

Sugar Crop in Cuba Remains In Trouble

By MORRIS W. ROSENBERG
HAVANA (AP) — Sugar is a secret in Cuba. Officials are not talking, but there are unofficial estimates that the 1964 crop will be doing well if it equals last year's reported output of 3,800,000 tons.

The sugar is the basis of the Cuban economy. Like most of the rest of the island's agricultural production, it still is having trouble.

Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, boss of Communist Cuba's agriculture, says he will be almost two years before he can overcome fundamental farm problems.

The secret stamp went on sugar production May 1 when Premier Fidel Castro declared: "The imperialists are not going to know how much sugar we produce next year."

In his May Day speech Castro said Cuba had sold 3,846,000 tons of sugar this year. The Soviet Union is scheduled to get 1,600,000 tons. This requirement must be added local consumption needs estimated at around 400,000 tons.

As if foreseeing a possible shortage, Castro said: "Before failing to fulfill an obligation, we are ready to buy sugar to fulfill the obligation."

The slump in sugar production is attributed to several causes:

1. Damage wrought by Hurricane Flora last year.
2. The continued shortage of skilled cane-cutters. Rodriguez said 375,000 macheteers were employed formerly in the harvest but now there are fewer than 200,000.
3. The inexperience of the so-called voluntary brigades of victory and office workers, students and militia units in the field. If the sugar cane stalk is not cut properly some of the cane is lost and the following year's harvest is weakened.
4. An early start of the rainy season which bogged down trucks and workers in muddy fields.

This year Cuba used many Russian-made hydraulic tractors to pick up cane from the ground and load it onto trucks or railroad cars for transport to grinding mills. But the Communist newspaper Hoy reported that the machines pick up dirt and stones along with cane stalks.

SEIZED LARGE FARMS
Last October the Cuban government, acting under a second Agrarian Reform Act, seized practically all farms larger than 168 acres.

Rodriguez says some 200,000 privately-owned small farms are left. Castro says these remaining private farmers have no need to fear confiscatory moves by the government.

One man, whose 266-acre farm was taken over by the regime last October, said: "I built up that farm by the sweat of my brow for 22 years. I had cows, hogs, chickens, raised corn, coffee, oranges, avocado and other fruits and vegetables. I always had from 10 to 20 farmhands at work."

"What has happened?" "They took away my house and my car. All the animals were taken from the farm."

"The land is not being tilled. Everything is starting to run down."

In Bayamo, in the heart of the rich cattle region of Oriente province, an official at the former Nestle milk products plant said production of canned dried milk was down to 65,000 kilograms daily. The capacity of the nationalized plant is 190,000 kilos daily.

CANADIAN BUTTER MIX
Canadian butter and Chinese powdered milk were being mixed in the milk products packed in cans made of tinfoil from the Soviet Union.

The official blamed low production mainly on the disastrous effects of Hurricane Flora which killed thousands of cattle in the province last year.

The government has reduced the slaughter of cattle and pigs in order to build up stocks. The meat ration in Santiago is one-quarter of a pound a week for each person. In Havana it is three-quarters of a pound.

Butter is rationed the same in Santiago as in Havana: One-eighth of a pound a month for each person. Milk is scarce. Eggs are rationed at four monthly per person and cost six cents each in government stores. On the black market

Moise Thombe Takes Office
By ARNOLD AMBER
LEOPOLDVILLE (Reuters) — Moise Thombe was sworn in as the Congo's new premier Friday and quickly issued his first communique — announcing that all political prisoners would be released.

The communique also said a curfew imposed in Leopoldville, the capital, seven weeks ago would be lifted immediately and the modified state of emergency in the northern city of Stanleyville rescinded.

Opposition members of parliament recently estimated the number of political prisoners at 600, among them left-wing former Vice Premier Antoine Gizenga who has been in "administrative detention" for 2½ years.

Decentralization, scheduled to be completed this year, is being carried out by dividing the 800 to 900 state farms into some 60 groups organized along the lines of the principal crops grown in various regions.

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Martin Gives Views On World Hot Spots

By DAVE MCINTOSH
OTTAWA (CP) — External Affairs Minister Martin said Thursday Canada isn't anxious to continue its participation in the Indochina truce commissions if they are thought useless or to have served their purpose.

He said in the Commons external affairs committee if the 14 nations which established the commissions at Geneva in 1954 judge the truce teams in Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia to be inefficient, "we certainly don't want to keep going."

He also said there has been lack of collaboration from time to time by the other two nations represented on the three commissions, India and Poland.

The minister stoutly defended the United Nations peacekeeping effort in Cyprus and Canada's share in this operation.

"The UN was an imperfect instrument but 'a small fire engine is infinitely better than no fire engine at all,'" he said.

NOT A SUCKER
Referring to the remark of T. C. Douglas, New Democratic Party leader, that the UN was being played for a sucker by the Cyprus government, the minister said: "Such is certainly not the case."

There was nothing noble for the armed forces of Canada than to try to work for peace in even such a complicated situation.

The course of negotiation and compromise was "a sometimes frustrating, irritating and occasionally a humiliating way of winning peace."

"However, if our goals can be achieved in this way, without needless bloodshed and suffering, patience and self-restraint by all directly concerned is a small price to pay."

The building of peace machinery was an inevitable phase in transition from the old international methods of the jungle.

COULD BE FAILURE
"I honestly do not believe the Canadian people would wish to initiate a move which would create a tragic failure for the UN and constitute a setback to the most promising chapters in mankind's long search for means of preventing war. . . . It would seem to be foolhardy if, through lack of faith and imagination, we should play any part in destroying an instrument that one day might be perfected to such a degree that it would protect us all from the holocaust."

Mr. Martin said the buildup of the military potential of the Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus has continued with aid from neighboring countries.

If this continued, the risk of widespread violence would be increased.

The government was giving careful attention to the security of the 1,122-man Canadian

through in any of the outstanding problems under negotiation with Russia.

But the serious situations in Cyprus and Southeast Asia marred this relatively stable international scene.

The Southeast Asia situation was dangerous because the Chinese which had become so isolated from the West that it could will go toward providing to assess accurately U.S. purpose and determination.

At another point, the minister said he foresees no time when the UN emergency force in Egypt can be withdrawn. Both Israel and Egypt had made strong representations to the UN that the force continue

Self-Help Program Outlined To Assist Canada's Indians

By ARCH MACKENZIE
OTTAWA (CP) — A comprehensive self-help program of community development for Canada's 200,000 registered Indians has been announced in the Commons by Citizenship Minister Rene Tremblay.

All four opposition parties welcomed it.

The first allocation is \$3,351,000 for three years. Mr. Tremblay said. The program will marshal skills and resources of the Indians themselves, in addition to the aid Canada extends for underdeveloped nations.

Indian participation is essential, the minister said. So was provincial co-operation.

"Community development implies acceptance of reserves as Indian communities," Mr. Tremblay told the Commons. "A community development effort will need to be sustained at least until those reserves which have the necessary potential are brought to approximate social and economic parity with neighboring non-Indian communities."

SOME RESKILLING
"Where no economic basis for the existence of a reserve can be found, the community development process can be employed equally effectively in resettling people in other areas."

Lavey told a press conference a recruiting campaign will start soon for about 60 skilled community development workers who will work through Indian aides.

It was too soon to say whether Canada could supply these specially-trained people. Special courses were being set up by the Indian affairs branch to train personnel.

The minister said he hopes universities will establish

PROMOTING INITIATIVE
The target was to promote initiative and self-sufficiency. The benefits should include a lowered federal management of Indian affairs. The province had a key role to play and the benefits should include a lowered need for Indian welfare assistance. He said he sensed a new desire for more independence and self-reliance among younger Indians.

Canadian Indians, among the fastest-growing groups in the population, are expected to number 250,000 in six years. Of the present 200,000 registered as Indians, about 146,000 live on reservations, 20,000 on Crown land and 30,610 elsewhere.

The expectation was that the new concept of Indian community development would affect 120,000 directly and many others indirectly.

Mr. Tremblay said a federal provincial conference on Indian affairs, shifted from an original May date to October, will discuss the scheme.

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About a third of the order has been shipped and delivery is to be completed in November.

The butter was made in 1960-61 and is being sold at a re-graded basis at 25¢ cents a pound.

In a prepared statement, Mr. Hays said the move should sharply reduce stockpiles of older butter in Canada.

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