

CUBA

L.T. - Delco Tues. Aug. 11 - '59.

There's a melodrama worthy of any stage - in today's news from Cuba. Which tells - of a vast conspiracy against the Castro regime. The plotters - planning a series of attacks in various parts of the island, including - an aerial bombardment of Havana. The revolutionary scheme aided - by money and weapons from the Dominican Republic.

But Castro knew - what was going on. Informed by a Cuban army commandant - and an American born Castro partisan, named William Morgan. Both - on the inside of the plot.

The situation coming to a head - Saturday night. When Morgan called a meeting of the top leaders of the conspiracy, who gathered - in a private residence in Havana.

Among the leaders - the President of the Cuban Cattle-Owners Association, which - opposes the Castro program for a redistribution of land. Another - a former Senator. Still another - a prominent Havana contractor. The three - to assume the offices of president, vice-president, and premier. When - Castro was overthrown.

Such was the arrangement of the secret meeting - when the Cuban Commandant and Morgan suddenly announced - the conspirators were under arrest. Imagine their consternation!

Then ^{bearded} Fidel Castro walked in - confronting the plotters.

Going up to one and asking - "What do you think you're going to be minister of?" A sinister question!

The leaders of the conspiracy - taken off to prison. Followed - by the arrest of a thousand military men, and hundreds of civilians.

Fidel Castro - to make another appearance on radio-TV, tonight, with his own account - of what happened. The melodrama - to be ^{made} the more melodramatic, no doubt ^{by} the way - he tells it.

Meanwhile, gunfire continued in Havana today - outbreaks of shooting. Gunmen in a speeding automobile - spraying a garrison post with bullets. Similar shooting - near the headquarters of the motorized police. Still other bursts of gunfire - echoing through Havana streets.

AUSTRIA

At an Austrian lake - discoveries bearing on an obscure episode of World War Two. At Lake Toplitz, divers ~~brank~~ brought up secret Nazi documents - and bundles of money.

All - evidence of a plan to strike at Britain through fraudulent finance. Himmler, the Nazi security chief - proposing a huge counterfeit operation. Turning out - millions of spurious British pounds.

The documents now brought up include a letter from Hitler - authorizing Himmler to go ahead with his false money scheme. Other papers concerning counterfeit - and masses of expertly forged bank notes. ~~Amounting to millions of dollars.~~

It would appear that, as the downfall of Nazi Germany drew near - the ~~counterfeit~~ conspirators dumped cases of documents and phoney cash, into Lake Toplitz. Where they remained on the bottom - until now.

BOOM

New record-breaking figures - for employment in this country. The total for July - nearly sixty-seven million, six hundred thousand. An increase of a quarter of a million - above the previous all-time high, set in July.

At the same time, the July figure for unemployment shows a decline of two hundred and thirty-eight thousand.

These totals do not reflect the steel strike. Which has idled - some six hundred thousand workers.

~~The boom~~ continuing.

RACKETS

The Senate Rackets Committee, today, began a secret inquiry - into the affairs of the Auto Workers Union, which is headed - by Walter Reuther, Vice-President of the AFL-CIO.

Reuther asked the Committee - to hold its investigating sessions in public. So today, the Committee took a vote on that - and rejected it. The hearing - to be held behind closed doors.

Republican members of the Senate group have long demanded - that the Committee look into charges made against the huge Auto Workers Union. The Democratic majority now deciding - to let the Republicans present whatever evidence they have, ~~against Walter Reuther's union.~~ If the Democrats feel there's enough to justify it - then public sessions will be held.

This afternoon, the Rackets Committee began hearing testimony. One case - having to do with a couple of Union officials, against whom charges were made. Other witnesses, former officials of the Union. Claiming - they got a raw deal from the Union ^{bosses!} ~~officials.~~

BOBBY FISCHER

Today brought public response - in a truly remarkable case. The plight of a boy from Brooklyn - who is a genius in the intellectual game of chess.

From time to time I've mentioned
~~On this program, I've had occasion to mention~~

Bobby Fischer - the stripling who won the American chess championship last year. After which - he went over to Europe and competed in top ranking international tournaments. Qualifying for the finals - which will select the challenger for the championship of the world. The present champion - a Russian.

Bobby, now fifteen years old - stranded in Yugoslavia.

His mother - a trained nurse who supports her family, ~~Unable~~ - to help.

So she wrote a letter to the New York Herald Tribune.

Pointing out - that we put up financial backing for all sorts of athletics, *and* Arguing - that her son is a boy prodigy in the game of mental gymnastics. Which game - has the highest prestige in Soviet Russia.

Today - public response. Including a personal contribution - from the President of the New York Board of Education.

So maybe the American fifteen year old ^{will} ~~may~~ be able to enter the competition for the championship, ~~Now~~ held - by the Soviets.

LONG

Today, Governor Long of Louisiana said, in his own words - "It's an asset, instead of a back-set." Referring - to the special session of the Louisiana Legislature, last night, At which the Governor got - what certainly would seem to be a "back-set."

After the weeks of hullabaloo, with Governor Long in a mental institution, getting out, and raising ructions - he ~~said~~ called a special session of the Legislature. To pass - bills he wanted to put through.

So last night, the lawmakers assembled. The Governor there - to tell them what to do. But, instead of listening, the Legislature promptly voted adjournment. The special session lasting - half an hour.

Today the Governor said, the slap - was a complete surprise. But he thinks it will help him - in his campaign for re-election as governor. Making him - a martyr, perhaps.

All expressed in that classic rhyming phrase. "It was an asset - instead of a back-set." *Now Don.*

REDUCING

In Miami, today, ^{the} A court awarded twenty-five hundred dollars in damages - to Miss Marielle Patenaude, who comes from Canada. ~~The judge and jury deciding - that Marielle, twenty three years old, certainly deserves the money as compensation for what happened.~~ She went to a reducing salon - to lose weight. But, instead, she lost - her fiance.

~~That~~ ^(twenty-three year old) ~~in the~~ afternoon, Marielle took her place on one of those couches, which swing and vibrate. The idea being - to shake off those extra pounds. Marielle found it pleasant and soothing - and dropped off to sleep. ^PWhen she woke up, the reducing salon was dark. The doors - locked. The place, having closed for the night, ~~N~~obody noticing Marielle - asleep on the couch.

So she couldn't get out, and it nearly drove her frantic. Because - she had a date with the boy friend. Her fiance, waiting for her.

She pounded on doors. But in vain - until a cleaning woman showed up, and let her out.

AUTOMOBILE

Credit for an epigram - goes to the chief constable of Gloucestershire, over in England. At the town of Cranham, a lot of traffic trouble - a jam of parked automobiles. So today Constable J.S.H. Gaskine gave an explanation - in the form of that epigram. *The constable's epigram: -*

"If you give a woman ^{an} inch, she'll park her car in it," ^{so} Gloucestershire said the constable.

In court, Marielle told the sad story. Her fiance thought she stood him up, and so he walked out on her.

No wonder - Marielle sued for damages, and collected.