

CUBA

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The blood and thunder news from Cuba continues today. With a wild and woolly thriller - of how Fidel Castro played a lurid, theatrical part in the capture of a rebel airplane. Castro - ~~portrayed~~ specializing in melodrama.

But the chief cloak - and - dagger character - is an American, of whom we've heard before. William Morgan, of Toledo, Ohio. Now described - as a former U.S. Army paratrooper. Today, Fidel Castro, personally - gave Morgan the credit for the new exploit.

The story is that Morgan and a Cuban Major joined the anti-Castro movement - but, all the while, kept Fidel ~~Castro~~ informed of what was going on. Morgan - rising high among the conspirators, who named him - military chief, in the ^{new} uprising that was planned. (

The plot - hatched in the Dominican Republic. Morgan - flying to the Dominican capital, where he confabulated with Anti-Castro Cubans.

His first exploit - when he arranged for a shipload of rebels to land in Cuba. Where - they were all captured.

Exploit number two - when he called a meeting of leaders of the conspiracy in Havana. Where - they were arrested.

That ~~is~~ story - we had ^{this past} ~~on~~ Tuesday evening. With plenty of mention of Morgan, as Castro's man inside the conspiracy. Nevertheless, in spite of all the publicity, he appears again today, ~~Leading~~ anti-Castro rebels - into another trap.

The word in Havana is that Morgan sent radio messages to the Dominican Republic - stating that the insurgents were in control of a large part of the Province of Las Villas. ^{and} Urgently requesting - that a planeload of armament be sent, ~~Together~~ - with military "experts". Guaranteeing - a safe ~~is~~ landing at an airport held by the rebels. ^{TP} The planeload of weapons and "experts" duly sent along. |

~~The~~ airport - actually surrounded by Castro troops. Fidel Castro, himself ^{there} ~~is~~ in command.


The plane, landed, and they began unloading - the armament. ^{all of} which was going on - when Castro came dashing ^{dramatically} out of the darkness, jumping aboard the plane - pistol in hand.

Whereupon shooting broke out - all over the place.

Two rebels, and two of Castro's men - killed. Castro - unharmed; - ~~and~~ eight of the rebels ~~were~~ captured.

One of the prisoners - Colonel Antonio Soto, The pilot - who flew Dictator Batista to safety in the Dominican Republic, when Castro overthrew - the Batista regime.

Well, when you report the news from Cuba nowadays, you don't have to envy - the ~~the~~ imagination of writers who concoct fiction thrillers. The news dispatches from Havana - beat them all.



Oh yes, *and* There's a report - that invaders from Cuba have landed in Haiti. Heavily armed men - in uniforms of the kind worn in Castro's army. Haiti - on the same island as the Dominican Republic. And rumors have been circulating - that Castro might invade Haiti ^{*in order to*} ~~to~~ cross that country and get at the Dominican Republic.

9 All - part of the hostility between the Cuban revolutionary Castro and ~~the~~ Dominican Dictator Trujillo.

DISCOVERER


Air Force planes left Hawaii, today - to be ready for the capsule from Explorer Number Five. The hope being that the satellite, in orbit, would eject the capsule - which is a replica of a cabin in which a space voyager might ride.

Everything depends on an element of timing. The capsule - to be ejected as the man-made moon speeds high over the Arctic. So that it will come slanting down - to land in the Pacific southwest of Hawaii. ~~The~~ target area where everything has been arranged - to pick it up.

TITAN

At Cape Canaveral, Florida - the explosion of a Titan "super missile", which blew up - seconds after it was launched. The blast - a spectacular display of fireworks. Nobody hurt - everybody safe in a concrete blockhouse.

Previous experiments had been successful in testing the first stage rocket of the Titan. Today's launching ~~was~~ intended as a trial for the second stage rocket. Scientists explain that you^are likely to get failures at each step, ~~as~~ until you get the technique - exactly right.



ADD TIT'N

~~Then~~ Later today at Cape Canaveral, they made a successful test of a firing method for a missile launched from a submarine.

LABOR

The House of Representatives, today, took a final vote on the bill for labor reform - endorsed by President Eisenhower.

The issue - settled yesterday. But, through technicalities, another vote was needed.

The majority today - far larger than yesterday's when the President won a victory - by a larger margin than expected. Today, the vote was - overwhelming. Three-hundred-and-thirty-two to one ~~hundred~~ hundred-and-twenty five. A large number of Democrats - switching over, ~~and~~ jumping on the band wagon.

MURDER

The frightening Long Island murder mystery - solved by a confession. Francis Bloeth, a killer [^]-psychopath - telling the police how he shot three restaurant workers at night, in three robberies, which were more an excuse for murder than anything else.

"If I had had more bullets, I would have shot more people," ~~is~~ he says.

The confession - ending a reign of terror on Long Island.

MILITIA

At West Seneca, New York, William Sircovitch - likes candy bars. He always did - and that sweet tooth of his was the source of a pleasant memory ~~↳~~ Dating back - to world war Two.

Sircovitch - then a private in an outfit that captured the city of Saarbrucken, Germany. The town - heavily shelled, ~~and~~ then the G I's marched in. Sircovitch, noting a pathetic sight. An eleven year old boy - clinging to his mother. The lad, frightened out of his wits by the shellfire.

Well, as you might expect, Sircovitch had - a couple of candy bars. So he went over, and handed one to the boy. Who took it gratefully - and began munching away.

Today, Sircovitch is a sergeant - in the national guard.

His outfit ~~is~~ on maneuvers at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. A bunch of soldiers - caught in a rainstorm. Sircovitch - among them. With a usual supply - of candy bars.

Which he distributed - among the others. Handing one- to Private Gunther Kunkel. Who looked and ~~xx~~ stared, and asked:

"Were you ever in Saarbrucken?"

"Sure" said Sircovitch. How did you know?"

And Kunkel answered: "Don't you remember me, Sarge?"

You gave me a candy bar there - almost fifteen years ago."

Now let's see if we can
locate Don.

WORDS

At the city of Hertford, ^{over} in England - the Judge,
today, gave a maximum sentence ~~of~~ to Leonard Darlow. Who
faced the court - on a charge of breaking probation.
Previously convicted of a minor offense, he had been ordered
- to get a job and be "industrious". But Darlow just kept
on - loafing.

Today in court, he told the Judge: "You may think
I am inebriated by the exuberance of my own verbosity. But,
perhaps, you should issue warrants for the arrest of the
arist^ocracy, the gentlemen of leisure. My attitude," he
added, "is as unalterable and irrefutable as the laws of the
Medes and Persians."

The Judge told him to sit down, but Darlow replied:

"I prefer to remain in the perpendicular position."

So that was when the Judge sent the sesquipedalian
rhetorician - to jail. Throwing the book at him - and it
wasn't the dictionary.

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