transferred to waiting motor coaches through the Lincoln tunnel under the Hudson river to New York City, with arrival and check in at the Hotel Governor Clinton at 9:15 a.m.

The return trip will leave New York at 8:15 p.m. Sunday, and will arrive in Decatur at 1:38 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9.

Included in the tour cost will be continental breakfast on the train, both Saturday and Monday mornings, hotel accommodations, lunch on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in the Hotel coffee shop, and tips for these services.

**Cost Of Tour**

Cost of the tour is \$52.25 for each adult and \$35.25 for children, five and under 12 years of age. This cost includes train fare, the two breakfasts on the train, hotel accommodations, Saturday luncheon, and tips. The hotel accommodations include five singles, 10 double bed rooms and 10 twin bed rooms. Those desiring single room accommodations there will be required to pay \$2.50 additional.

Special added attraction on this tour is the brand new Freedom-

land USA. Located in the Pelham Bay area of the Bronx, it is devoted to outdoor family entertainment. Those on the tour will be provided with motor coach transportation from the hotel at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, a ticket for admission to the grounds and return trip to the hotel.

**Freedland**

Freedland's contour resembles the map of the United States, divided into areas corresponding with the authentic geographical locations. Entrance will be through "Little Old New York" as it was in the 1750-1850 period. Visitors will see the Chicago Fire re-enacted, San Francisco at the time of the Barbary coast, and re-living the earthquake, and then a visit to Cape Canaveral, actually flying in the "Space Ship" of the future in a six-minute voyage.

Saturday evening will be open for individual entertainment, although arrangements have been made for those who wish for informal entertainment, music, dancing and dinner at the International Theater-Restaurant, commencing at 7 p.m.

Sunday morning is open for tourists to attend churches of their choice. A three-hour guided sightseeing cruise around the Isle of Manhattan will start at 1:15 p.m. Sunday.

Reservations may be made at the Decatur Daily Democrat or at the Erie station. The usual \$10 deposit for reservation is required and the balance of the cost is to be paid not later than Aug. 1. Further information on the tour may be obtained at the Daily Democrat office.

## Opposes Indiana Tax Increase

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Governor Handley said today he is opposed to any plan to hike taxes, including a proposed surtax on gross income to pay for state aid to Indiana public schools.

"I don't feel any surtax is needed at the present time, subject to qualification when the budget is in," Handley told his first news conference since his return from the Governors' Conference in Montana.

"The increase in income taxes imposed during the first part of my term should be adequate for the next several years. If we should add a surtax for schools, then another group will come along and want a surtax for their needs. The real answer is a long look at the local tax problems."

**Estimates Big Surplus**

Handley estimated the Indiana general fund surplus will amount to about \$40 million when he goes out of office in January. He said he has not talked to state financial experts since his return but has no reason to believe the surplus will not be well above the \$20 million generally considered adequate.

Handley said he felt a solution in the local tax field is badly needed, however, and that the commission on state tax and financing policy would offer the next Legislature a long-range program.

Matthew E. Welsh, the Democratic nominee for governor, is a member of the commission.

Handley expressed regret that state property—the Indiana Fairgrounds Coliseum—was rented Monday to a group with aims he

said might be construed as an infringement on religious freedom. He referred to the Christian Patriots, a group opposing the nomination and election of Sen. John Kennedy for President.

**"Unfortunate Affair"**

"I didn't know about the meeting until I heard it on radio afterwards," Handley said. "The fair board doesn't consult with me every time it leases a building. But it was an unfortunate affair. State-owned property should not be leased until a check is made of the organization leasing it."

Handley said he had received several calls and a telegram objecting to the use of state property by the Christian Patriots.

Other points made by the governor in his conference:

—Gov. Nelson Rockefeller is not a serious candidate for president in 1960 but is looking forward to re-election as governor in 1962 and the presidency in 1968.

—A Negro should be named to the state police force but so far no qualified candidate has been found, according to Handley. He said the candidate whose rejection brought a protest from the Fair Employment Practices Commission a few days ago was turned down because he had been found to be a registered voter in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1968 and had not fulfilled Indiana residence requirements.

**Sees Balanced Budget**

—A balanced budget will be presented to the 1961 General Assembly "if I have anything to do with it and I expect to have something to do with it. The next

administration will have it easier than I did. The state was nearly broke when I came into office."

His executive secretary, Robert Hughes, who ran successfully against Handley's highway chairman John Peters for nomination for state treasurer, probably will

not quit the gubernatorial staff until after the state fair.

—Handley and his wife Barbara haven't reached a "solid decision" on which of several offers to accept when his gubernatorial term ends. "But I don't expect to be a political bum."



**GOLDFINE TO PRISON**—Millionaire industrialist Bernard Goldfine stands manacled to another prisoner, Carl Salo, left, as he departs Boston Federal Building after being sentenced to jail for contempt for 90 days.