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New US Congress Opens Amid 'Row' Over Leaders

15 Former Cuban Officers Are Executed By Rebels

By WILLIAM L. RYAN HAVANA, Cuba (AP) - Revolutionary authorities announced Wednesday the execution of 15 officers of the armed forces of former Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista.

The executions signalled the start of widespread trials by revolutionary courts of Cubans accused of crimes against the state.

Authorities said 10 officers, including Col. Arcadio Casillas Lumpuy, were executed in Santiago de Cuba, capital of Oriente province and hometown of Fidel Castro, leader of the revolution.

Lumpuy was Batista's chief of operations in Oriente, where between 200 and 300 prisoners were reported awaiting trial.

Five military men were executed in Santa Clara, capital of central Las Villas province. Among those reported sentenced to death there was Lt. Col. Cornelio Rojas, a police inspector.

He was accused of torturing prisoners. Transportation has been slowed by drifting snow. The ferry between Baie Ste. Catherine and Tadoussac has not been able to operate for the last two days due to ice in the mouth of the Saguenay River.

The ferry service from Tadoussac to the north shore community of Baie Comeau had also been temporarily halted due to ice.

MANY HELD Havana police chief Aldo Vera said 800 prisoners are being held in the capital on political charges.

Camilio Cienfuegos, commander of Havana province, said plans are under way for a drastic reorganization of the country's armed forces, under the supervision of the revolutionaries.

He added that regular army men innocent of misdemeanors will be permitted to take part in the reorganization.

(Britain and the United States announced Wednesday they have officially recognized the Cuban provisional government.)

(Informed sources in Paris said Wednesday that France has decided to recognize the Urrutia government also, but no official announcement has been made.)

(Several other countries have already extended recognition.)

Question Of Filibusters Also Prominent On Agenda

By DOUGLAS E. CORNELL WASHINGTON (AP)—A new and bigger Congress came into being Wednesday, embroiled in conflict over filibusters and the choice of men to lead the election-thinned ranks of Republicans.

The Senate quickly took up arms and waded into a scrap over proposals to curb the time-honored right of minorities to try to talk legislation to death.

At the end of one fast, indecisive round, the outlines of an intended compromise were emerging on this issue, tightly entwined with civil rights. The probable compromise: To let two-thirds of the senators present and voting choke off debate rather than two-thirds, or 66, of the total Senate membership as the rules now provide.

Senate old-line Republicans beat down a Liberal insurrection and picked Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois as their new leader for the 86th Congress. Senate Democrats unanimously re-elected Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas as their leader.

NINTH TERM The House of Representatives placed Democrat Sam Rayburn of Texas in the Speaker's chair for an unprecedented ninth term.

To resounding applause the Senate accepted two new senators from Alaska. The House swore in a new representative from the 49th state.

That lifted Senate membership to 98 from 96, and the House roster to 436 from 435—the largest totals in history.

Democrats dominate both branches—283 to 153 in the House and 64 to 34 in the Senate.

For the most part, feuding was postponed at the outset of the new session. Nor was the air of tension and foreboding over world events, present so heavily a year ago after Russia launched its first

Meanwhile, the province was still digging itself out of snow that fell at the beginning of the week.

In Newfoundland, trains arrived as much as 100 hours late Tuesday after being held up by drifts.

U.S. Steel Goes To Reds Via Halifax HALIFAX (CP)—United States steel is being shipped to the Soviet Union through this port in exchange for Russian scrap and pig iron and chromium ore.

R. J. Fisher, president of Pickford and Black Limited, local shipping agents, said Wednesday night one freighter is now loading, a second is due Saturday and a third later.

The steel, mostly sheets, came here by rail. Mr. Fisher said he believes it originated in Cleveland. The ships will unload at Riga, in Soviet Latvia.

The first of the freighters, the Finnish ship Bore IX, arrived here Dec. 13 with a cargo of iron and chromium ore. Mr. Fisher said she was loaded "somewhere in the Soviet Union."



PRESIDENT DE GAULLE

De Gaulle Is Installed As President Of France

By CLAIRE McDERMOTT PARIS (Reuters)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle became president of France today while the nation prepares to face the austerity and reform program he has inaugurated since returning to political power in June.

Armed with sweeping powers the new constitution, the 68-year-old de Gaulle will be the strongest French head of state since Napoleon III died in 1873.

Ceremony climaxed by a 21-gun salute will mark de Gaulle's inauguration and end the interim period that started last May 13 when mobs in Algiers stormed government buildings and touched off the chain reaction that led to the downfall of the Fourth Republic.

FIFTH REPUBLIC'S LEADER The Fifth Republic's first government, to be headed by 46-year-old Michel Debre, a leader of the pro-Gaullist Union for the New Republic, is due to be installed within a few days.

The new cabinet is expected to be almost the same as the one de Gaulle has headed since June as interim premier.

Socialist leader Guy Mollet, a strong factor in bringing de Gaulle back into political life last spring, and his party will not participate in the new government and have indicated they will form a "constructive opposition" to Debre.

The stern austerity program that de Gaulle feels is necessary to bring France back to her place as a world leader is considered too deflationary by the socialists and already has brought protests from some sections of the labor movement.

TREATHEN STRIKE Gas and electricity workers in the country's four major unions—Communist and non-Communist—have threatened to strike if their wage demands are not granted.

Miners and rail workers also have said they plan to claim wage increases and 500,000 farmers decided to call for mobilization to carry out "any orders, however grave," in opposition to the removal of price supports.

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Says Farmers 'Bottleneck' In Agriculture

TRURO (CP)—The big problem facing the agricultural industry is that too many farmers are philosophers, Agriculture Minister Haliburton said here Wednesday.

"The big bottleneck in our industry is the farmers themselves and their attitude," he told the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture annual meeting.

"We have to overcome the defeatist attitude of the farmers." There is "too much philosophizing about the future of the industry. Our main problem is to sell the idea of increased production to the farmers."

Gov't. Seeks Quick Loan To Tide Over OTTAWA (CP)—The government has decided to raise an extra \$100,000,000 this month through short-term borrowing.

Finance Minister Fleming announced Wednesday the government's weekly offerings of 91-day treasury bills has been raised to \$135,000,000 from \$115,000,000. There are five weekly offerings this month.

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To provide for the weekly rise in the treasury bill offerings, the cabinet increased the authorized ceiling for such issues to \$1,595,000,000 from \$1,495,000,000. Mr. Fleming said the amount at present outstanding is \$1,515,000,000. This is the first boost in the ceiling in a year.

Four Killed On Crossing

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—A father and his three young children were killed Wednesday when their half-ton pickup truck was struck by a CNR freight train near Breslau, nine miles north-east of here.

Dead are Howard Rudy, 44, a Breslau area dairy farmer, Nancy, 11, Phyllis, 6, and Walter, 4. The accident occurred 400 feet from their Waterloo Township home.

Police said Mr. Rudy had picked up his two oldest children at a nearby school and was driving them home when he apparently failed to see the approaching train.

Sea Cadet Gets Southern Cruise

A two-month sea voyage to the sunny south is in store for Sea Cadet Earl Campbell of Summerside. A son of Mrs. Earle Campbell, Hanover Street, the 18-year-old youth leaves today for Halifax, where he will join 35 other cadets destined for a two-month cruise to Bermuda and the West Indies as guests of the Royal Canadian Navy.

The cadets will travel aboard ships of the 1st Canadian Escort Squadron which leaves Jan. 15 for exercises off Bermuda and courtesy calls to West Indian ports. Twenty-four of the cadets are from Ontario, corps. Others including Petty Officer Bruce H. Robb of Moncton, are from the Atlantic provinces.

Lieut. J.W.D. Smallwood, officer commanding the Charlottetown Corps said last night that R.C.S.C.C. Kent had been granted permission to send one of their number on the cruise, but due to academic commitments none of the corpsmen qualified found it possible to accept the Navy's invitation.

Winds Delay Sea Traffic

NEW YORK (AP)—High winds have delayed ships on the Atlantic. Three passenger vessels scheduled to arrive Wednesday—the United States liner America, the Italian liner Giulio Cesare and American export liner Excelsior—won't get here until today or Friday, officials ship.

Another ship, the Holland America liner Ryndam, due today, also will be late. Shipping sources said scores of freighters were being delayed two to five days in making ocean crossings.

LEGISLATURE OPENING

REGINA (CP)—The third session of the 13th Saskatchewan legislature will open Thursday, Feb. 12, Premier Douglas announced Wednesday.

'You Don't Trust Us Enough' Mikoyan Tells US Businessmen

By THOMAS P. WHITNEY CLEVELAND (AP)—"You don't trust us enough," Anastas I. Mikoyan, Soviet deputy premier, told an audience of business leaders Wednesday in an appeal for trade between Russia and the United States.

"Trade can strengthen peace; peace can make a proper atmosphere for trade," he said in a half-hour talk to a selected group of 60 men. Many of them are heads of large corporations.

"It is a fact that we have something to buy and sell for each other," Mikoyan went on. "We want to trade earnest and trade well—to get as high a price as we can for the goods we sell and pay as low as we can for the goods we buy."

January Thaw May Be Near

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Warm air is waiting to come into Canada from the United States.

The Dominion weather office in Toronto said Wednesday a warm front with temperatures into the 30s is being held stationary by an area of Arctic air that covers Canada from the Rockies to the Maritime provinces.

Arctic air has held Canada in its grasp since last week. It is stationary and until it moves the warm air around its southern fringes cannot move in.

Two of the warmest areas in Canada Wednesday were northern Newfoundland and Labrador. Warm Atlantic air raised temperatures there to almost 30 degrees. Another warm area was the southern British Columbia coast where temperatures ranged to 40 degrees.

BELOW NORMAL —From the Prairies to the Maritimes temperatures were below or well below normal. The forecaster said they will remain that way for at least another day.

Some temperatures expected Wednesday night: Montreal five above; Ottawa and Quebec City zero; Toronto 20; Winnipeg, Regina and Edmonton 15 below.

Quebec expected some moderation in temperatures today as a storm north of the Gulf of St. Lawrence weakened. But readings would still be below normal.

Sir Winston Delays Flight LONDON (AP)—Sir Winston Churchill Wednesday night delayed his departure for a vacation in Marrakesh, Morocco, until Monday, Jan. 12. He was to have flown there today.

Better Business Seen For 1959

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Indications are that this year will be a slightly better one for business than 1958, the vice-president of traffic for the Canadian Pacific Railway said in an interview here Wednesday.

George F. Buckingham of Montreal added that business is picking up slowly and car-loadings on the CPR system show improvement.

Mr. Buckingham said it is difficult to see what effect the St. Lawrence seaway will have on rail traffic. "However, we must expect competition to become more severe."

Haywire Gamble Cost Life, Jury Is Told At Inquest

BURLINGTON, Ont. (CP)—An unemployed father of 11, George Beck, 43, gambled his life on a piece of haywire and it snapped, a coroner's jury investigating his death was told.

Beck broke his neck Dec. 27 when he plunged through his car door, held shut by the wire, headlong into a fence.

His brother Lockhart, 40, thrown out the other door when the car skidded off the road and snapped off a pole, told the coroner's jury Tuesday "The door on the passenger side had a habit of flying open on curves and rough roads."

He said his brother had to get into the car from the passenger's side because the other door was wired shut.

He said George had bought the 10-year-old car in Saint John, N.B. and used it to bring seven of his 11 children to Burlington, near Hamilton, four months ago.

"My brother was a motor mechanic but he just didn't have the money to fix up the car," he said.

He added that he and his brother were unemployed and had "eight or nine beers each" a few hours before the accident. They were celebrating news that George had won a lottery prize.

MCA Official Builds Plane To Mark Flight Anniversary

MONCTON, (CP)—A spare time weekends and evenings. He says he long dreamed of building his own plane right from the blueprints but it is just a coincidence that it will be finished in time for the anniversary of the first heavier-than-air flight in the British Commonwealth.

Mr. Simmons is assistant operations manager of Maritime Central Airways here and a former RCAF jet pilot.

J.A.D. McCurdy, former Nova Scotia lieutenant-governor, flew the first airplane off the ice at Baddeck, N.S., on Feb. 23, 1909.

Mr. Simmons started building his tiny single-engine plane in the basement of his home on New Year's Day 1958. He has worked on it since then. It is Canada's first airplane.

When the sub-assembly stage was reached he moved the plane out of his basement to a hanger at Lakeburn airport here. There it is dwarfed by giant four-engine aircraft.

Mr. Simmons hopes to testify his tiny plane for the Transport Department in a few weeks. If he meets his schedule he will head for Baddeck for the anniversary observance tribute to Canada's first airplane.