

# Castro's Army Pursues 24 Invaders from U.S.

HAVANA (AP)—Prime Minister Fidel Castro's government claimed yesterday its armed forces are in hot pursuit of 24 survivors of a 27-man invasion force from the United States which landed near the eastern tip of Cuba. U.S. policy directors were blamed for the incursion.

A communique of the Armed Forces Ministry said militiamen intercepted the invaders soon after the landing at Navas Bay, killed their leader and captured two others.

## British Leader Broadens Aim Of Laborites

SCARBOROUGH, England (AP)—Britain's Labor party devalued its traditional Socialist dogma yesterday and decided instead to give priority to a "New Deal" welfare program.

Against all the odds, Laborite leader Hugh Gaitskell talked the party's annual conference into taking what amounts to a revolutionary stride to the right. For the first time the party definitely stated that its aims are broader than state ownership of industry—the old cornerstone of Socialist belief.

The 1,261 conference delegates approved a policy statement which now directs the party's heaviest fire at class privilege.

Keeping firm grip on the party reins, Gaitskell achieved this fundamental change in the party's aims after suffering a bitter defeat Wednesday. Then left-wing elements won conference approval for a neutralist program which would require Britain to renounce her own nuclear weapons and pull out of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

## Workers Return As Picketing Slows

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Picketing at General Electric Company's switchgear plant was reduced yesterday from a solid, deep front of strikers to thin lines at all five gateways.

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A spokesman for the prime minister's office said Castro, who is in Havana regards the landing as "of very little importance."

"Navas Bay is on the north shore of Oriente Province, the cradle of Castro's revolution, between the mining town of Moa and historic Baracoa.

The communique said the two dozen men — including three Americans — who eluded the militiamen seized 50 Cuban farmers as hostages and hiked to an area in that mountainous region called Nuevo Mundo — New World.

"This group cannot escape pursuit of the revolutionary army and rural militiamen" the communique declared.

It reported seizure of a large American flag, a book on U.S. Army regulations and seven American carbines in the opening clash.

The two prisoners were identified as Enrique Torres Perez who was wounded and Arturo Alvarez a former Batista soldier accused of war crimes in three killings.

Exactly when the landing occurred was not made clear. The communique which was undated but was handed to Havana newspapers at 2 a.m. Thursday said it came "at dawn yesterday."

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# Nixon Raps Jack's Plan For Aged

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon yesterday charged his opponent's record on medical care for the aged has been "up to bat three times, struck out three times."

Nixon emphasized his own voluntary state-operated program for medical care in a speech prepared for delivery at an evening rally in this Great Lakes city.

At the rally, Nixon gave this assessment of the medical care performance of Kennedy: "The program he talks of now was rejected earlier this year, 17 to 8, by the committee in the House of Representatives. This committee was controlled, 15 to 10, by his own party. The plan was defeated, 12 to 5, by the Senate committee."

"His plan then was defeated in the Senate, in a struggle in which his party had a 2-to-1 majority, but he couldn't deliver his own votes."

Kennedy's medical care plan differs from Nixon's and a more limited administration plan passed this year mainly in that it would be incorporated into the existing Social Security system.

## Tokyo's Vagrants Decrease

TOKYO (AP)—National census takers report there now are only 1,235 vagrants — 123 of them women — living in parks, plazas and compounds of Tokyo temples and shrines compared with 3,471 at the last previous census in 1955.

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He devoted his entire speech to Cuba, an unusual campaign move for him. His aides had dropped the word in advance they considered it one of his major efforts to date.

Kennedy said there was a four-fold answer to the question, "How did we permit the Communists to establish this foothold 90 miles away?"

"We refused to help Cuba meet its desperate need for economic progress."

"We used the influence of our government to advance the interests and increase the profits of the private American companies which dominate the island's economy."

"The United States gave 'stature and support to one of the most bloody and repressive dictatorships in the long history of Latin-American repression'—the Batista regime."

"We did nothing to persuade the people of Cuba and Latin America that we wanted to be on the side of freedom."

## South Africa to Become Republic by Next Year

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)—South Africa has voted to become a republic with a president instead of the British monarch as chief of state.

The republic will be proclaimed next year to replace the Union of South Africa, a setup that came in 1910 in the peaceful aftermath of the Boer War to reunite the four provinces and Britain.

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