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Castro regime following familiar pattern

The onetime liberator of Cuba, Prime Minister Fidel Castro, has revealed himself in his true colors, a carbon copy of most of the world's dictators, wielding death-dealing power by the firing squad to the detriment of the people. Castro was hailed by most of the world when his rebels rid his country of the loathsome Batista. There was hope that the lot of the Cuban people would improve under the regime of the bearded young liberator, but he soon found that he was incapable of permitting democratic government in his island stronghold.

So the old pattern was followed. The freedoms of the Cubans were defiled, just as they are everywhere when individuals become infatuated with the sense of their own importance.

Freedom of the press was removed from the people first, then freedom of assembly, freedom of expression and now, earlier this week, with the acclaiming of Cuba as a "socialist state" the freedom of religion and the freedom to elect their own government were the latest human rights to be assailed.

"We don't need elections," Castro told his screaming massed supporters in a scene reminiscent of Hitler's day. The priests are the "exploiters who came in the name of God," Castro said as he announced that church schools will be nationalized under his socialist regime.

It doesn't matter whether the label is Fascist, Socialist or Communist, the pattern is identical, the aims similar and the result the same. Cuba now joins Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania. Spain, Russia, Communist China as places where the people have lost their individual freedoms in a sacrifice to totalitarian hierarchies. The time may come when Batista will look good to the Cubans or they may even long for the days before the United States freed the island from the yoke of Spain.

Check home on Child Safety Day

Because 6,207 children under 15 years of age spent a total of 39,649 days in British Columbia hospitals and 127 under the age of 10 died in one year, as a result of "accidents," the B.C. Safety Council is once again focusing attention on this tragic problem.

Sunday, May 7, the day after tomorrow, has been chosen for Child Safety Day. This should be the one day in the week when families are together and have time to check homes, habits and responsibilities to ensure constant safety for children who must depend on adults for protection, safety training and a good example.

Accidents in homes account for 25 per cent of all accidents in B.C. hospitals with a great number of these involving children under 15.

Among some of the things which can be done to make the home safer are the following:

- Removal to a safe place or locking up of all medicines and pills.
- Storage away from children of cleaning preparations, detergents, drain cleaners, ammonia, garden insecticides and sprays.
- Keeping children away from power lawn mowers, out of range of objects thrown by swiftly turning blades.
- Keep children in sight when moving a motor vehicle in or out of your garage or driveway or when one is backing or turning in your driveway.
- Mats and other tripping or slipping hazards should be made safe.
- Plastic bags and thin plastic coverings should be safely disposed of after use.
- Electrical appliances and lamps should be checked regularly for frayed cords or other "shorts."

Remember children depend entirely on adults for their safety. It is our responsibility that they are protected from harm when they are small and, as they grow up, receive the proper training which will give them the ability to cope with the normal hazards of every-day living.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Kennedy losing prestige over Cuban venture

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

A political storm that swept out of the shattered Cuban invasion attempt is battering President Kennedy with the most prolonged and bitter criticism of his career.

Even to his most ardent supporters the youthful Democrat is beginning to show elements of a fallen hero.

Newspaper columnists who showered him with praise and affection during his hectic presidential election campaign now are demanding to know what went on in the president's mind before he approved the ill-fated venture.

"The record is growing", says columnist Doris Fleeson in the Washington Star. "How the president came to make his faulty judgment cannot long be secret."

"President Kennedy is in grave trouble", adds columnist Walter Lippman.

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Democrats in Congress add their lament. Senator J. William Fulbright, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, says the whole operation was a blunder in which the White House must share blame with state and defence departments.

He quoted State Secretary Dean Rusk as saying the United States suffered a disaster in Cuba and that there still may be trouble ahead in Laos.

Rusk, who appeared before the committee in two confidential sessions, was quoted also as saying the U.S. suffered reverses at the hands of the Communists in Laos where an informal cease-fire has been declared.

Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat and head of a subcommittee on Latin America, demanded Kennedy make clear he will not allow those who advocate preventive war to create an international incident that could lead to a nuclear holocaust. He said this is a time for a Western Hemisphere summit conference to unite the countries in well-considered action.

Senator George Aiken, Vermont Republican, suggested in an interview that Canada urgently consider becoming a member of the 21-country Organization of American States.

"The Latin countries would like to have Canada's co-operation," said Aiken, a member of the Senate subcommittee on Latin America and head of the American side of the Canada-U.S. interparliamentary group. He said that if Canada joined, she would have a steadying influence on the Latin situation."

Lippman absolves Ambassador Adlai Stevenson and Undersecretary of State Chester Bowles from having any hand in the U.S. decision to support the Cuban rebels. Many reports indicate Bowles was bypassed in decision-making and that Stevenson was not informed until the operation was under way.

Fulbright was told in advance but is reported to have pleaded with Kennedy not to back the venture which had its roots in the previous administration.

Voters' league suggested

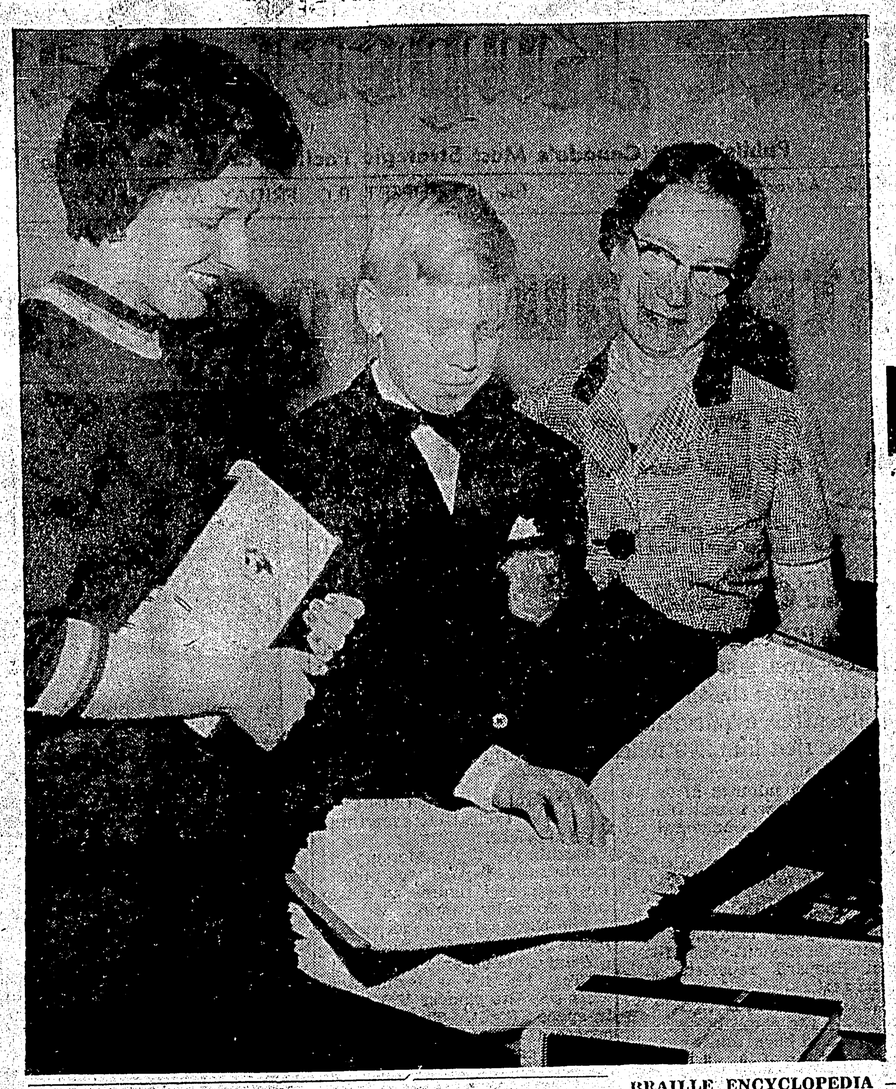
Is it perhaps time the League of Women Voters dropped the word "Women" from its title, and became simply the League of Voters?

Many groups today attempt to arouse public awareness of public issues. Probably the prototype has been established by the A.F.L.-C.I.O., whose techniques have been copied in large measure by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. We have Republican workshops and Democratic action groups. We have political committees of farmers, doctors, lawyers.

But all these operate on a bias. They are essentially concerned with selling their own political philosophies.

The League of Women Voters also had a bias at birth, the stimulation of political activity among women. Today, the woman vote is a myth, unsupported by election returns. Today, the League's program is of concern to both men and women.

Why, then, continue to practice segregation of the sexes in political affairs? Why not a League of Voters, nonpartisan, objective, functioning to examine the issues and to develop our democracy, organize without regard to sex, party, economic status, or previous condition of servitude? — Burlingotn (Iowa) Hawk-Eye



BRAILLE ENCYCLOPEDIA — Edward Joslin, 12-year-old blind Montreal boy, reads a braille version of an encyclopedia presented to the Montreal School for the Blind. The first 20 volumes of a 145-volume set were presented to Ethel Scott (right), principal of the school, by Shirley Schmitz (left), Quebec division manager of the encyclopedia's publishers, World Book Encyclopedia of Chicago. — CP Photo

James K. Nesbitt Aboard

ABOARD S.S. ORCADES, bound for Japan, India, the Mediterranean and London—Joe Martin is a broth of a young man from Dublin. He's in charge of the poolside taproom in this 28,000-ton vessel of P & O—Orient Lines, which links the Pacific coasts of Canada and the U.S. with a great part of the world.

Like all true Irishmen, Joe Martin is a sentimentalist, a romantic, with the lilt of the peat bog in his voice, the wheedle of the Blarney stone on his tongue.

He loves Ireland with a passionate love; not for him the sidewalks of New York or the subway of Toronto, nor yet the excitement of Los Angeles or the sophistication of San Francisco or Vancouver.

Mind you, Joe Martin likes to visit such places and have himself a time, and then he's glad to get home to the Liffey in Dublin and go to the famous Abbey Theatre, and perhaps enjoy a nip from an Irish jug and tell the folk at home all the wonders of the outside world.

Sometime back, Orcades had a passenger, an Australian named Danny, a smallish man, with a biggish personality, an extrovert, the life of the party type. Danny had just lost, by death, a long-time pal, a pal from the mines of Australia. Danny was pushing 60 when he wandered the world in Orcades, spending his money, for, with his pal gone, there was no one to leave it to.

Usually he could be found on a stool in Orcades' poolside bar ,spinning his yarns, talking of his dead pal, philosophising on the shortness of life, playing his guitar, and being ministered to by young Joe Martin.

Danny wasn't too well, but he was filled with life, and he loved people, and they loved him. He was a whole stage show wrapped up into one.

The night before he was to finally disembark from Orcades in Australia, Joe Martin arranged a party—with a big surprise for Danny.

Joe Martin had been to the ship's machine shop, and there they made a brass plaque: "Wee Danny's stool," and they screwed it to the stool on which Danny had for so long perched at sea.

In the midst of the party Danny was shown the stool, and the tears filled his eyes, and there was tears in the Irish blue eyes of Joe Martin, too.

The stool is still in Joe Martin's Orcades' poolside bar and everyone who travels in Orcades is told about it, and they must sit upon it, and tears fill their eyes, too, a bit, as Joe Martin tells the story as only an Irishman can.

Where is Danny now?

"Don't know," says Joe Martin. It's a year ago, or more—and he wasn't well. But it'll always be "Wee Danny's stool," and to sit on it, sir, is a privilege; perhaps, as Danny used to say "If it's got to be a short life, may as well make it a merry one."

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

It was a high school student on the phone.

"I quit taking French because of the teacher's attitude," he announced. "The second year of French that I took, we spent a lot of time studying a street map of Paris. The teacher told us nothing about French Canada.

"When she did mention Quebec, she said the French they spoke there was just a kind of slang. We were going to learn the French they spoke in Paris.

"I didn't like that," the student said. "I was learning French because it was Canada's second language. Otherwise I might have been taking German or anything else. I didn't want to spend my time studying the geography of Paris. So I quit."

"Well," I said, "I don't pretend to much knowledge on this subject, but as far as I can make out, people who learn to speak French in the Parisian way can get along quite well in Montreal or Quebec City. They're not regarded as odd because they speak with a Parisian accent."

"I guess not," the student said.

"I can't see anything wrong with learning the kind of French they speak in France," I said. "But it sounds like a poor idea to disparage or ignore our own French-speaking section.

"I don't see why they shouldn't teach students about France and about the province of Quebec — both of them," I ventured.

The student on the telephone said that would probably be a good idea. But he didn't sound convinced.

Bosses' screen

The secretary has wisely seized control of the telephone in addition to the writing machine, following the strategy dear to the hearts of Old Bolcheviks. She makes two or three calls for every one of the boss's. She screens all his incoming calls, allowing him to receive only those she deems suitable. — Bruce Bliven, in "The Wonderful Writing Machine."

With the classics

Under the wide and starry sky
Dig the grave and let me lie.
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.

This be the verse you grave for me:
Here he lies where he longed to be;
Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
And the hunter home from the hill.
—Robert Louis Stevenson.

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The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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A moralistic old friend of mine was helping me do some smoking and rocking in rocking chairs on the front verandah when the newsboy came by, throwing the folded papers up on the neighborhood porches. He was a small boy, brindle headed and burdened by his load of papers. He looked as if he would have preferred to be doing something else.

On arriving in front of the house opposite, he gave the paper a heave and it landed badly, striking the top step and falling two steps down. The boy stood and watched. We could see that he was in doubt whether to go and pick the paper up and place it properly on the porch. He gave the matter some thought, glanced around to see if there were any witnesses whose presence might encourage him. Then he seemed to say, to heck with it, and he proceeded to the next house, where he made a better shot.

"I can foretell for you," said my old moralistic friend," the whole life of that young man. I can tell you what kind of a man he's going to be in 20, 30 years. I could write the scenario of his whole life from that one little incident."

Maybe he could. But I thought how desperate life would be for us all if we were to be judged on the basis of any one of our many mistakes.

Quote and unquote

James P. Warburg, vice-chairman, Bank of Manhattan:

"Industrial leadership appears to have forgotten the magic formula put into practice by the first Henry Ford—that the way to make money is to make more and better goods for more people at lower prices, rather than to squeeze the maximum margin of profit out of each unit sale."

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CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

BUSINESS TAX ASSESSMENT

COURT OF REVISION 1961

TAKE NOTICE that the first sitting of the Business Tax Assessment Court of Revision will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall on the 17th Day of May, 1961 at 2:30 p.m., relative to appeals that are set out pursuant to Section 427, Chap. 42 of the Province of British Columbia Municipal Act.

Dated at Prince Rupert, B.C.
May 2nd, 1961

H. M. ALDERDICE,
City Assessor

ARCHITECT'S Sketchbook

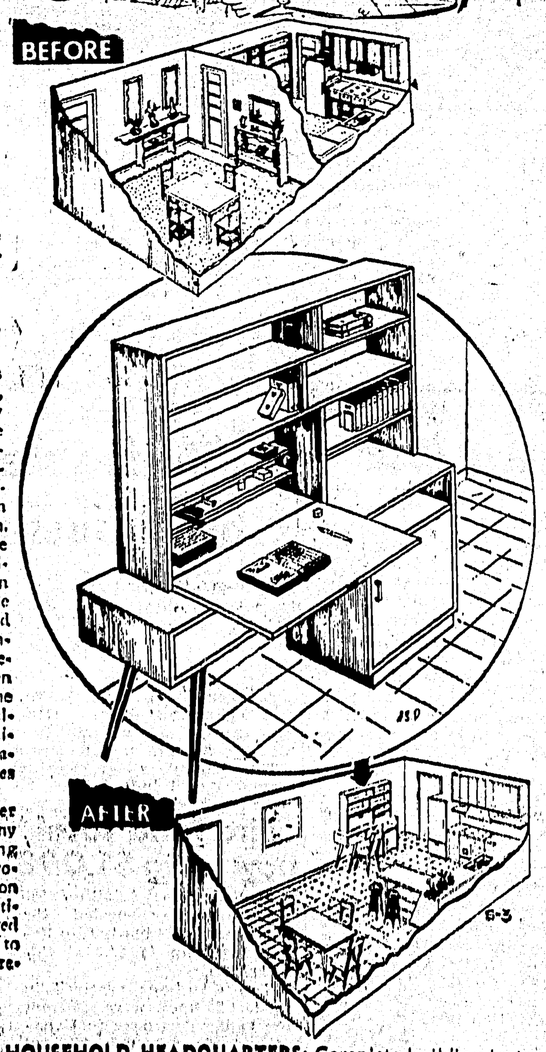
HOMEOWNER'S PROBLEM: We have an old house with an impossible kitchen. The rest of the house is big and comfortable, but both kitchen and adjoining dining room are old-fashioned and crowded. Will you please suggest an alteration plan, including desk space of some sort, so that I may have a place to plan menus and take care of the household bookkeeping?

ARCHITECT A. S. DADRAS answers:

The American housewife spends so much of her time in the kitchen, it is very nearly a national tragedy that so many are forced to operate in old-fashioned, inefficient surroundings. The tragedy is heightened when it is realized how attractive good design and modern appliances can make today's kitchen.

The sketches at right show one remodeling idea for making a modern and open family-room kitchen out of two separate rooms. The planning center in the detailed sketch proves a graceful and convenient work center for the housewife. Its fold-down desk top, when in the closed position, keeps the family papers out of reach of children and there is plenty of additional space for recipe books, magazines and other things housewives love to collect.

While the planning center should be within the ability of any handyman husband, remodeling the entire area is a job for a professional. One important question is whether the dining room partition is bearing. If it is, a boxed beam across the ceiling will have to be installed to make possible removal of the partition.



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