

PRISONERS STARVING

Missiles, Russians Said Still In Cuba

HALIFAX (CP) — A Cuban and his wife have told of life on Castro's island after arriving here with 45 others who defected from a Cubana airliner at Gander, Nfld.

The couple's names were not revealed "for the sake of relatives" still in Cuba.

They said there are still many missiles and Russian soldiers on the island and more than 50,000 prisoners are dying from lack of food and medical attention.

The average Cuban gets less than two pints of milk a week. Bread, seldom available, can be had on the black market at an exorbitant price, putting it beyond the reach of the average Cuban. Meat is available at six ounces a week per person.

They said housing is inadequate and electricity is not available at certain hours.

"There are so many soldiers in the towns and throughout the country a Cuban is restricted to certain areas and cannot move around. If he tries to do so, he will be shot."

The man has relatives in the United States had deposited \$360 in a Cuban bank so that he and his wife and son could leave. They left everything behind.

PEOPLE DESPERATE

He said there is "much hunger" in Havana and the people are "desperate" to get out of the country.

He said that as their Cuban airlines plane flew over the island they could see many missile bases, but could not see how large the missiles were.

He said many of the people have been in prison since the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961.

"There is a great sickness. Many are slowly dying of starvation, many have cancer, and many need medical attention and supplies which are not available."

"Most of the people who were fighting Castro with the underground have now been killed or captured, and there is little hope left in the Cuban people who oppose him, because of a lack of action by the rest of the world."

He said countries trading with Cuba are helping Castro maintain his Communist dominance of the island, and that Cuba would never be free as long as this trading continues.

The man worked as a radio operator. Others among the defectors, now housed in immigration quarters here, include farmers, storekeepers, clerks and mechanics.

All have been granted temporary asylum by the Canadian government until they can join relatives in the U.S. Two have asked permission to stay in Canada.

They died that liberty might live
and justice triumph...
Our freedom is their memorial,
our remembrance their title
to immortality.



Lest We Forget

... a time to recall our trepidations and tears, our awe and our bursting pride as we watched our country's sons go forth to battle, counting not the cost. A time, too, to live and feel again the thrill in our hearts, the lumps in our throats and the unspeakable relief in our breasts when they came home again to us, victorious, with the banners of Freedom flying still.

And, perhaps, most of all, it is a time for us to recall the many who never came home; and the broken hearts and homes of those they left behind; and all the others who knew their native land again but with blind or anguished eyes in bodies maimed and broken.

Time will dull these memories, and dim our recollections of their sacrifice, if we let it. But we must not. And we will not if, this year, as in years past, we do our part to keep their memories fresh by paying renewed tribute to their deeds, their valour and their sacrifices.

To do so is to do more than merely obey a custom or fulfill a duty; it is to preserve our individual and national moral integrity, and our sacred honor.

Exchange Reserves Increase Report For Oct. Indicates

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian exchange reserves grew by \$119,500,000 during October. It brought the gain over the last four months to nearly \$280,000,000.

The government has announced the Oct. 31 balance at \$2,628,500,000 in United States dollars and gold.

However, repayments totaling \$107,300,000 on Canada's 1962 loan from the International Monetary Fund reduce the net four-month gain to \$182,700,000.

Nevertheless, Washington authorities are reported to be concerned.

This stems from the mid-1963 agreement under which new Canadian issues of securities were made exempt from the U.S. tax on Americans' purchases of foreign stocks and bonds. The tax still applies to outstanding Canadian securities.

To gain this concession, Canada formally pledged that it was not her desire or intention "to increase her foreign exchange reserves through the proceeds of borrowings in the United States."

This implied some reasonable limit on Canadian borrowings in the New York bond market, though no amount has ever been mentioned. Recently there have been suggestions that U.S. officials are concerned over the amount of these bond sales.

There are no up-to-date statistics here on these sales. They were reduced to a trickle in the last half of 1963 after the U.S. tax was announced — and before it became law — but in the first six months of this year new sales contracts totalled \$280,000,000, less than half the total a year earlier.

U.S. officials expect Canadian borrowing in New York to reach about \$50,000,000 for the year as a whole.

On the Canadian side of the border, the situation is viewed differently, in the context of the huge Canadian current-account deficit with the U.S.

In the first half of this year, this deficit on all transactions in goods and services soared to \$1,070,000,000 — not far from the \$1,125,000,000 total deficit for the whole of 1963.

However, only \$226,000,000 of that deficit was covered by the import of long-term forms of capital from the United States a shortfall of \$74,000,000.

Some of this huge basic deficit was covered by importing short-term capital from the U.S. But much of it had to be paid out of Canada's net earnings and net borrowings elsewhere in the world.

Bonn Planning Invitation To Queen Elizabeth

BONN (Reuters) — The Bonn city council has decided to invite Queen Elizabeth to a second unveiling of the West German capital's Beethoven monument to make up for a 120-year-old insult to Queen Victoria.

When the statue of the city's most famous son was originally unveiled in 1845, it emerged from its robes with its back to British royalty attending the ceremony.

Queen Victoria was not amused.

The statue was removed from Bonn Town House Square during construction of an underground parking lot.

About 80 per cent of the 1,400,000,000 pounds of wax produced annually in the U.S. goes into packaging and waxed paper products.

Remembrance Day



Wednesday, November 11

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them."

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