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## Foes Report Castro Sick

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro's foes reported last night that he was incapacitated—probably mentally—by rebel plane bombing Monday.

A spokesman for the Democratic Revolutionary Front, whose guerrillas invaded Cuba over the weekend, said the information was gathered by the front's organization.

Castro's voice has not been heard from Havana since the infiltration attempt began, and he had been reported to be in the area when the infiltration hit the beach in southern Cuba.

A Cuban radio announcer said early Monday a rebel bomb dropped "just where Fidel was." The announcer then was cut off.

U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk, in Atlanta for a speech, said last night he had received no information about the report, but added: "There are a lot of rumors going around."

"There have been many questions as to the whereabouts of Castro," said Wendell Rollason, director of what he termed the Inter-American Affairs Commission of Miami.

Rollason, a public relations man and civic worker who has been engaged for some time in Latin American affairs, told a news conference his own sources also had aided in gathering the information.

Appearing as a spokesman for the Cuban exile group, Rollason said: "Castro has been incapacitated by bombings. He is out of circulation with a mental or physical collapse. We have good reason to believe the former is the case."

"They are trying to get him (Castro) back on his feet," he added. "But he has not been able physically or mentally—whatever the case—to appear in public."

If Castro, 34, in fact is incapacitated for any long period, the question arises as to who would succeed him.

The news of Castro's incapacity—if confirmed—would go far toward offsetting the setbacks suffered in the first round of anti-Castro rebels.

Fidel obviously is the single personality that has held his regime together so far.

There was no firm news of any new landings, however, despite rebel claims Wednesday night that one had taken place.

In Washington, President Kennedy warned that the United States will not hesitate to safeguard its own security in the Cuban situation even if other nations in the hemisphere fail to live up to their anti-Communist obligations.

## Platforms of Candidates Announced

### Campus

Campus party last night announced its platform and pledged itself to a reorganized student government so that SGA will become a "true governing body."

The party stipulated that representatives on the SGA Assembly should be directly responsible to a defined constituency and that SGA should act to promote student interests.

Incompetence of the present student leaders in representing the student body was given as the reason for the platform pledge.

"Under the proposed system of reorganization," the platform states, political parties will assume an active role in the expression of student welfare.

Other pledges in the platform include a referendum to be held during the winter term so that students can voice their opinion on the performance of the SGA officers and SGA itself.

If the referendum shows that the performances are thought unsatisfactory, the platform states, members of Campus party would resign.

Another platform plank advocates the sponsoring of big name entertainment. Proceeds of the programs would be used to establish a scholarship fund.

In another plank, the party pledges to fight for the repeal of the four per cent sales tax on textbooks because it is an "undue burden on students and their families."

In the preamble, the party advocates stronger student opinion in "what policies are right or wrong for this University."

If elected, the preamble con-

### Independents

Duane Alexander, Independent candidate for student body president, said that he will campaign on the 10 points which he announced at the University party meeting Sunday night. Spencer McGraw, independent candidate for senior class president, said last night that he did not have a formal platform but had some "ideas" which he is proposing.

Alexander's three main points are the abolishment of compulsory ROTC, expanded facilities at the Stone Valley recreation area and the expansion of student parking facilities. On these lines, he proposed that the matter of the Hetzel Union lot be taken directly to President Eric A. Walker.

Among his "minor points" he called for the reduction of the salaries of SGA officers, more student support of the Peace Corps and better student-faculty contact. He also suggested that fraternities and sororities increase their cultural programs.

McGraw said that he has four ideas which will serve as his platform.

The first of these is that seniors be given permission to have their dates sit with them at football games in Beaver Stadium. He is also proposing that an additional two telephones, the plug-in type, be installed in some of the women's residence halls on weekends. He said that this would eliminate the long lines in the residence halls when men students come to pick up their dates.

McGraw is asking for a smaller senior class advisory board. He said that this would be more efficient and would, most likely, get more accomplished. His final proposal is to extend parking

### University

In drawing up its platform for the spring elections, University party has used the ideas suggested by its candidate for student body president, Robert Harrison, at the final nominations Sunday.

Two of the three planks in the party platform announced yesterday were drawn from Harrison's suggestions. The first of these calls for SGA to sponsor a popular entertainment series for the student body.

The proceeds from such a project would be used to provide for a revolving student loan fund the platform stipulates.

The second of the planks provides for a bureau of student opinion to be organized as an advisory body to the SGA. This bureau would determine student opinion on issues before SGA and bring these before the legislative body.

The last of the party planks was suggested by Joan Cavanagh, party candidate for student body secretary-treasurer, Michael Dzvonik, party chairman, said.

It calls for a reorganization and consolidation of the committee system within student government and an expansion in the scope of the Leadership Training course.

In introducing the platform, a party statement declares that the primary function of SGA should be service to the student body directly.

Omitted from the platform was Harrison's proposal that SGA affiliate with the National Student Association. In explaining why this had been left out of the official platform, Dzvonik said the steering committee, after consultation with University officials and sources elsewhere in the state, had decided that the issue was too controversial to be included

### Yale Professor Named To Physics Department

Dr. Ernest G. Pollard, presently serving as distinguished visiting professor of biophysics has been appointed to the Department of Physics.

Pollard, who is chairman of the Department of Biophysics at Yale University, has been named professor of biophysics.

## Two-Way Assembly Proposed

By CAROL KUNKLEMAN and ANN PALMER

The legislature subcommittee of the SGA Reorganization Committee yesterday recommended that both classes and residence areas be represented on the SGA Assembly.

The recommendation was made at hearings held to gather student opinion on what the revised SGA constitution should include.

Under the system, the Assembly would consist of 32 members, including four class presidents and one member-at-large from each class.

The remaining 24 members would be apportioned according to population of the four residence areas of IFC, MRC, TIM and AWS.

To provide for this representation, the subcommittee advocated holding spring and fall elections. This idea was also discussed at the by-law hearings conducted last night.

John Brandt, who proposed several recommendations in addition to the original revised constitution submitted by Duane Alexander, said that by having the two elections the Assembly would be assured of having a new group each fall.

According to Brandt, pre-nominations for Assembly seats could be made by the political parties in the spring, with final nominations made in the fall. SGA officers and the senior class president could be elected in the spring.

Brandt also said that having the fall election would cut down on the number of inexperienced people being elected to Assembly.

The sub-committee did not make any recommendations.

Results of the hearings will be aired at a meeting of the entire reorganization committee at 7 p.m. Wednesday in 128 Sackett.

The committee will then make final recommendations for the constitution to be brought before the Assembly for approval.

## Parade Will March Thru Town, Campus

With a roll of drums and the sound of Air Force ROTC bugles, "Our American Heritage" will march through town and campus next Friday in the annual Spring Week Float Parade.

The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Wagner Building, and will travel west down Curtin Road and turn left at Shortlidge Road. It will continue past McElwain and Simmons dormitories and turn right on College Ave.

The floats and bands will parade through State College until they reach Burrows Road where they will turn right and continue to Pollock Road.

The longest straight stretch for the parade will be down Pollock Road which will be opened for the occasion. At Entrance Road, the parade will turn left, and will end at Curtin Road.

The Air Force ROTC Band will lead the parade, followed by the banner for the first category (Colonization to 1800). Next will come the Freshman Class Advisory Board, the floats for the first cat-

egory and the Miss Penn State finalists.

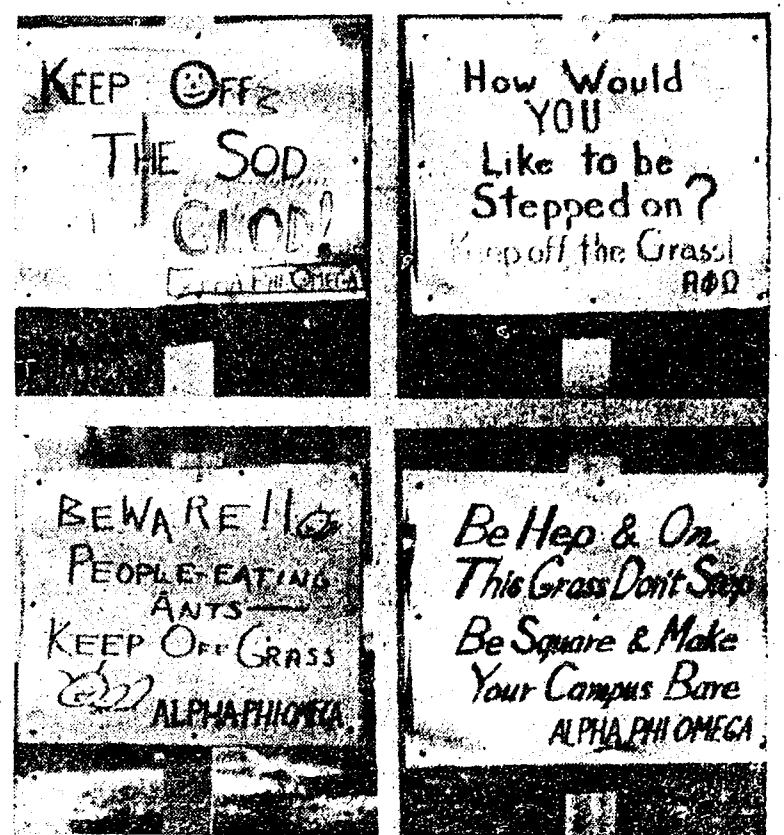
The Navy ROTC Band will be next, followed by the banner for the second category (1800-1900) and the floats for the second category. Then will come the He-Man and Queen of Hearts finalists, and the Player's Entry advertising "Paint Your Wagon."

Army ROTC band will march next, followed by the banner for the third category (1900 - Present), the floats for the third category and the Air Force Drum and Bugle Corps.

Within the three categories there will be no specific order in which the floats will be placed. Judy Cheadle, co-chairman of the parade, said yesterday. A "first come, first in line policy will be followed," she said.

Television coverage will be

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REGARDLESS HOW IT IS SAID, all these signs mean "Keep off the grass." Many of the signs were placed at various points around campus yesterday by Alpha Phi Omega, national service honorary, as an attempt to keep students from using shortcuts across the grass.

—Collegian Photo by John Beauge