

Castro to Try New Plan In Anti-Yankee Campaign

HAVANA (AP)—The novelty of watching for an enemy that never comes seemed wearing thin among Cubans yesterday. There were signs Fidel Castro may soon announce the strength of his people's army has frightened off American aggressors.

Cuban propaganda outlets continued to assert that the United States plans to invade this island nation before President Eisenhower turns over the White House to President-elect John F. Kennedy on Jan. 20.

Castro-controlled papers used big headlines to denounce U.S. Navy maneuvers in the Caribbean and a visit of the super-carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt to the U.S. base on Guantanamo Bay.

Revolution charged that Americans have mined the bay.

That charge was denied by a U.S. Navy spokesman in Washington. He said travel through the base to Cuban docks at the head of the bay must remain unrestricted under terms of a 1903 treaty.

The newspaper repeatedly cited alleged American-financed war preparations in Guatemala, 700 miles away across the Caribbean, as proof of Washington plans to attack.

But activity in Cuba's defense preparations, which have placed all Cuba under virtual martial law since Dec. 31, appeared to be dwindling.

Heavy rain and a cold north wind contributed to this.

Cuban labor organizations — in the forefront of the workers militia — arranged for a massive demonstration before the presidential palace Friday night.

It is logical to suppose Castro will address the mass meeting. Many believe he will choose that time to announce that the potential invaders have been scared off by Cuba's massive demonstration of armed strength.

The whereabouts of the Prime Minister were undetermined. Some sources said he had left Havana — possibly for a closer look at the situation around Guantanamo Bay.

GOP Leaders Say Budget 'Balanced'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's final federal budget, which goes to Congress on Monday, will be a balanced, non-political one, Republican congressional leaders said yesterday.

But they added that some of the spending recommendations made to President-elect John F. Kennedy by his various "task forces" could throw the new budget into the red, if adopted.

The GOP leaders, speaking to newsmen after their final weekly meeting with Eisenhower, said also that the government will end up in the black during the current fiscal year—which the administration has been predicting all along.

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois and Rep. Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, the Senate and House GOP leaders, said the meeting of more than two hours with Eisenhower was devoted largely to the budget.

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Kennedy Confers At Rapid Pace

WASHINGTON (AP)—Stepping into conferences at a rushed pace, President-elect John F. Kennedy received another task force report yesterday and headed into a discussion on America's balance of payments problems.

His packed schedule listed work in three cities: New York, Washington and Palm Beach, Fla.

He spent the morning talking to advisers in New York, where he received a report on public welfare programs.

Then he flew to Washington, where he conferred with Secretary of the Treasury Robert B. Anderson, Vice President-elect Lyndon B. Johnson, and Sen. Robert S. Kerr, (D-Okla.) a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

Kennedy flies to his family's shore home in Palm Beach, where he hoped to get in some work on the inaugural address he will deliver on Jan. 20.

The welfare task force, headed by Prof. Wilbur J. Cohen of the University of Michigan, proposed expanding Social Security, public assistance, unemployment compensation, and medical education.

The group recommended that Congress approve immediately a health insurance plan for the aged tied to Social Security. That controversial plan is a pet project of Kennedy.

The agenda for Kennedy's Washington conference with Anderson, Johnson and Kerr focused on balance of payments. The United States has recently been spending four billion more in dollars abroad than it has been earning by selling exports to foreign countries. The result has been a flow of gold from the United States.

French Expect To Meet Rebels

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)—Peace negotiations between France and the Algerian rebel government are expected soon, high French officials said yesterday.

These officials said secret contacts between envoys of the French government and the rebels may begin in matter of weeks to be followed by full negotiations.

The move would follow the Sunday referendum that approved President Charles de Gaulle's handling of the thorny Algerian problem.

But there was no outward sign of a move by either camp.

De Gaulle went ahead in Paris with his plans for giving Algeria virtual self-government at home.

Rebel Premier Ferhat Abbas consulted his Cabinet in exile at Tunis. His spokesman said the referendum result was not on the agenda "because it does not really concern us."

Dag Cuts Visit to Africa

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Dag Hammarskjold is cutting short his visit to Africa in order to attend Security Council sessions on the Congo. His office announced yesterday the Secretary-General will return home Friday. He went to Africa a week ago, and had planned to go to the Middle East.

Grand Jury Indicts Ex-Governor Fine

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP)—A federal grand jury yesterday indicted former Gov. John S. Fine, 67, for income tax evasion.

A three-count indictment against the onetime Republican leader also named his brother-in-law, Donald P. Morgan. Each was charged with evasion for the years 1955, 1956 and 1957. The total alleged to have been evaded was \$45,554.

The allegations cover a period after Fine, 100th governor of the state, left office. He served from 1951 to January, 1955. In Pennsylvania, a governor cannot succeed himself.

Since leaving office his power as a political leader has reduced to where he no longer controls his own Luzerne County Republican organization.

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