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House Re-Elects Carr As Speaker

Forbidden to Leave Cuba Ag Home for Holidays Finds Self in Revolt

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Andres Carrillo, junior animal husbandry major, had the rather dubious distinction of being smack in the middle of the Cuban revolution during the Christmas holidays.

He arrived in Havana Sunday, Dec. 21, to find his friends betting among themselves as to the day Batista would leave.

He said, "Everyone knew he was through. It was only a question of when he would leave."

The day Batista left, Jan. 1, the militia began organizing to prevent plundering, said Carrillo. The spasmodic fighting in the streets kept people indoors most of the time.

"One time I started to the grocery store and the militia told me to take another route because there was fighting in the street," he said.

plundering, but that the home of one of Batista's men had three large air conditioning units torn out of the wall.

When asked about destruction of the city during the fighting, Andres said "Nothing was hurt much. All of the parking meters were torn out of the street because they belonged to Batista's brother-in-law."

When Andres started to leave, he received another surprise. He was stopped at the airport and told that no Cuban citizen was permitted to leave the country.

Then Jan. 6, students attending schools in the United States were permitted to leave. Two days later, anyone residing outside the country was released.

He said no parties were being given in Havana to celebrate because the rebels were forbidden

to drink when they first entered the city. "They were carrying arms at the time," said Andres, "and Castro didn't want them to start any trouble."

When asked about Batista's government, Andres said he used to torture a lot.

"I attended a militia meeting with my friend one night. We saw the bodies of two people tortured by the police. My friend described the methods that had been used. They hit them with sand bags, with wire covered with tape and jabbed knives in their elbows so the marks would not show."

When asked what he thought of Castro's government, Andres said he didn't know too much yet, but the people were behind him 100 per cent. He said he thought they were honest, and were not communist.

He said the University of Havana, which has been closed for three years, was already making plans to re-open he said, "I wasn't surprised. We knew it would happen, but we just didn't know when."

A general strike was called in Havana in support of the new president on Jan. 1 and lasted until Jan. 4. On Jan. 5, the first newspaper to appear in four years without government supervision was published, said Carrillo.

"The fighting was mostly Batista's gangsters and army men fighting for their lives," said Andres. "After three days, the fighting nearly quit in the city."

The militia, Andres related, was begun underground much earlier and that many of the men were 21 or under. He said they were able to stop most of the

Radio's 'Lum' To Give Speech At Symposium

Chester Lauck, vice president of Continental Oil Co., Houston, will be the after dinner speaker at the banquet of the 14th annual symposium on instrumentation for the Process Industries on the evening of Jan. 22.

Lauck is Lum of radio and TV's Lum and Abner.

Master of ceremonies for the banquet will be Dr. J. D. Lindsay, head of the Department of Chemical Engineering.

Vice President Earl Rudder will give the welcoming address at the opening session of the symposium Jan. 21.

More than 350 engineers and others are expected to attend the three day symposium conducted by the Department of Chemical Engineering. N. E. Welch, an instructor in the department, is the symposium director.

Several technical papers will be presented and informal discussions will be held on the problems of measurement and control.

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Groups Can Apply For MSC Rooms

Applications for meeting rooms for student organizations and clubs for the spring semester will be accepted in the Social and Educational Department of the Memorial Student Center beginning at 8 a.m. Friday. Mrs. Ann Keel, MSC Social Director, said yesterday.

Any student organization or club desiring a room must submit an application Jan. 16, she said.

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Andres Carrillo ... caught in Cuban revolution

Lubbock Solon Takes Close Vote

AUSTIN, Texas.—Waggoner Carr won re-election Tuesday by an eight-vote margin as speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

The Lubbock man defeated Rep. Joe Burkett Jr. of Kerrville, 79 to 71.

Then Carr took off his campaign badge, worn by his supporters during a rousing first day of the new legislature's session. The action, said Carr, was a signal for legislators to forget their differences of the long speakership race "and work together from this time on for the people of Texas."

The Carr victory was the closest in modern years. The 40-year-old Lubbock lawyer combined support from moder-

ates, liberals and conservatives. While not a straightout liberal victory, it was for that legislative faction the happiest event in years.

Burkett's support came mainly from conservatives.

The winner's backers can expect to get choice appointments to committees.

"Especially difficult will be the roles of the revenue and taxation and appropriation committees at this critical time," said Carr.

This session faces the biggest revenue-raising task in history.

Two hours before the session started, Carr led his cheering supporters in column file through the capitol rotunda into the newly decorated House chamber. They had breakfasted together downtown, and until after the election Carr men wore their big white badges, each dangling a small car.

After three seconding speeches for each candidate, members were called to the chief clerk's desk one at a time to drop their ballots in a box.

Hush fell in the big crowded room as temporary reading clerk M. K. Weitzel read each vote as it was tallied. Most spectators kept count. The lead seesawed between Carr and Burkett until about half the votes were counted.

Carr then forged ahead. A cheer went up as his total reached 76, enough for victory. Burkett had 69 at the time. The secretary of state ordered the count to continue. Carr drew a standing ovation after his 79 to 71 victory was announced.

Burkett and most of his supporters applauded along with Carr's people. —Dallas News

Teens Collect Parts of Polio Goal Saturday

A&M Consolidated High School students netted part of a \$2,000 goal in their "Teens Against Polio" campaign Saturday morning with a Toll Road Blockade at North Gate.

The blockade was the first of four schemes to raise funds for the 1959 March of Dimes, according to Miss Patricia Jackson, county chairman of the "Teens Against Polio" Drive.

Other than the blockade, Miss Jackson stated that a "Radiothon" over Radio Station WTAW, a talent show in the Stephen F. Austin High School Auditorium, and a "Teens Against Polio" dance would be held.

The radiothon will be held Saturday, Jan. 17, and the talent show will be Jan. 26, she said. She added that no place has been named for the dance on Jan. 31.

Miss Jackson stressed the quality of work done by Helen Klipple, chairman for the drive at Consolidated, and all the students who participated. "They did an excellent job and many people who were stopped complimented them on their work and enthusiasm," said Miss Jackson.

Insurance Plan Paying to Aggies

Eleven Aggies have collected claims totaling \$1,572.85 from a new accident insurance plan inaugurated Sept. 1, according to Mrs. Gene Taylor, secretary to Dr. C. R. Lyons, director of A&M Student Health Services.

Most of the claims were collected in the months of November and December, Mrs. Taylor said.

Guide Posts

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalms 27:1

News of the World

By The Associated Press

Turncoat Gets Parole

WASHINGTON—The Texas tourncoat from Kermit, Claude J. Batchelor, won a federal parole Tuesday.

The former soldier, convicted of aiding the enemy after North Korean Communists captured him in 1950, will be released March 18 from the Federal Correctional Institution at Texarkana. The U.S. Parole Board granted him freedom, for which he has been eligible since 1957.

Faubus Offer Solution

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Gov. Orval E. Faubus, who closed Little Rock's public schools to block integration, Tuesday proposed what he apparently considers a long-range solution to the racial problem.

The governor, in his third-term inaugural address, asked the Arkansas General Assembly to consider a constitutional amendment which would permit school districts at their option to allot each student his prorata share of public educational funds for use at any school of his choice.

Castro Defends Executions

HAVANA—Rebel chieftain Fidel Castro defended Tuesday the mass executions of Batista supporters convicted of war crimes. He declared they were necessary "to purify the nation."

As he spoke unofficial sources estimated the total of such executions at 150.

Castro made the statement in a speech after Roberto Agramonte, the new foreign minister, asserted that the death sentences were required to prevent vengeful Cubans from taking the law into their own hands.

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Carr Named House Speaker State Legislature Opens; Senate Votes May 12 End

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There was little horseplay and a minimum of oratory as the House chose its presiding officer and the Senate named veteran Dallas lawmaker George Parkhouse as president pro tempore.

The Senate finished its organization in less than 40 minutes and notified the House it was ready to go to work. Then it adjourned until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Completion of formalities including the election of numerous officers and aides ate up most of

the day in the House.

The 56th session, facing monumental problems of spending and taxing, was given a solemn invocation by Secretary of State Zollie Steakley who told the House in a brief opening speech:

"You must pay due regard to the solemn stewardship of a billion dollar business—the people's business."

The session, before it ends, must appropriate or allocate more than a billion dollars for state business but its chief problem will be in making up a huge deficit in the general revenue fund and finding additional new general fund money to carry on state services.

Much of the billion-dollar budget comes from other sources, such as federal aid. But this Legislature has the job of finding new general revenue money in amounts variously estimated at from 167 million dollars to more than 200 million.

The 46 new House members and 3 new Senators and all the returning lawmakers were quickly given the oaths after the session began

on the dot at 12 noon.

The Senate's sudden, unexpected action in setting a date for final adjournment actually was agreed on even before the session started. This happened at the usual reopening caucus at 10 a.m.

Sen. Frank Owen III of El Paso offered the resolution, saying: "It is our job to finish the work we have to do and go home."

May 12 would be the 120th day of the session, which is the length of sessions suggested by the Constitution. Also, the \$25 a day pay of legislators ends on the 120th day.

Nobody could remember an earlier get-a-move-on and be-done-with-it resolution. Usually the lawmakers don't even begin thinking seriously about a windup date until late in the session.

With the speakership election out of the way, it was expected that the House could without much more delay get its committee assignments and go to work on submission and processing of bills.

Dr. Paul Geren ... commencement speaker

President M. T. Harrington will greet the graduating class, their families and friends. Harrington will then present Dr. Paul Geren executive vice president of Baylor University, who will deliver the commencement address.

Vice President Earl Rudder will deliver the principal address at the commissioning exercises in Guion Hall.

Dean John B. Page will present candidates for Ph.D. degrees, professional degrees and all master's degrees in the morning exercises.

Dean Gustav M. Watkins will present candidates for the bachelor of science degrees in the fields of agriculture.

Dean George W. Schlesselman

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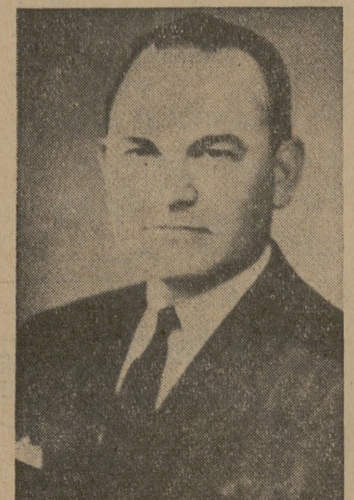
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