

WAR-TORN CUBA
STRUGGLES ON
AMID BOMBINGS

Poverty Amazing, Business
Stagnant: Hundreds in
Bread Line.

This is the first of four articles on the
situation in Cuba, just beginning to re-
cover from the Machado terror and sub-
sequent revolution.

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I have just come from Cuba,
where I talked with President Carlos
Mendieta, with labor leaders, polit-
ical leaders, cabinet members, busi-
ness men and just plain people.

Cuba today is a puzzle with no
immediate solution in sight. There
is amazing poverty. There are bomb
explosions every day. There is all of
the old beauty, all the old enchantment.
There are many things that look con-
tradictory.

Imports from the United States
are increasing, but stores don't seem
to be selling much. Hotels are
empty, or nearly so. There is a
certain order and one goes about
town as usual, but—bang! there
goes a bomb. There's a certain or-
der about that, too, for mostly the
bombs are aimed at definite persons
and institutions.

I sat in the midst of a carefree
and merry crowd in a sidewalk cafe
that stretches for two hilarious
blocks opposite the front entrance
of the new capitol, built by Mr.
Machado. It was after midnight.
An explosion was heard. Nobody
paid the slightest attention. Next
day the newspapers described the
effect—damage to the main post-
office. So it goes—and so it will
go, probably for a long time. "Every-
body knows how to make bombs
now," one Cuban told me. Years of
training in the guerrilla warfare
against Mr. Machado developed a
great many youths who have formed
the habit, what with their years out
of school and no jobs to draw them
into orderly life. Bombs are set-
ting old scores against Macha-
distas today. Tomorrow they may
settle other and newer scores.

Tyranny Under Machado

But let us get just a bit of per-
spective. Gerardo Machado was
elected president in 1925. He was
popular then. Within two years he
had so concentrated a program of
oppression that few humans have
been more hated. In February, 1927,
I went to Cuba to see what might
be the truth regarding reports of
oppression, graft, assassination and
imprisonment that had been com-
ing to the Pan-American Federa-
tion of Labor.

I wrote for this newspaper the re-
sults of that investigation. I had
found more than 200 labor leaders
killed, sixty of them in one horrible
burst of extermination. I found an
absolute tyranny, linked with Wall
Street. I found an American am-
bassador, General Crowder, blind to
the whole festering evil. I found
men afraid to speak in the open, but
able to tell a shocking story of ter-
ror in secret to properly identified
friends. The coming revolution was
in the making, as certain as the
singing of the stars.

Today I am not sure whether an-
other can be avoided. There has
been a succession of presidents, of
whom only two really count, these,
of course, being Ramon Grau San
Martin and Colonel Carlos Men-
dieta, both exceptional men about
whom the whole truth probably has
not been reported to President
Roosevelt. There is a vast suspicion
in Cuba that the American Presi-
dent gets top-sided reports about
that country and its affairs.

Mendieta, Honest, Patriotic

Mr. Grau, as Cubans know the
first of these two, is in Mexico City.
An affectionate throng watched him
sail away. He was no politician. He
refused to take much of the advice
of Sumner Welles. He wanted to
force wage increases and do many
things for the Cuban masses and he
wanted to do them in a hurry. Out
in the Havana harbor great gray
cruisers swung at anchor—inter-
vening. Mr. Grau went away and
then came Mr. Mendieta, a fine and
honest character to whom Cuba
owes much for his downright affec-
tion for his country.

But a word about those gray war-
ships. The United States has not
landed an armed man. But if any
one thinks there has been no inter-
vention, let him stand at the Ha-
vana waterfront and watch those
great warships flying the stars and
stripes. The feeling that those great
guns could turn Havana into dust
between dawn and sunset strikes in
with the impact of a blow. Then
imagine the feelings of a Cuban.
Somehow it is very interesting to
look first at one of those fine big
ships and then at old Moro, with
Cabaner, just beyond, where so
many went to a Machado-dictated
doom. Let Mr. Welles have his little
joke, but they don't believe it in
Cuba.

Face Discouraging Task

Not all Cubans oppose inter-
vention, of course. Some think it
would be their shortest route to recovery
and they think an open intervention

Ruptured Men Get
\$3.50 Truss Free

Pay No Money—Now or Ever,
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Kansas City, Mo.—A newer rupture
method developed by a doctor is so
successful he offers to give every rup-
tured man or woman who tries it, a
\$2.50 truss free. It does away with
leg straps, elastic belts, binding springs
and harsh pads. After using it, many
have reported their ruptures better.
Often in a very short time. Others
say they no longer need any support.
The doctor offers to send his method
on 30 days' trial and will send the
\$2.50 truss free with it. If the method
does not help your rupture return it,
and keep the \$2.50 truss for your trouble.
If you are ruptured just write
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St., Kansas City, Mo., for his trial offer.
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FROM INDIGESTION
GASTRITIS
SOUR STOMACH
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ON SALE AT ALL
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SINGER ON PROGRAM



Irene Cook, singer, will enter-
tain members of Sigma Delta Chi
national journalistic fraternity, at
the annual founder's day dinner
in the Lincoln room at the Lin-
coln hotel tonight. Miss Cook has
just returned from Long Beach
and Santa Monica, Cal., where
she sang with William Ulrich's
operatic group. Miss Cook also
was a featured artist at the Sil-
ver Slipper Club in Miami, Fla.
Entertainment for the dinner is
being provided by the Burton
theatrical offices.

would be at least no worse than a
cover variety.

But whatever has brought it
about, there it is—the change from
Machado has come and already
there have been many turns of the
wheel. Some real progress has
been made, but the task remaining
is enough to discourage all but the
hardy and enough to cause the
United States to want to do it best.
Some 300 children—not youths,
but children—have been gathered
from the streets and housed in a
camp where they are fed and
lodged and where they are being
saved from hooliganism. There are
still plenty of them roaming the
streets, begging and doing really
clever sleight of hand tricks for
pennies, but a great deal of sav-
ing has been done. That was never
thought of in the old days. Hun-
dreds of unemployed adults are be-
ing fed, but no government can
ever feed them all and stay solvent.
Cuba needs "a break," as we
shall see.

SPECIAL COURT WILL
HEAR 50 TAX CASES

U. S. Official to Rule on
\$1,000,000 Involved.

More than fifty cases, involving
approximately \$1,000,000, will
be heard in a special federal court by
J. Edgar Murdock, member of the
United States board of tax appeals,
in the next two weeks.

One of the cases grew out of the
closing of the Fletcher American
National bank. It involves the R. H.
Syfers Realty Company, the Severin
Realty Company, the Warner Ave-
nue Realty Company and the
American Foundry Company.

The dispute involves the question
as to who owes the taxes, following
the closing of the bank.

Complications involving the closed
Meyer-Kiser bank and affiliated
companies have arisen in another
appeals case to be heard.

Arthur H. Fast, special attorney
for the internal revenue bureau,
has charge of the government's de-
fense in the cases.

G. O. P. GROUP URGES
REORGANIZATION REPEAL

Candidates for State Representative
Address Meeting.

Repeal of the 1933 state reorgani-
zation law was urged by the unified
group of eleven Republican candi-
dates for state representatives from
Marion county at a political meet-
ing held at 1206 South State ave-
nue last night.

Members of the group are Laur-
ence L. Henderson, T. E. Barker,
Kevin D. Brosnan, Ralph S. Whit-
taker, Duane J. Bellinger, Miss
Adele Storck, Robert L. Brocken-
burr, Dr. M. F. Poland, Albert J.
Beveridge Jr., Foreman D. McCurdy
and Ralph M. Lett.

LOQUACIOUS BANDIT
ROBS FILLING STATION

Holdup Man Talks of Business, Nabs
\$28 in Cash.

A loquacious bandit who discussed
business conditions with his vic-
tim prior to a holdup yesterday es-
caped, together with a woman com-
panion, with \$28 in cash and a \$35
check.

James B. Myers, 36, of 119 North
Denny street, filling station attend-
ant at 3802 East New York street,
was the victim.

I. U. DENTISTS NAME
BANQUET COMMITTEE

Group Will Participate in Founders'
Day Observance May 2.

Dr. Gerald D. Timmons, secretary
of the I. U. Dental School faculty,
will be chairman of the dentist's
committee for the annual Indiana
University Founders' day banquet
May 2 in the Columbia Club.

Other members will be Drs. J. B.
Carr, Harry D. Leer, Ert J. Rogers,
W. A. Kemper, Frank C. Hughes and
G. T. Gregory.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen
belong to:
Ed Ditzel, 538 South New Jersey street,
Ford coach, from 18 West Ohio street.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police
belong to:
George Shook, 741 Sanders street, Cher-
ry, Ford coupe, found on English avenue in
front of Boys Club, stripped of one tire,
headlight, lens and oil. Engine broken.
R. V. Shelly, 1032 College avenue, Ford
Ford found in Marion.
Roy Clidant, 1317 Oak street, Buick
sedan found in rear of 514 East Morris
street.

\$8,000,000 Contracts Let

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 17.—Two
contracts totaling more than
\$8,000,000 for construction work on
the Ft. Peck (Mont.) dam project
were awarded by the war depart-
ment today.

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It's Time to Give Your House a Spring Look!

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Seamless 9x12 or 8.3x10.6 Sizes
—Priced to SAVE YOU MONEY!

\$1 DOWN
Delivers Any
Room-Size Rug
Up to \$39.50

\$23.95

Spruce up your home for spring! That's the idea most home owners have in their minds now. This sale of magnificent seamless and perfect quality axminster and velvet rugs is presented just for this reason. Your choice of many desirable patterns and colorings that will harmonize beautifully with your furniture and decoration scheme. Many of the rugs have the Laytex skid proof back. Colors in red, rust, taupe, gray, rose and very heavy mottled effects.

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"The Mercury"

Wool-Face Rugs
Masland, Processed

9x12 Size \$16.95

The Mercury is a new member of our large and beautiful rug family. It was selected after much consideration because it offered a great value for your money. Every rug is perfect and is guaranteed to give satisfaction and stand unusual hard wear. Choice of 5 patterns in red, taupe, and rust.

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9x12 or 8.3x10.6
All-Hair Rug Pad

These All-Hair Rug Pads will add years of service to your rugs and help keep your rug looking beautiful and new. This is made of hair with a burlap back.

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9x12 Seamless
"Dictator" Rugs

\$12.95

An American oriental type rug in rust, red and taupe colors. Are low in cost, construction. They are durable and have guaranteed fast colors. The patterns are very attractive also. Just 15 rugs left.

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American Oriental Type
Seamless Rugs

9x12 Size—Perfect Quality!

\$25.95

We are proud to present this spring selection of new rugs from one of the greatest American manufacturers. They're made of lively wool which insures many years of active service. The patterns and colors are a perfect match for your home. In reds, rusts, taupe, golds and gray combinations.

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April SALE of Curtains

A Value Impossible to Duplicate When These Are Gone!

79c PAIR

Priscilla Curtains
33 Inches Wide—2 1/4 Yards Long

Tailored Curtains
35 Inches Wide by 2 1/4 Yards Long

Colored Figured Marquisette
Plain French Marquisette
Plain Ecru Shadow Net

Fish Net
French Marquisette
Studio Net

Crisp New Cottage Sets

Looking out or looking in these beautiful curtains will give your windows a brand new lease on life for spring and summer. These are crisp, fresh, clean looking curtains that will beautify every last one of your windows. We accumulated these curtains when prices were low . . . and now we offer them to you in an exciting sale just when spring housecleaning is uppermost in your mind . . . and you want to brighten up the home with nice clean looking curtains.

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1 Pint of Burdsal's
"Lak-R-Like" Enamel

and a 2-Inch Enamel Brush

BOTH for 65c

Spread it on the surface, it levels itself and will dry in 4 hours. Choice of any color that you might wish.

Burdsal's Woodruff Paint \$2.60 Gal.
Burdsal's Encaustic Floor Enamel \$1.60 1/2 Gal.
Burdsal's Encaustic Floor Enamel Qt. 90c
Burdsal's Lustre-Low Wall Paint \$3.00 Gal.
Burdsal's Lustre-Low Wall Paint \$1.90 1/2 Gal.
Burdsal's Lustre-Low Wall Paint 90c Qt.
All-in-One Varnish Pt. 40c
All-in-One Varnish Qt. 75c
All-in-One Varnish Gal. \$2.65
Burdsal's Floor Wax 1-Lb. Can. 50c
Orange Shellac Pt. 50c

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"SEW and SAVE" SALE!

Sheer Wash Goods

Remnants—1/2 to 5 Yards Long!

Now's the time for all good housewives to come to the aid of the family budget by making a complete new spring and summer washable wardrobe. This sheer wash goods material comes in useable lengths from 1/2 to 5 yards . . . all made to sell for at least 2 to 4 times this price. Ideal lengths and fabrics for children's wash dresses, trimmings, blouses, etc. Remnants, seconds and misprints!

White Organdy
Colored Organdy
Printed Organdy
80-Sq. Percalé

Plain Voiles
Printed Dimity
Printed Voiles
Printed Batiste

10 YARD

Printed Seersucker and Pique

For \$1 you can buy a dress length of fine white seersucker or pique, the two darlings of the Cotton World. They're all brand new for spring, stripes, checks, plaids in all the summery colors that will be the sensation of the season.

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3 Yards \$1

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