

# No One Starving In Cuba But Food Supply Is Short

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HAVANA (AP)—No one starves in Cuba these days, three months after Premier Castro announced food rationing, but lack of choice makes shopping lists obsolete.

The quotas are being met, although it is not unusual for certain foods to arrive late at stores. Most Cubans, however, receive monthly a chicken, five eggs, two ounces of butter and other rationed foods.

These include, in the Havana area, two pounds of lard or oil, six pounds of rice, one bar of yellow soap and one of beauty soap and one medium box of detergent a month. Beef is doled out 12 ounces a week.

A visit to a supermarket showed that the only foods sold without a ration book were: Tomato extract and dried puree, brown sugar, honey, bread and crackers, spices and salt, Worcester sauce and chili sauces.

Available in other sections were shoe polish, insecticide, wall candles, light bulbs, rum, Russian vodka, papaya wine, hair curlers and other minor household goods.

# Smallwood Declares No Ultimatum Issued

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland says his communication to the St. John's Rotary Club—which resulted in cancellation of a speech by Finance Minister Fleming last Thursday—was not an "ultimatum," and that he issued none.

In letters to the St. John's News and the St. John's Telegram, the premier says he simply informed the club by letter that he withdrew the Newfoundland government's invitation to Rotary to be guests at a banquet this week.

"I could not care less whether Mr. Fleming spoke at Rotary," the letters say.

"What I did care about was using the Newfoundland people's money to pay the cost of a great banquet to a club which by inviting a politician to speak to them on a very hot controversial political topic was using its undoubted right to participate in the present election."

The club withdrew its invitation to Mr. Fleming, who was scheduled to speak on the peaking of the dollar, after President Ernest C. MacDonald said he received an "ultimatum" from the premier that if Mr. Fleming spoke the government would not pay for a convention banquet.

**ISSUED STATEMENT**

After the incident the premier issued a statement saying he wrote the club informing it that because the invitation to Mr. Fleming "made the Rotary Club a partisan body the government withdrew its invitation to be host" at the banquet.

Shortly after the letter was delivered to the club president at the start of the luncheon, club officials came to him and expressed concern, he said. "I told them that I considered it to be intolerable and unacceptable for the club to invite a politician to speak to them in the midst of this election on the hot-

restaurants and choose their fare from a small but tempting menu. A meal may cost 10 pesos or more. The official rate of exchange puts the peso on a par with the United States dollar.

A four-ounce steak, when available, can be had for six pesos.

More crab, a Havana specialty, is served with mayonaisse and two halves for five pesos; black bean soup is one peso.

Prices were recently doubled or tripled in first-class restaurants, all operated by the government. The measure not only produced more food on menus, but, surprisingly enough, no drop in patronage.

The most generously rationed items are rice and beans. eaten separately or mixed, these seem to be the only dishes available at all times in cafeterias and lower-priced restaurants.

Sweets and pastry, much loved snacks in Cuba, are not rationed and are available all over Havana. There is also no visible shortage of bread.

**MILK RATIONED**

A drought lowered dairy production. Sunday deliveries have been suspended. Milk is rationed, and only infants or families of more than five members receive it fresh.

In other cases each adult is entitled to six cans of condensed milk every month.

Why the rationing?

Says the government: Unemployment has decreased; more people are earning higher wages than ever before, thus creating an added demand. Production has not met the increase in demand.

Ernesto (Che) Guevara, industries minister, acknowledged this month there still were 250,000 unemployed in Cuba, but many foreign observers believe a certain part of the island's population now enjoys a somewhat more comfortable standard of living.

Despite stern warnings from the government a black market offers the well-endowed Cuban some luxuries his palatial home does not have.

Eggs, costing as much as 15 cents each, are procurable, as well as pork at 2.50 pesos a pound.

# Scientists Discover Virus Injures Brains Of Babies

BOSTON (AP)—Two Harvard researchers have reported discovery that a virus, common and relatively harmless to older children and adults, attacks unborn babies and causes mental retardation and cerebral palsy.

Dr. Thomas H. Weller and Dr. James B. Hanshaw of the department of tropical public health, Harvard school of public health, say the recently recognized cytomegalovirus may rival "the as yet unisolated agent of rubella (German measles)" as a cause of mental retardation and congenital defects in infants.

The report of the ailment, designated CID for "cytomegalic inclusion disease," is being published in the June 14 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

**ISOLATED IN 1955**

The group of viruses which cause CID were first isolated in 1955 by Weller in Boston and independently at the same time by researchers in Bethesda, Md., and St. Louis.

The New England Journal report talks about a five-year study of 17 children.

The doctors found that severe

damage is produced in the human embryo (the unborn baby) in its earlier stages of development by the viral infection. Babies infected during fetal life usually show symptoms shortly after birth, they said.

At the end of the study, 14 of the 17 children in the study group suffered from a variety of disorders indicating brain damage.

They ranged from severe mental retardation requiring institutional care to a mild form causing only slight difficulties in muscle control.

**HAD SMALL HEADS**

Failure of babies' heads to grow at a normal rate was a

common consequence of infection. Fourteen of the children had disproportionately small heads—a condition called microcephaly.

Only two of the 17 children had no signs of damaging after-effects at the end of the study. One died during the third year of life while the Harvard study was in progress.

Symptoms noted soon after birth included enlargement of liver and spleen, and often jaundice and hemorrhages into the skin.

Diagnosis is made in isolation of the responsible virus from the urine of the "cried baby." Tissue culture methods are used. A unique feature of the disease is excretion of the virus in the urine for months, or years.

# BAY FORTUNE

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cook and family of Charlottetown were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. Geddie Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Claude MacKenzie and family and Mrs. Fred MacKenzie were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Dora McLeod, Belvedere.

Alex MacClumpha and Frank MacClumpha were business visitors to Charlottetown on Thursday, June 7.

The members of the Eglington-Isle Bay Women's Institute held their June meeting at the home of Mrs. Lorne Francis recently.

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