

Cuban Revolt Reporting Criticized At Congress

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Criticism of American news coverage of the Cuban revolution and its background touched off a floor debate Monday at the opening session of the World Press Congress.

The issue was raised by Herbert Lundy, editor of the Portland Oregonian. He drew replies from Frank J. Starzel, general manager of The Associated Press; John T. O'Rourke, editor of the Washington Daily News; Jose M. Capo, international editor of Diario de la Marina of Havana; and John Day, head of the news department of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Capping a panel discussion of the general responsibilities of the press in the free world, Lundy asked delegates to answer criticism that American newspapers had not reported the full extent of the atrocities of the Batista

regime before its overthrow by Fidel Castro.

Starzel and O'Rourke agreed that the extent of the atrocities had not been reported, blaming chiefly the strong censorship imposed by the Batista regime.

Starzel disputed suggestions that The Associated Press had not produced news of the revolution from Cuba during the 2½ years that preceded Batista's fall. He said more than 800 dispatches from Cuba were distributed in this country during that time, but they were not widely published.

"The charge that the American press tried to hide what Batista was doing is nonsense and ridiculous," Starzel said.

HIDDEN MOTIVE

He added that he believed there was a hidden motive behind such accusations.

"I suggest that this implication is clear from some of the sources

of the accusations," he said.

O'Rourke agreed that severe censorship handicapped American reporters during the time Batista was in power, but said some reporters did get the news out.

He said the chief blame for failure of the public outside to be aware of the Cuban background was "a vicious circle—that North American editors were indifferent to Cuban news because their readers were not interested in reading it and that the readers, in turn, were uninterested because the newspapers did not publish sufficient news on the subject."

"The problem is one of overcoming inertia, and I think we are making some progress," O'Rourke said.

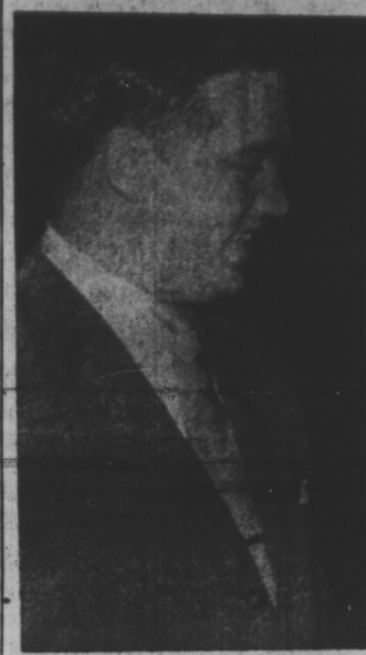
PUBLIC ASTONISHED

Capo said the lack of information on the revolution among the American public and its consequent astonishment at the aftermath of Batista's overthrow was not only because of incorrect reporting of facts but because of failure to give the full background of the revolution.

Day asserted that the American broadcasting medium had been alerted to the Cuban story as early as February, 1957, when CBS sent two men into the mountains to visit Castro's hideout.

He said they produced a television program, presented in March of that year, "which told what was going on," and that on at least four occasions during the next two years CBS sent men in and out of Cuba secretly to keep its viewers informed of developments.

"We might have contributed to the hubbub about the trials (after the revolution) because we covered them live, but through other programs we attempted to background the stories," he said.



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Answers To Questions Tabled In Legislature

Answers to the following questions asked in the Order Paper tabled in the House yesterday:

SCHOOL FOR DEAF

Mr. Leo Rossiter asked the Minister of Education to table the answers to the following questions:

1. What is the estimated cost of establishing a Deaf and Dumb School in this province?
2. How many members will be enrolled?
3. How many students are expected to be enrolled after this school levels out under normal conditions?
4. What is the total staff including caretakers, etc. that will be necessary to conduct this school?
5. Who is to be placed in charge?

6. What is the cost to this province in providing this service at the present time in a Maritime center?

ANSWERS

1. \$10,000 for capital equipment.
2. Undetermined. Presently paying for six at the Halifax School. Other prospective pupils expected next year.
3. From past experience we estimate from 6 to 12.
4. One — the instructor only.
5. Michael Hennessey, B.A., B.Ed.
6. Presently \$1,100 per pupil, or a total of \$6,600. To send our pupils to the proposed new Maritime School at Amherst, \$150,000 capital expenditure plus annual per pupil costs.

Meeting Held Legion L. Aid

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion held their regular monthly meeting Thursday February 19th, in their lounge in the Legion Home with 17 members present. Mrs. Whiston Smith President was in the chair. The meeting opened with one minute silence in memory of Fallen Comrades.

Mrs. Earl Carrier was initiated by the president and received an enthusiastic welcome by members. The regular routine of business was carried out during which the President and Mrs. D.K. MacLeod were appointed delegates to attend Red Cross annual meeting and a number of members volunteered for house to house campaign.

The President appointed the various committee chairmen for 1959. It was decided to provide hospitalized veterans with boxes of sweets on St. Patrick's Day through a committee under the

Meeting Held Mrs. J.A. Galant

A notice of motion was read by Mrs. Ira Brown resolving that beginning in 1960 membership dues be increased to \$1.00 and that By-Laws be amended accordingly.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with The Queen, after which luncheon was served.

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Heavy Docket In City Court

The heaviest docket in a number of days faced Magistrate K. M. Martin in City Police Court yesterday morning.

Two men appeared on drunken driving charges and each pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of driving while impaired.

A Kensington resident was fined \$50 and costs or 30 days and the King Street man was fined \$100 and costs or 30 days.

On charges of being drunk and incapable, residents of Borden, Charlottetown and Miscouche were each fined \$30 and costs or five days. Another resident of the city appearing on a similar charge was remanded until Wednesday.

A resident of Elm Avenue pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle without markers and was fined \$10 and costs or five days.

Volunteers Found To Staff Centre

A meeting of the committee for the Catholic Information Centre and Lending Library was held on Friday with W. A. Murphy presiding.

It was reported that volunteers had been found to staff the centre on weekday afternoons and on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings.

Over 100 persons, including many children, had visited the centre and taken out books. The need of additional children's books was discussed and the secretary was authorized to order 40 new books for children of 12 years and under.

William Killorn reported on the skate sponsored by the group in aid of the library. Plans were made to contact various organizations in St. Pius X, Holy Redeemer and St. Dunstan's parishes for the purpose of acquainting them with the Information Centre and requesting their help in enlarging the stock of books.

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"TIMMY OF THE ISLAND" (Jimmie Schurman) representing the crippled children of the Province made the first sale in the Easter Seals campaign at the Rotary luncheon meeting at the Charlottetown yesterday to His Honour Lieutenant Governor F. Walter Hyndman.

Easter Seals Featured Item At Rotary Luncheon Monday

Easter seals and the Rehabilitation Council held the spotlight at the luncheon meeting of Rotary in the Charlottetown Hotel yesterday, highlighted by the purchase of the first seals in the 1959 campaign by His Honour Lieutenant Governor F. Walter Hyndman from "Timmy of the Island" (Jimmie Schurman).

A panel discussion on the place and possibilities of the Rehabilitation Council was conducted by Dr. G. C. Fisher, Rehabilitation Council member in which other members of the council elaborated on the activities of that body.

Taking part were: Miss Iphigene Arsenault, commissioner, Red Cross, P. E. Island branch, Sister Mary Henry, executive director, Catholic Welfare Bureau, Dr. Todur Gencheff, director rehabilitation centre and L. D. MacKay who with Dr. Fisher, represents Rotary on the finance committee of the council. Dr. Fisher in introducing the subject described the formation

\$7,000 GIVEN COUNCIL

L. D. MacKay in dealing with expenditure pointed out that \$7,000 had been handed over by Rotary to the council last year and that five cases had been dealt with that would otherwise have gone by default due to lack of funds. Amounts expended on the cases referred to ranged from \$25.00 to \$2,309.00.

"We represent a great responsibility in properly guarding public funds and making proper use of what is available," Dr. Gencheff said in referring to the work which he and his associates, Doctors Laidlaw, Dunning and Theriault were doing in their review of cases submitted. Rotary money was used in 68 cases referred for medical review last year. Vocational and placement requirements were taken care of by the Government.

"We have no problem with treatment available in island hospitals," Sister Mary Henry said, as she described a number of cases. "We receive the utmost co-operation throughout the Province in every respect." Sister Mary Henry paid tribute to the work done by Dr. Gencheff in his untiring efforts to assist those requiring treatment.

THOUGHTS FOR OUR TIME

BY HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL McGUIGAN

GOOD READING

The need for good reading seems greater today than ever before.

In previous eras, more optimistic than enlightened, universal literacy and the easy dissemination of reading matter were looked upon as the solution to the world's ills.

No one, of course, would dispute that these goals are unqualified goods in very much questioned today, because of the results actually produced.

A glance at the average magazine rack or newsstand should be enough to convince any thinking person that cheap reading matter has created almost as many problems as it has solved; that far from freeing mankind from all that is ignoble, that very reading matter does much to keep him in subjection.

This is not to say that most of what appears on the stand is evil (although much of it undoubtedly is) but rather that the general level of it is very low. Our minds are being overwhelmed with trivialities.

To blame the press alone for this low level of appeal would be quite wrong. There is a spiritual decay at the heart of our culture. All media of communications are involved—television, radio, moving pictures, etc.

Again, there are many good things presented here, but rarely do they penetrate to the deeper places of our being. Apart from few specifically religious programs or productions, there is little attempt to deal with the real, the fundamental problems of life. For life is ultimately moral and spiritual—i.e. religious. Religion, however, is not good commercially. Moreover, it is controversial and therefore to be avoided.

SPIRITUAL STARVATION

The result for popular communications is ultimately triviality. And one who relies solely upon these media for enlargement of mind and soul is faced with spiritual starvation. He is in continual danger of being crushed by the sheer weight of superficial stimuli which press upon him daily — crushed, because without a strong and lively religious sense, he can neither order the flux of experience nor interpret it validly. His mind is diverted with a thousand unrelated facts; his spiritual energies are dissipated in a thousand different directions.

One of the answers to this particularly modern problem is a reasonable amount of good reading. By good, of course, I mean spiritually rather than artistically good, for there is much that is artistically good which is, nevertheless, morally debilitating. The spiritually good, on the other hand, elevates and strengthens our lives, keeps us aware of the disparity between the eternal and the transitory—in a word, puts us in touch with God.

If we need any particular incentive at this time to commence a program of good reading, it might be provided by the season of Lent, with its characteristic tradition of withdrawal from the world. For withdrawal—like all forms of mortification—is not something primarily negative. It is merely denial on a lower plane of living in order to live on a higher. There are other ways of reaching this higher plane—prayer being the most important—but good reading has its part to play. Indeed, as a source of spiritual nourishment that cannot be supplied in any other way, it has no substitute.

MUCH GOOD READING

Fortunately, there is much good reading available today. The very forms which have provided the modern world with so much useless reading have also provided it with much that is good. The proportion of good may be small, but this is really the fault of the reader. In any case, there is sufficient for those who desire it.

The very mention of good reading brings to mind immediately, of course, the Holy Bible. On the market today there are many good editions of the Bible, cheap in price yet admirably translated and highly readable. This is good reading par excellence. Inspired in its writing, it remains a source of inspiration to all who humbly submit to its

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"Keep up the good work", His Honour said in accepting his purchase.

great many persons in this province would not have been rehabilitated," Miss Arsenault said.

"Timmy of the Island" on being introduced said it was a great honour to represent the crippled children of the Island. "You can do yourself and some crippled child some good by being generous in your purchase of Easter seals."

In thanking the speakers, president Russ Seller also gratefully referred to the presence of His Honour Lieutenant Governor Hyndman, who is an honorary member of the club. He also thanked Rotarian Amos Hubble of Summerside, and a member of the Rehabilitation Council, for the active and effective work he does on the Easter Seals campaign.

The meeting was presided over by the Easter seals campaign chairman Hughie Simpson who introduced the panel.

Summerside Rotarian curlers visiting were: Ennor Bonness, W. E. MacAusland, Earle Cannon, J. A. MacGregor, Fred Davison, Edgar Cannon, Frank Daley, Amos H. Hubble, R. H. Smith and Wally Walwyn. Guests of Rotary were: Lloyd Inman, Summerside and Roger H. Perry, City.

WORK APPRECIATED

"The Red Cross appreciates the wonderful co-operation of Rotary down through the years," Miss Arsenault said, as she went over the more recent cases and explained the mounting costs of treatment in Halifax and Montreal. In the Victoria General Hospital at Halifax the rate is now \$20.25 per day and at the Children's Hospital the rate is \$17.45 per day. "Had it not been for the money raised through the Rotary auction and the Easter seals campaign, a

influence. What could be more suitable for Lenten reading than the wonderful accounts of the Passion, so convincing in their reticence, so moving in their simplicity?

But in addition to this Book of books, there are many others of high spiritual content available in cheap editions, paperbacked volumes, whose value far exceeds the modest price they sell for, and whose subject matter ranges from the highest mystical theology to practical advice for young people.

One should also mention the great work done by the popularizers of Scripture themes, writers such as Fulton Oursler and Jim Bishop, who have used their very considerable journalistic talents in the cause of morality and religion.

To repeat, there is good reading available for those who desire it. This desire should be considered a matter of duty. Religion demands that we love God; yet we cannot love Him in any real sense unless we know Him. Spiritual reading is one of the ways in which we can know Him. If the reading is done in the proper spirit, love will surely follow.

Still Possession Brings \$100 Fine

A Mount Stewart man was fined \$100 and costs or three months in Queens County jail when he appeared in County Magistrate's Court yesterday morning charged with the unlawful possession of a still.

The accused pleaded guilty as charged.

Pleading guilty to a charge of having possession of intoxicating liquor at a place other than his residence, a North Rustico man was fined \$20 and costs or 30 days.

Failure to stop at a stop sign cost a West Royalty resident a fine of \$5 and costs or five days. A fine of \$5 and costs or five days was also imposed on an Allan Street resident who plead-

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