

# Castro Revolt Shadows Christmas For Cubans

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HAVANA (AP)—It will be a grim Christmas for many a Cuban. The surroundings appear prosperous, but the situation on the island of 6,500,000 people is going fast from bad to worse to hopeless.

There appears little prospect for a solution to the revolution led by Fidel Castro. Now entering its third year, the rebellion is gnawing dangerously at Cuba's economy.

Cubans are talking spiritedly about the possibility of many months or even years of cruel bloodletting.

One even hears discussion of a possibility that Cuba may eventually be cut in two, with a separate state formed in the eastern-most and richest province, Oriente. It is there that the revolutionary movement is the strongest. And Oriente is a different world from Havana, provincially proud and suspicious of the capital.

**NEBULOUS GOAL**  
There is traffic irony in Cuba's plight. An increasingly strong insurrection movement that grew in two years from a ragged band of fugitives to a force that may number more than 8,000 armed men, claims it is fighting to get rid of a dictator.

But even should the insurgents succeed in exiling President Fulgencio Batista, nothing but a dictatorship could possibly rule

Cuba in the wake of this revolt. And few can say for sure that they know the political aims of this rebellion.

For many Cubans the youthful Castro is nothing but a symbol of some distant dream of constitutional democracy. But business people in Cuba who might like to be rid of Batista also worry about certain portents in the Castro movement.

They worry about the increasing influence of Castro's younger brother Raul, whose flirtations with the Communists is well known.

**BUSINESS PINCH**  
The economic shock of two years of rebellion has not been felt as much in Havana as it has in the provinces to the east.

In the capital one sees few signs that this island is ripped by a madly rapidly approaching the proportions of a civil war.

But Havana is beginning to feel the pinch. Its economy, though astonishingly resilient, is starting to slide. The tourist business, a lucrative source of income, has been badly hurt.

Neither has the country as a whole yet felt the full shock, but

the prospects are not bright. Already some small business are failing. Unemployment is approaching a dangerously high figure, somewhere near 350,000.

Anxiety is expressed for the future of the sugar industry upon which, directly or indirectly, as much as 90 per cent of the economy must depend.

What is the revolution all about?

Even Cubans seem to be at a loss to explain it. Most observers believe the revolution came because Batista returned to power six years ago at the point of a gun and has been unable since to legalize his office.

As Cuban regimes go, Batista's seems to have been fairly respectable.

But Cuba is not big enough for both Castro and Batista. One or the other must go or the country will be threatened with catastrophe.

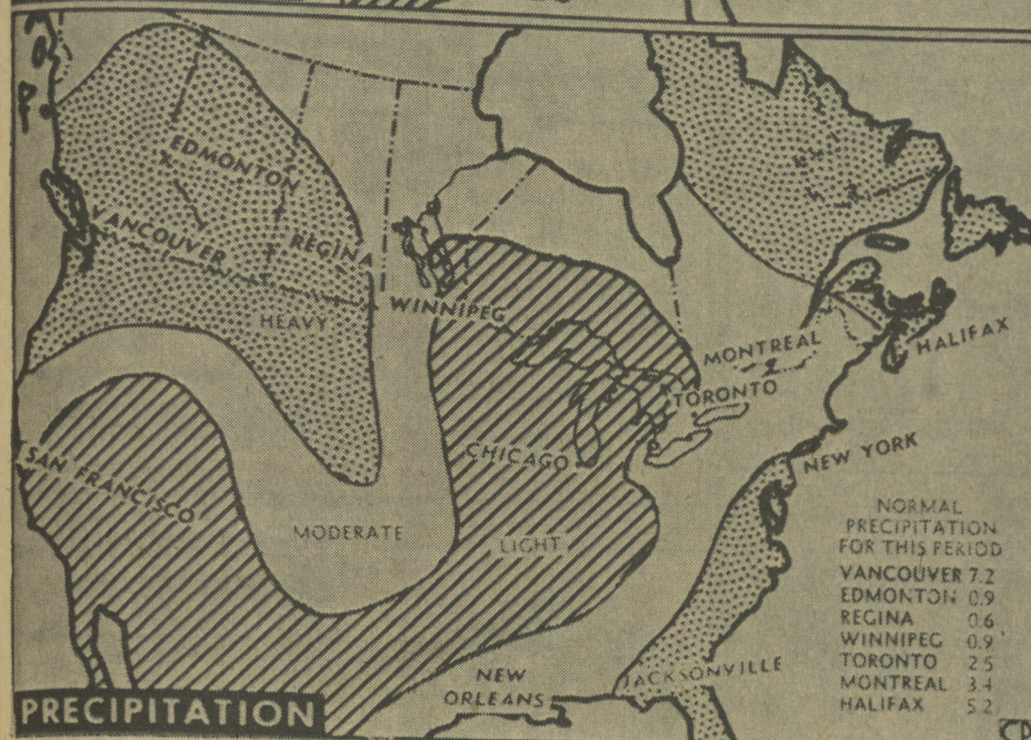
## Curling Draw For Montague

Curling draw at Montague today.  
7 P. M.  
Leon Johnston, Ellery Shaw, L. Munroe, G. Worth, vs. J. Cudmore, Bruce Clair, George McCannell, Al. Pilson.  
Art Sullivan, Dan Acorn, J. Lowery, Malc. MacKenzie, vs. Bill MacLean, Ron Pettit, George Kennedy, Don Williams, 9 P. M.  
At. MacDonald, R. Robertson, Preston MacLeod, Lyman Nicholson, vs. Don Wannamaker, Bud Ings, Tyler Beck, Martin Sanderson.  
Ralph Beck, Dick MacLean, Benny Balderson, Floyd Nicholson, vs. Joey Fraser, Lester Carpenter, Spencer Llewellyn, Lester Hennigar.

and Mrs. John MacKinnon. They will then travel to Ottawa, where they will reside for the winter, with Mrs. MacKinnon's sister, Mrs. Booth Scott and Mr. Scott.  
Charles Murphy of Vernon was a business visitor to Georgetown last week.  
Mrs. C.A. Scully has returned to her home after being a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.  
Frank MacCorack was a recent business visitor to the city.  
The many friends of Master Chester Llewellyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Llewellyn are sorry and 475 for boys can be used in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.  
On Saturday, December 13th, Captain and Mrs. H. Larsen and

family with Mrs. Lemuel MacCormack and Miss Aldene MacCormack motored to Charlottetown.  
Everett MacLeod who has been employed in Halifax, N.S., has returned to his home in Georgetown.

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Dec. 15 - Jan. 15 period, shows below or much below normal readings are expected from the Maritimes to the Rockies. British Columbia and Newfoundland are expected to have normal readings.

Heavy precipitation is forecast for most of the Atlantic Provinces, and British Columbia, Alberta, and part of Saskatchewan. Southern Ontario is expected to have light precipitation and the rest of the country moderate. (CP Newsmap)

### Funeral Held Of Mrs. G. Reynolds

MONTAGUE — The funeral of the late Mrs. Georgina Reynolds of Murray River, was held from Murray River United Church, Saturday.

Rev. L. S. Woolfrey conducted the service at the church, taking as his text St. John 14:1 "Let Not Your Heart be Troubled yes believe in God, Believe also in Me". Hymns sung were "O God Our Help in Ages Past", "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross".  
The pall bearers were Clifford

### SOVIET HONORS MILTON

LONDON (Reuters)—A postage stamp portraying English poet Keenan, Raymond Reynolds, Willard MacLean, Harper Lecco, John Ferguson and Clarence Lowe.

Interment was in Murray Harbor North Cemetery.

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TURKEY DINNER — Mrs. Bruce MacPhee, Montague, was the holder of the lucky ticket on the Christmas meal sponsored by the Montague Branch of the Canadian Association for Retarded Children. The dinner includes a turkey with all the fixings.

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