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Cuban President And Supporters Flee

Violence, Prayers Both Usher In The New Year

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The new year was ushered in with a bang throughout the world, marked by a president's overthrow in Cuba, pitched battles and bottles in many cities, and other observances ranging from pranks to prayers.

Highlights of the violence were the rioting in Havana which followed President Fulgencio Batista's flight; anti-Communist incendiary bomb throwers who set fire to the Bulgarian legation buildings in Brussels, Belgium; a small race brawl and a separate battle between American servicemen and teen-aged boys in London; and at least 100 persons in Italian hospitals after an orgy of fireworks, pistol-firing and bottle-hurling by celebrants.

But millions more spent a relatively quiet New Year's in churches and with their families. Their thoughts and fears were those of Austraian Chancellor Julius Raab who told his small nation in a New Year's radio talk:

"I am convinced that in present conditions there can hardly be a worsening of the (international) tension.

"We have experienced for years the sight of people with matches in their hands dancing around amid the unfortunately only too plentiful inflammable spots in international politics, which, nevertheless, they avoid setting on fire."

PAID FINES

In London, penitent revellers filed into magistrates' courts to pay fines for New Year's celebrations that got out of hand.

Five were fined for paddling in Trafalgar Square's fountain. Six bobbies had their helmets stolen by pranksters.

In West London's Shepherd's Bush area, three white men and one Negro were taken to a hospital with knife wounds after a fight that began when a gang of white youths threw bottles through the windows of a Negro-run cafe. Four of the alleged assailers were arrested.

In Trafalgar Square area, a man was charged with hitting a policeman after having been prevented from attempted assaults on Negroes.

White teen-agers battled American servicemen in London's Notting Hill district, scene of race riots last summer, and then attacked policemen and a doctor called to attend casualties. Several youths were detained.

MAN SHOT

Police reported one man was in hospital with a non-serious bullet wound in the chest in the Paddington district.

In Brussels, a volley of flaming "Molotov cocktails"—home-made gasoline bombs — crashed through the windows of the Bulgarian legation and gutted the building's central staircase.

No one was reported arrested or hurt. After the hit-and-run attack, people living near the legation rushed to the scene and found only a scattering of anti-Communist leaflets on the street outside.

Some of Italy's 100 injured were in critical condition. Many were hurt as Italians ignored police safety pleas and ushered in 1959 by letting off fireworks, firing pistols and hurling crockery and empty bottles out of windows at the stroke of 12. Many of those hurt were in the streets below.

Pope John appeared Thursday at his study window in the Vatican Palace and gave his blessing to 15,000 pilgrims and tourists gathered below in St. Peter's Square.

Hi-jinks among the big-wigs saw Yugoslavia's President Tito become the life and soul of an all-night revel with Indonesian President Sukarno on the holiday isle of Bali.

Winding up his 10-day Indonesian visit, Tito sang, danced, wore a fancy hat and tooted a noisemaker while surrounded by giggling dancing girls, sailors from his yacht and diplomats, reports from Bali said.

Russia's Nikita Khrushchev drank his usual variety of toasts at a Moscow party which lasted into the small hours. Of 1958, the Soviet premier said it had been such a good year that "I hate to see it end."

Frenchmen faced the bleak prospect of an austerity budget with their breakfast croissants and coffee New Year's morning, but Paris cabarets did a land office business during the night.

American and Canadian servicemen flocked from West Germany to Copenhagen to join the Danes in greeting 1959.

In Beirut, Lebanese citizens defied a government anti-weapons warning and fired shots to welcome the new year.

In New York City's Times Square, an estimated 300,000 persons cheered 1959 with a blare of horns and a squeal of noise makers.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR GREETS VISITORS

Filing forward to greet Lieutenant Governor F. Walter Hyndman who held his first New Year's Day levee at Government House yesterday are (left) Brian Cudmore, Roy Cudmore, John Evans, and A.H. Duvar. Two of His Honor's aides, Major R.D. MacGillivray, C.D., (Army), and Lieutenant Commander Douglas Saunders (Navy), assist with the introductions.

Active Year Reported By Dept. Of Industry

A review of the activities of the department of industry and natural resources under the direction of the minister, the honorable Dougald MacKinnon, shows a very active year, the services rendered being many and varied.

Under the game fisheries program an additional public angling area was provided at Brooklyn in Kings County and another partly completed at Murray River. On completion of this project early in the spring a total of 23 public angling areas will have been provided and maintained by the department. The staff of the Fisheries Biological Station at St. Andrews provided very valuable assistance in research work.

Further financial assistance was provided the Prince Edward Island Fish and Game Association in its pheasant restocking program.

The town planning division had a very active year having issued a total of 191 building permits to date with a value in excess of $1,406,000.00. These permits were all issued in the suburban area of Charlottetown, Southport and the 16 incorporated villages and the Trans-Canada Highway area.

START SERVICE

The department again assisted in the operation of the direct Charlottetown to St. John's, Newfoundland subsidized service for the third year. Later in the year a direct service was inaugurated between Charlottetown, Cornerbrook, Newfoundland, and North Shore St. Lawrence ports. This department will continue to explore for new markets in the Northern Areas which is now being supplied to a great extent by other parts of Canada.

HON. D. MACKINNON

Early in the year a trailer camp park was opened to the public complete with tables and an adequate water supply. This park is located adjacent to the Bonshaw River and is in addition to the

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Eisenhower Makes Berlin Settlement Bid

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—President Eisenhower told the leaders of Russia Thursday it is critically important to the United States that the Soviet Union work toward a peaceful solution of the Berlin situation.

The president, who is spending the holidays at his country home here, made the statement in a cabled reply to two Soviet leaders who voiced hope in a New Year's message that decisive action would be taken in 1959 toward removing "the dangers of a new war."

The exchange of messages was with Soviet Premier Khrushchev and U.S.S.R. President Vorshilov, who sent Eisenhower an expression of hope that the East-West cold war could be ended and the arms race slowed "with the aim of reducing dangerous tensions."

$12,000 Fire In N.B. Centre

BATHURST, N.B. (CP) — The grocery store and home of Leandre Hachey at St. Rosette, 12 miles from Bathurst, were destroyed by fire Wednesday. He estimated damage at $12,000.

The fire was first noticed at 6 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Hachey and their eight children fled in night clothing. They saved only a few articles of furniture.

SIXTH TERM

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Democrat G. Mennen Williams, 49, today will become the first man in United States history to take office for a sixth consecutive term as state governor.

Ch'town Men Pay Respects To Dignitaries At Reception

Emboldened by the unexpected salubrity of the weather and imbued with the spirit of the season, Charlottetown's male population turned out en masse to pay their respects to the provincial, civic and religious dignitaries officially at home to the general public.

Rubbing elbows, and exchanging greetings in the cheerful crushes that developed at each reception were representatives of practically every group in the community. Members of the judiciary, the clergy, and the government mingled with professional men, financiers, businessmen, clerks and working men the sober garb of the townsmen relieved here and there by the colorful array of a serviceman in full dress.

AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The first of the several New Year's Day receptions was held at Government House between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Filing across the width of the stately Georgian mansion's main hall, each guest was greeted personally by Lieutenant Governor F. Walter Hyndman in the west wing drawing room.

Each visitor was announced by His Honor's naval aide, Lieutenant Commander Douglas Saunders, assisted by army aide, Major Roy MacGillivary, C.D., and air aide, Flying Officer Ian Rankine.

In holding his first New Year's levee at the above hours Lieutenant Governor Hyndman brought this province in line with the custom obtaining for centuries throughout the present British Commonwealth.

Since sometime near the turn of the present century, Island vice-regal representatives had held their New Year's receptions in the afternoon.

PREMIER'S RESIDENCE

At 18 Crestwood Drive, visitors were received in the living-room by Premier A.W. Matheson and Mrs. Matheson, each being announced in turn by the Premier's former executive assistant, Robert MacLeod. Coffee, sandwiches and cakes were served in the dining room.

Pouring were Mrs. J.H. Cerry, Miss Ann Matheson, Mrs. C.S. Matheson, and Mrs. Claire Stedman.

Servers included the Misses

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Airman Killed And 2 Injured

CHATHAM, Ont. (CP)—A Halifax airman was killed and two others were injured when their car, pursued at high speeds by two police cruisers, crashed into a hydro pole early Thursday on Highway 2, just west of here.

Dead is Robert Louis Berry, 18, of Halifax, driver of the car. In hospital are James Edward Davis, 17, of Thorold, Ont., and Henry Skymore Snow of Halifax. Both suffered undetermined injuries.

Police said the car had been reported stolen in Chatham earlier.

Seven other airmen, stationed at the RCAF base at Clinton, Ont. were also in the car. They were: Donald John Masson, 19, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Norman James Miller, 21, North Burnaby, B.C.; Vernon Lorne Poe, 20, Cochrane, Ont., and Donald Edison Park, 18, of Chatham who was charged with car theft, police said.

Three NB Children Die In Fire

SEA COVE, N.B. (CP)—Three children lost their lives Thursday when fire destroyed a small wooden house they had broken into. The unoccupied dwelling was near their own home in this village on Grand Manan Island.

The victims, children of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Deveau, were David, 10, Gregory, 9, and Elaine, 5. Another brother, Walter, 3, was found on the smoke-filled porch by his mother and a neighbor, Mrs. Delphi Wilson, who carried him to safety. He suffered only minor burns.

The one - and - a - half - storey house, vacant since before Christmas, was owned by Mrs. Arlington Joy, who is visiting at Golden Grove, near Saint John.

Residents believe the children, finding all the doors locked, broke a rear window to enter the dwelling. It is thought they found matches and lit a fire. The fatalities were the first from fire on Grand Manan Island in more than 20 years.

Dr. R. G. Ritchie, coroner at Grand Harbor, ruled an inquest unnecessary.

The children's father, a 32-year-old native if Salmon River, N.S., is head keeper of the Gannet Rock lighthouse, nine miles from Seal Cove. He was rushed home when the tragedy became known. Walter and Daniel, 7, are the only other survivors.

Castro Edges Nearer Control

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—The Batista dictatorship gave way Thursday, with President Fulgencio Batista flying into exile, and Fidel Catro's rebel forces moving to clinch a hold on the central government and take over.

Castro followers, in a wild orgy of celebration, looted and burned pro-Batista homes in Havana. Dozens of army officers fled with Batista.

Castro's radio in eastern Cuba announced his forces had entered Santiago de Cuba, the nation's second city. Earlier he had issued an ultimatum to Batista-loyal forces there to lay down their arms. The city, birthplace of Castro's revolt 25 months ago, later became an army stronghold blocking the rebels' path to power.

WITHOUT GOVERNMENT

For the time being, Cuba was without an established government. Justices of the Supreme Court refused to accept the oath of a provisional president, Justice Carlos Piedra, unless Castro approved—and Castro refused. He was holding out for recognition of Dr. Manuel Urrutia, longtime Cuban judge and Castro supporter, as head of the government.

Castro forces proclaimed a national revolutionary strike, and it was in part effective. Mobs smashed gambling casinos and shops in downtown Havana and swarmed into fashionable suburbs looting the homes of relatives and supporters of Batista.

BIG WELCOME

The rebel forces, in the last month, had woven an encirclement of Santiago, cutting it off by land from the rest of Cuba. The rebel forces moving into the city reported they quickly captured the city hall, and many of the 250,000 persons in the city and its suburbs turned out in welcome.

The rebel radio said negotiations are under way for a mass surrender of the garrisoned troops in Santiago—estimated to number 5,000.

"Santiago will be free because we have won," Castro broadcast at one point. In another statement he said the war was not over "because there are still armed assassins about."

The crowds sacked gambling casinos, looted shops and burned the plant of the newspaper Tiempo de Cuba, owned by a close friend of Batista, Senator Roland Masferrer.

At the Hotel Plaza, two blocks from the National Capital, police fired as a mob attacked its casino. Most of the shots were fierd into the air, apparently, in an effort to disperse the crowd.

SMASH WINDOWS

Mobs smashed windows and used sledge hammers against parking meters and telephone booths to get their coins.

Orders went out to government troops for an immediate cease-fire on all fronts in the long rebellion led by Castro's forces. But the rebels apparently were ignoring the cease-fire and marching on the capital.

Crowds converged on Havana's big prison, called the Principe, where hundreds of political prisoners are held, and demanded their release. A committee of lawyers met with the judges of special courts who ordered the prisoners' liberation.

Guatemala Fires On Shrimp Boats

GUATEMALA CITY, (AP)—Guatemala opened war Wednesday on foreign shrimp boats it accuses of fishing in Guatemalan waters.

Air force planes machine-gunned three vessels of unannounced nationality, damaging all so they were sent limping toward shore.

A dispatch from Mexico City said two Mexican boats were involved and the owner of one was killed. A sailor and cook were reported injured.

The presidential press office announced the attack. It disclaimed knowledge of casualties.

DECLARATION MONDAY

The air raids followed up a declaration Monday by President Miguel Ydigoras that Mexican and U.S. fishermen were working illegally in Guatemala's Pacific waters and that, effective Wednesday, these "bandits and pirates" would be fired on, day or night.

The presidential press office said two of the boats, heeding signals from the planes, grounded on a beach at Tilapa, deep in Guatemala near the port of San Jose.

The other, which appeared to be navigating under difficulties, was reported heading for Champerico, about 30 miles from the Guatemalan-Mexican frontier.

NAVY INVESTIGATING

Spokesmen for a packing house at Salinas Cruz reported the casualties. Officials of the Mexican naval district there left for an investigation.

Mexico's government told Guatemala Tuesday that it would take the gravest view of firing on the shrimp boats as contrary to international law.

Mexican navy officials, still awaiting an official report, said Mexican waters are so rich in marine life there is no reason for Mexican fishermen to enter Guatemalan territory.

Icebreakers Continue Tough Battle

MONTREAL (CP)—Four federal ice-breakers plodded into thick, rafted ice in Lake St. Peter, 6 miles northeast of here, as the battle to free 13 trapped freighters in Montreal harbor continued into the New Year.

The ice-breakers were trying to hammer a narrow channel through vast floes of ice in the St. Lawrence River to provide an escape route for the imprisoned ships.

With bell-clanging and shouts, crewmen aboard the foreign vessels marked the inauguration of a New Year locked in icy berths. It was the first time in the port's history that salt - water ships bound for foreign destinations had been caught pastt December in this inland port, almost 1,000 miles from the Atlantic.

Traditional Levee Held By Governor-General Massey

OTTAWA (CP) — Governor-General Massey exchanged greetings with 969 persons Thursday, observing a centuries-old tradition—the New Year's Day Levee.

He greeted members of Parliament, diplomats, government officials, the judiciary, the military, churchmen and anyone else who wanted to come.

Mr. Massey 71, favoring a right shoulder bothered by bursitis last autumn, shook hands with his left hand, saying "happy New Year" or "how do you do" to each person individually in a line led by Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

HIS SIXTH LEVEE

This was the sixth Levee for Mr. Massey, governor - general since February, 1952. Last New Year's Levee was cancelled due to a grippe that affected Mr. Massey a few days before.

It may be his last Levee. His term in office—the longest on record—now is scheduled to end about September.

The Levee in Canada is a mixture of the more official levee in London and the informal levee of the French governors of New France.

EVERYONE WELCOME

In the early Quebec days, French governors made it known to the population that they would receive their greetings on New Year's Day. Everybody came, from ditch-digger to government official.

The same tradition of come-one come-all continues.

The Levee is traditionally for men only in Canada, but there were 14 women who showed up at this one.

One was Elizabeth Nash, a second secretary in the United Kingdom high commissioner's office, one of the few women diplomats in Ottawa.

The others in uniform were nine members of the RCAF's women's division, two from the Navy's women's services and two nursing sisters.

Technician Killed In Radiation Accident

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP)—Raymond Kelly, 38-year-old laboratory technician, died Thursday of radiation burns received in an atomic mishap. He had received a fatal dose of radiation while handling plutonium Tuesday.

Spokesmen for the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory said the accident occurred during what was normally considered a safe operation. Kelley received about 1,000 roentgens of radioactivity.

There were no witnesses to the accident. Kelly, before he died, told fellow technicians of seeing a "blue flash" as he started a stirring operation in a 225-gallon stainless steel tank. There was no explosion.

THIRD TO DIE

Kelley was the third employee of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory killed by radiation since 1945. Another victim was Dr. Louis Slotin, a Canadian from Winnipeg, who died May 21, 1946.

Dr. Thomas Shipman, head of the health division of the laboratory, said "for severe radiation injury of this sort there is no specific treatment."

However, physicians had planned to try a bone marrow transfusion to replace the marrow destroyed by the radiation which bombarded Kelley's body. An autopsy will be performed on the body in an effort to find clues which might aid any new victims of such accidents.

WAR VETERAN

Kelley, an Idaho native and veteran of Far Eastern campaigns in the Second World War, left a widow and two children.

The laboratory now employs about 3,300 people.

In the 1946 accident, the Canadian scientist received a dose approximately twice as large as that apparently received by Kelley. He survived for nine days.

A 26-year-old employee, Harry Daghlian, died in September 1945, 24 days after receiving an unevenly distributed dose.

AIR ACE RECEIVED BY PREMIER

Famous air ace of World War Two, former RCAF Squadron Leader H.C. Trainor exchanges the compliments of the season with Hon. A.W. Matheson, Premier of Prince Edward Island, and Mrs. Matheson during the New Year's reception held yesterday at the Premier's home 18 Crestwood Drive. Awaiting his turn to greet the Premier and his wife is Dr. James Higgins. Both men are residents of Charlottetown.

Stormy Weather Generally Greeted New Year In Canada

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

A varying weather menu launched 1959 with a roar that left Canadians buried under a heavy snowfall in Newfoundland and drenched by rains in the West.

One forecaster for the Dominion public weather office at Toronto described the arrival of the New Year as "a stinker."

An Atlantic storm slipped inshore long enough to cover Newfoundland with snow. St. John's reported 17 inches of snow and freezing rain that disrupted public transportation and snarled traffic.

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island had seasonal weather with temperatures between 15 and 25 degrees.

Quebec was cloudy and cold.

RAIN IN ONTARIO

Ontario's rain and freezing rain played havoc with early morning drivers and generally left the province with a damp though moderately warm New Year's Day.

In London, Ont., an icy rain was described as the most paralyzing in memory. Most party-goers stayed off the roads as celebrations continued until daylight.

Cold gale-force winds accompanied by rain swept in from Alaska causing power and communication blackouts in many areas of British Columbia as trees toppled and rock slides cut power poles.

Alberta and Saskatchewan were battered by the storm early Thursday and Manitoba was hit later in the day. Surprisingly little snow fell but winds were estimated at up to 70-miles-an-hour, providing a real push to what snow there was.

This cold front now is heading for Eastern Canada, the weather office says.