

CASTRO FORCES SEIZING POWER

Group Says Rule Change Is Valid

Filibuster Fight Is Shaping Up

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Senators favoring a tighter curb on filibusters contended today that incoming Senate is free to adopt rules of procedure by majority vote at the start of the session Jan. 7.

They dismissed as irrelevant the argument that the Senate, because only a third of its membership is elected every two years, is a continuing body with rules that carry over from one Congress to the next.

"The suggestion that rules enacted by men long since dead or retired from public life should prevent the majority of the Senate of the 85th Congress from adopting its own rules is contrary to the very spirit of democracy," they said.

CONFIDENCE GROWING

Income, Production Records Predicted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Secretary of Commerce Lewis Strauss predicted today that the nation's output and production rates achieved in late 1958 will be better in the new year.

"The looked-for gains of 1959, Strauss said in a New Year's statement, will bring America to the threshold of a decade of prosperity in the 1950s "which should surpass anything we have experienced."

Recalling that the past year opened in a deepening recession, with widespread uncertainty and pessimism, Strauss acclaimed the resiliency of the economy which produced an upswing in mid-year.

Growing Confidence

"Today we start the New Year from a position of increasing strength and of growing confidence," he said. A few indicators of economic well-being still are lagging, he noted, adding:

"With the number of unemployed still above normal, a prime objective in 1959 will be more work for more people."

Seek Rule Change

Douglas, Humphrey, Javits and Cere are leaders of a bipartisan group seeking a change in Senate rules to permit filibusters to be checked off by a majority of the senators—or by 50 instead of the 60 required by the present two-thirds rule.

Senators from nine Southern states have scheduled a meeting for the first week of the new year to work out Russell for fighting the proposed rules change.

Today's Chuckle

"When a wife buys things on credit, she is merely displaying confidence in her husband."

URGE INTEGRATION

Negro Demonstrators Protest In Virginia

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 1 (UPI)—About 1,000 demonstrators marched through Virginia's state capital on the holiday-closed state capitol in a drizzling rain today, the 85th anniversary of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, to protest Virginia's anti-integration policy with prayer, hymns and resolutions.

Some 200 of the demonstrators, protesting to a group of two miles down a busy city street singing hymns. Police halted traffic to clear the way.

Others walked through the lower gate of the capitol grounds and walked up a steep hill to join others who had come from the capitol to a meeting at the capitol.

The demonstrators stood on the steps of the Thomas Jefferson-designed capitol building, sang hymns, prayed and passed a resolution calling for Gov. J. Lindsay Almond to establish a timetable for desegregation of Virginia's public school system.

The gathering, held on the same steps where Almond made his inaugural address a year ago, lasted only 28 minutes.

Group's Belief

The resolution expressed the group's belief in "state-operated schools that are integrated" and said Virginia's present anti-integration laws were illegal and placed the public schools in jeopardy.

Some 1,800 members of the "Pilgrimage of Prayer for Public Schools" gathered at the city auditorium prior to the capitol demonstration and heard the leader of the movement say "Virginia is now in unholy partnership with evil."

The Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker of Petersburg, Va., coordinator of the pilgrimage, said the closure of nine public schools to avoid integration was a "20th Century version of the slaughter of the innocents."



CELEBRATIONS, LOOTING FOLLOW FLIGHT OF CUBAN STRONGMAN
This group of demonstrators celebrating the flight of Cuban strongman Fulgencio Batista rides their flag-draped automobile through the streets of Cuba. At right Havana policemen fire on rebel partisans in an effort to stop looting at the gambling casino in the Hotel Plaza in downtown Havana.

Ike Sends New Note To Reds

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Jan. 1 (AP)—President Eisenhower told the leaders of Russia today it is critically important to this country that the Soviets work toward a peaceful solution of the Berlin situation.

"Of course, the ascending curve will exhibit periodic pauses and fluctuations," but, barring war, and if we employ our dynamic free enterprise system effectively, the course will continue upward."

New Attacks On Cancer Planned

[This is the fifth and final article in the "Cancer Breakthrough" series.]
"Cancer breakthrough now or never!" This article considers the possibility of a breakthrough in 1959.

Bulletin

SALISBURY, N.C., Jan. 1 (AP)—A 1958 station wagon pulled onto a railroad track into the path of a Southern Railway train near here tonight. Four persons were killed and three critically injured.

The Highway Patrol said all victims were related.

The dead were identified as Mrs. Helen Ellenburg, 35; Cathy McIntyre, 5, and Gerald W. Woodcraft, 3, all of Route 1, Woodcraft; and Mrs. Seydell Nichols, 45, of Spencer.

Injured were Mrs. Reba McIntyre, identified as driver of the automobile; Ann McIntyre; and Mrs. Bill McIntyre. Their ages, addresses and extent of injuries were not available at once.

Highway Patrolman W. A. Anthony said the car, traveling on a rural paved road three miles south of here, pulled onto the crossing in front of Southern Train No. 19. Engineer was Burtell Jones.

Bowl Scores

LSU	7
Clemson	0
ORANGE BOWL	21
Oklahoma	16
Syracuse	6
COTTON BOWL	0
Air Force	0
TCU	0
ROSE-BOWL	38
Iowa	12
Californian	12

Guerrilla Warfare Blamed

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Jan. 1 (AP)—Fulgencio Batista said today that Fulgencio's guerrilla warfare and superior armament, as Batista called it, had forced him to give up the fight in Cuba.

The overthrown Cuban president reached exile in this Dominican Republic capital today.

With 30 other persons, including high officials of the Batista regime and army. This country is the province of Batista's good friend, dictator Rafael Trujillo.

A reporter asked Batista how it had been possible for a comparatively handful of rebels to grow in two years into a force of sufficient size to topple the entrenched Batista regime.

Henchmen Of Batista Flee Cuba

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
By the score, henchmen of fallen Cuban President Fulgencio Batista followed him into exile yesterday, many of them to this country. Some of the refugees commandeered an airliner to New York at gunpoint.

Refugee-aiden planes from Havana landed in New York, New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla. Police found guns aboard at least two of the aircraft.

Batista, himself, already had fled to exile in the Dominican Republic, leaving his country to the rebel forces of Fidel Castro.

Ambassador Appointed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Collapse of President Fulgencio Batista's strongman government in Cuba forced Ambassador Nicolas Arroyo to resign today and put a rebel-backed career officer in charge of the embassy.

Earlier in the day, rebel supporters in the Washington area made a friendly invasion of the Cuban Embassy, a handsome three-story building on Embassy Row in 16th Street, N.W. Their leader, Ernest B. Stewart, Washington representative for Fidel Castro, said they wanted Dr. Emilio Pardo, embassy economic counselor, put in charge "until

Communists Use Cuban Revolt As Propaganda Against U.S.

BY THOMAS P. WHITNEY
At Havana News said today that the Communist Party of Cuba, whose star is on the rise in Cuba, is the darling of the Communists' worldwide propaganda.

"The Communists condemn the continuing battle between the Cuban strongman and Castro's arch-enemy, President Fulgencio Batista, who chose New Year's Day to flee the country.

Typical of the tone is the headline from a recent issue of Komsomol Pravda in Moscow: "The rebels in Cuba are the Assassins of Batista."

The article portrays Castro as a national hero. It calls the least government offensive against the rebels in Central Cuba "simply the death agony. The bloody puppet is in his mortal pangs before being finished off."

Hands Off

Similarly, a Moscow radio broadcast in Spanish a few days ago portrayed Batista as supported by the United States. It

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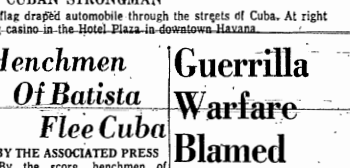
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Barquin, a former Cuban military attaché in Washington, had been imprisoned on the Isle of Pines. He was reported tonight to be at Camp Columbia, the army headquarters in Havana, talking to some 100 Cuban military about a nationwide case-fire.

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