

# Cuban Rebels Sabotage Race

HAVANA, Feb. 24 (P)—Cuba's biggest auto race played out to a quick and tragic end today.

The climax was a weird outcome of the battle being waged from underground by rebel forces against the government.

Five Cuban spectators were killed and 40 more were injured or dying—victims of a race car that went out of control.

## Senate Passes Debt Measure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (P)—The Senate tonight passed and sent to President Eisenhower the bill he asked raising the federal debt ceiling by five billion dollars.

The limit is now 275 billion dollars, a ceiling which the administration is approaching.

The 280 billion limit will be in effect through June 30, 1959. This is the fourth time Congress has boosted the limit temporarily at Eisenhower's request.

Sen. Harry Byrd (D-Va.), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, argued without success the limit should be held to 278 billion dollars.

Senate passage came by voice vote after five hours debate. The House passed the measure 328-71 Jan. 23.

## Nasser Goes to Syria

DAMASCUS, U.A.R., Feb. 24 (P)—President Nasser made his first trip to Syria today as head of the new United Arab Republic and was greeted by crowds shouting "Long live Nasser!"

Nasser flew in for talks to get Syria operating as a province in the U.A.R. It was reported Syrian officials were not even aware of his arrival until his plane landed.

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# Douglas Seeks Employment Aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (P)—Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill) today called for federal aid to help build projects in areas of critical unemployment—areas he said now number 45 against 19 last year.

Douglas made the statement as his Senate production and stabilization subcommittee resumed hearings on legislation to supply federal aid—mostly loans—to areas of high unemployment.

Douglas has introduced a bill that would entail loans totaling 275 million dollars to encourage industries to build in depressed areas. Seventy-five million of this would be for the construction of public projects, the rest for new plants in rural and industrial areas.

He said that even if full prosperity resumes many of the depressed areas still will need re-development next year and in 1960.

## Pittsburgh Coroner May Seek Governorship

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 24 (P)—Allegheny County Coroner, Dr. William D. McClelland, said today he obtained nominating petitions for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

McClelland said he has given petitions to friends in Allegheny and several other counties. However, he has not yet formally announced he will seek the nomination.

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# Ike Claims U.S. Economy Stronger Than Critics' Spirit

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (P)—President Eisenhower said today the country is not in "tip-top form" but that its economy "is a lot stronger than the spirit of those who are wailing."

In a pep talk at the National Food Conference, the President said courage and confidence are needed "to prevent the slackness in employment and the dip in the economy from becoming serious."

Eisenhower did not refer to former President Harry S. Truman's Saturday night speech accusing the Republicans of bringing on

the recession by five years of "economic misrule." But his words appeared to be an answer. This is no time to "listen to people of little faith," the President declared.

In New York, informed of Eisenhower's statement, Truman commented that "all the men of little faith are in the Republican party."

Eisenhower returned to Washington in the morning from a 10-day vacation in Georgia and a brief stopover in Phoenix, Ariz.



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