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WORLD NEWS

Search On

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The Coast Guard resumed search by helicopter today for three New Orleans teenagers missing since Wednesday when they went on a hunting trip at Shell Beach. The missing boys rented a skiff from a Shell Beach fishing camp at 5 a.m. Wednesday and have not been heard from since.

Sugar Falls

NEW YORK (AP)—World sugar futures dropped sharply today in heavy trading following the collapse of the Batista government in Cuba.

Reserves Dip

LONDON (AP)—Britain's gold and dollar reserves dipped steeply by 145 million dollars in December—the first fall in 15 months.

How's Business?

WASHINGTON (AP)—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Help On Way

HONOLULU (AP)—The Navy search and rescue center reported early today help is on the way for storm-tossed crewmen of the sunken Japanese fishing vessel Seifuku Maru 135 miles northwest of Midway.

Safe Return

LONDON (AP)—A British Overseas Airways Corp. Britannia landed safely on three engines at London airport today after turning back about 1,000 miles over the Atlantic. The plane, bound for New York and San Francisco, developed trouble in one propeller control.

Road Deaths Rate Raised By Weather

Traffic	131
Fires	23
Miscellaneous	41
Total	221

By ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Traffic deaths across the country over the four-day New Year holiday were occurring today at a rate which could exceed the record for a similar New Year's weekend.

More than 40 hours after the start of the 102-hour holiday period the death rate from highway accidents was slightly more than four an hour. If the pace continues throughout the period, the record of 409 deaths from the four-day New Year's week end of 1956-57 would be topped.

Traffic deaths last year, estimated at 37,000 by the council, averaged about 101 a day. But the slaughter on the highways since the start of the New Year holiday count at 6 p.m. Wednesday topped the daily traffic toll in 1958. The count continues until midnight Sunday.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy this afternoon becoming colder tonight. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with a chance of rain by night.

High yesterday	39
High expected tomorrow	45
Low this morning	37
Low expected tomorrow	34

Sunrise 7:32 a.m.; sunset 5:52 p.m.

WEATHER TOLL

"The weather is bad and the toll is bad," the council said. The toll is proceeding at an alarming rate. We appeal to every driver to realize that he must not let speed down and be doubly careful."

The council urged motorists in the storm area to drive with extra caution and "hold speed down to emergency conditions."

A council spokesman said if the rate of deaths reported yesterday continued, fatal fatalities for the holiday period will exceed that of the one-day New Year's celebration last year, 109 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents. That was the highest toll on record for a one-day observance of the New Year holiday.

In comparison with last week's Christmas holiday period, the traffic toll was much lower. State experts say the New Year toll always has been lower than in the Christmas period, mainly because there is less long-distance travel.

The final toll in the long Christmas weekend was 394 traffic deaths, 93 killed in fires and 97 killed in miscellaneous type accidents.

Partisans In Control

CASTRO MEN ENTER HAVANA

Woman Receives Suspended Term For Death Plot

An attractive, 22-year-old Greensboro welfare worker received a 12-month suspended sentence today for trying to hire a Charlotte detective to kill the wife of the man she loved.

Miss Barbara Ann Massey pleaded guilty to soliciting to commit a felony, which is a misdemeanor.

Detective Richard S. Ruth told a crowded County Recorder's Courtroom that Miss Massey on Nov. 15 told him she wanted a man to observe her in a rooming house. She wanted the man to observe her when the bridegroom attempted to blow the plane apart. The attempt failed and the bridegroom leaped into the sea a suicide.

To his inquiry as to why she wanted the woman killed, Ruth said Miss Massey told him, "For your information, I love you."

The 12-month sentence was suspended by Judge Protem Howard B. Arbschke upon the condition that she:

1. Pay court costs.
2. Remain law-abiding for three years.
3. Keep the sheriff of Guilford County informed as to her whereabouts.
4. Report monthly for one year to the probation officer of Guilford County and permit that officer to visit her home.
5. Remain under the care of a doctor for two years.
6. Observe a 10 p.m. curfew for one year.

Airplane Blast Attempt Fails; Plotter Jumps

TOKYO (AP)—Thirty passengers and crew of an airliner had a narrow escape from death today when the bridegroom attempted to blow the plane apart. The attempt failed and the bridegroom leaped into the sea a suicide.

A spokesman for the All-Japan Airways said a confectionery wholesaler, Akira Emoto, 31, tried to blow up himself and the plane by detonating 25 sticks of dynamite in the lavatory.

He said Emoto failed and opened the plane's door and jumped to his death in the inland sea in southern Japan.

The spokesman said the dynamite was found at the scene in the lavatory and two more sticks in Emoto's baggage.

He said:

"It was a sheer miracle the dynamite failed to go off."

The plane, en route to Osaka from Mr. Emoto's home, was about 2,500 feet when Emoto jumped into the sea.

He and his bride of 19 were training to visit the relatives. Police and government aviation bureau officials were unable to discover any motive for the suicide.

Mrs. Chieko Emoto was unable to give any coherent account of her husband's action.

The couple boarded the DC3 at Oita on Kyushu Island. It carried 27 passengers and a crew of three.

The Maritime Safety Board is searching the area where Emoto fell but no sign of the body has been reported.

Evening Prayer

Father, today we ask Thee to give us victory over each thing that disturbs us or hinders us in our service for Thee. Teach us to be satisfied with the strength of the present and leave the future with Thee. In the Saviour's name. Amen.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

She Set A Better Mousetrap

(From AP Reports)
For several nights Mrs. W. B. Fokes of Montezuma, Ga., had been awakened by what she thought was a mouse scurrying about. So the other night she set a mouse trap and went to bed.

She was awakened by pandemonium in the bedroom caused by her, said some animal leaping from floor to bed to dresser, carrying the trap with him.

She fled the room, slammed the door and spent the rest of the night in another room. In the morning she opened the door and peered inside.

Caught in the trap was a flying squirrel.



Barbara Massey Confers With Her Attorney, Welch Jordan Of Tom Franklin-Hunter (News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Hunter)

U.S. Newsmen Under Arrest As Rebels Raid AP Office

By BOB CLARK
HAVANA (AP)—Armed Cuban rebels fired today on the Havana Post building and arrested three Associated Press staffers covering the city's post-riot convulsion.

They herded out of the building at gunpoint were George Kaufman, chief of the Havana AP bureau, a Cuban national; Larry Allen, AP correspondent; and the Cuban reporter, who was covering the Cuban revolution and Har-Old Valentine, AP photographer from Miami.

The rebels for some reason allowed me to remain in the office, which I reached after a trip from Miami just as the Cubans were ordering the three men downstairs.

OFF TO JAIL

Allen said the rebels told the group only that they were taking them to jail for questioning. All three men appeared haggard and shaken from the effects of rifle fire which pockmarked the building and shattered glass only a few minutes before a 26th of July squad invaded the AP offices on the Post building's second floor.

I arrived at 10:30 a.m. (EST) after a relatively tranquil ride through Cuban countryside from Jose Marti Airport where a charter plane brought me, Ben Silliver of WOL, Miami TV station, and Edward Cory of Wall Street Journal Bureau at Jacksonville, Fla.

Silver and Cory left me at the Post Building and planned to seek lodgings at the Sevilla Biltmore Hotel. We already had been turned away by the Hotel Nacional, which said it could not take care of us.

Guests at the Nacional said they were eating only sandwiches which were brought to their rooms. There was no table service.

Much of Havana appeared in a holiday mood, with crowds joyriding in automobiles that flew the Cuban flag, and many Havana residents inered on curbsides watching for excitement which still flared up at points in downtown Havana.

U. S. Losses

Government Takes Sugar, Utilities

HAVANA (AP)—Rebel leader Fidel Castro's last announced demand calls for the nationalization of American utilities and sugar estates in Cuba.

The bearded guerrilla chieftain published his program in 1953, while in exile in Mexico. It called for:

1. Nationalization of U.S. financed and operated utilities in Cuba and division of American-owned sugar estates among Cuban peasants.
2. Confiscation of all properties acquired through "corrupt government."
3. Distribution of 30 per cent of all industrial and utility enterprises to Cuban workers.
4. A public housing and rural electrification program.
5. Liberation of Cuba "from the imperialist interests of half a dozen businessmen."

Interim President And Capital Chosen

HAVANA (AP)—Advance spearheads of Fidel Castro's revolutionary forces entered the city of Havana today.

Trucksloads of bearded guerrilla fighters rolled into the city over the main control highway from the eastern provinces of Matanzas and Las Villas and sped toward the former military headquarters of deposed President Batista at Camp Columbia.

As the Castro forces advanced, Cuba's 6,200,000 war-weary people had two provisional presidents. Neither occupied the chair vacated by dictator Fulgencio Batista, who fled in the darkness of the New Year morning yesterday.

The streets of Havana were tense and alive with excitement. The triumphant Castro partisans, who had seemed to emerge armed from nowhere yesterday to take over control of the capital, kept a tight lid on the situation to prevent pent-up public emotion from creating a chaotic situation.

Youthful, bearded Castro early today proclaimed ex-adjutant Manuel Urrutia de Oriente Province provisional president of the republic with his temporary government in Castro's native Santiago de Cuba. Castro apparently intended momentarily to move the government to Havana.

In this capital sits the last vestige of a shell of government named by the junta which Batista left behind when he fled the country early New Year's Day. But the government had no control over either the army or the police who now get their orders from rebel leaders installed at Camp Columbia in Havana suburb.

Batista Aides, Family Flee From Havana

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Cuban revolution has sent hundreds of supporters of Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista scurrying for cover in the United States and the Dominican Republic.

Planes, including the fallen president's private craft, a yacht, an auto ferry and even a converted PT boat carried the refugees from the war-torn Caribbean island. Batista fled to exile in the Dominican Republic, leaving Cuba to the rebel forces of Fidel Castro.

A Cubana Airlines plane brought 92 persons from Havana to New York's Idlewild airport. The pilot said he took off at gunpoint. "I wasn't a good friend of Batista, and I didn't want to help Batista's men out of the country," the pilot Capt. Miguel Ruiz Cabrera said.

Police forced back a horde of angry, shouting Castro sympathizers who tried to get at the Cuban crew members of the airliner.

Refugee-laden planes from Havana also landed at New Orleans, Miami, Jacksonville, Key West, Daytona Beach, and West Palm Beach, Fla.

CONVERGE ON AIRPORT

At Linden, N. J., scores of Cubans sympathetic to Castro, converged on the airport after a radio report that the ousted chief of the Cuban security police would land. The plane they awaited did not appear.

Batista's brother, Francisco, arrived at the Palm Beach airport where a group of refugees touched down in a Cubana Airlines plane.

Two of Batista's children, Fulgencio, 6, and Marta Marie, 4, landed at New Orleans with 52 others who landed at New Orleans.

Three Batista children, Ruben, 25, Elisa, 17, and Mirta, arrived at Jacksonville in a plane that also carried 54 refugees.

Two others of Batista's eight children, Roberto, 11, and Carlos E., were sent to New York Tuesday.

LONG, HARD ROAD

Castro said the road to Santiago, occupied yesterday after the defending garrison surrendered, had been a long and hard one. He called Santiago "the strongest fortress of the revolution" and said its triumph was being crowned by making it the provisional capital for some 12 hours until he and Urrutia go to Havana.

Castro's supporters, controlled by the government and every radio broadcast referred to Urrutia as "provisional President of Cuba."

Former President Carlos Prío

Spotlite Series Tells Facts About Contests

During 1958 more than 25 million jingle-happy, slogan-conscious Americans entered 600 different contests. Winners were awarded a total booty worth more than \$40 million.

The series is "on the level!" How can the judges honestly and fairly read all the entries? Does an amateur stand as much chance as an avowed "pro"?

The answers to these questions and more will be found in the special Charlotte News Spotlight Series which comes to readers of The Charlotte News as a New Year "bonus."

"Contests — The Winner Wonderland" is the name of the five-part series which begins Monday. The series is written by Alfred C. Roller, a feature writer for the New York World-Telegram and Sun.

The series is the fourth in a new Charlotte News Spotlight Series which has included "Stars Over Bethlehem," "The Truth About Eddie and 'Public'" and "The Wars of Frank Sinatra."

RETURNED IN 1956
He returned to Cuba in December 1956 in a leaky Mexican yacht with 81 armed followers, landing on the coast of Oriente.

He struck when and where he could, disrupting communications, burning fields of sugar cane, ambushing small army units, kidnapping, sabotaging transportation and carrying on a propaganda war.

Despite defeat after defeat, Castro kept up the fight. Many times the government announced extermination of the rebels was imminent.

But the size of his ragged army continued to grow. Arms and equipment reached him from sympathizers in the United States and other countries.

Castro's movement continued to gain momentum in spite of repeated losses and the opposition of government-dominated labor unions.

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