



Photo by Louis Hamburg

CUBAN PRESIDENT FULGENCIO BATISTA ASSURES YOUTHS IN HAVANA OF FREE ELECTIONS IN 1958
... strongman won't step down in face of Cuban revolutionists' threats

Strongman Shrugs Off Challenge

President Fulgencio Batista of Cuba says flatly that he will remain in office until his term expires in 1958 despite threats and demands from his opposition that he resign.

That was the word Monday from Havana, brought to Miami by Louis Hamburg, Batista's photographer and long-time friend of the Cuban strongman.

Batista told a rally of several thousand youths in Havana Sunday that he was elected in 1954 to a four-year term and he plans to complete it.

But he assured the youths, Hamburg reported, that Cuba will have free elections in 1958 to name his successor. The Cuban constitution provides that a president may not succeed himself.

The youths had gathered in the Havana Sport Palace to hear Batista. It was the climax of a three-day youth rally sponsored by the Progressive Action League. The organization is Batista's political party.

Hamburg ridiculed a threat by Fidel Castro, a young Cuban revolutionary now in Miami, to overthrow the government if Batista refuses to resign.

Hamburg said Castro is one of the dissident opposition leaders and is trying to gain power.

He charged that Castro, who had been imprisoned for his revolutionary activities, had been released three months ago "because President Batista was big-hearted."

Castro, Hamburg charged, had led a massacre in Santiago de Cuba in July, 1953.

"He and his men invaded a hospital and shot patients down in cold blooded killings," the photographer charged.

Castro had claimed his attack was against the Moncada army barracks.

Castro claimed in Miami that his followers have organized a movement of 100,000 persons whose aim is to throw Batista out of power if he refuses to resign.

The Town Crier

BY *Jack Bell*

SOME member of the University of Miami football team is going to get an air-condition outfit. Wonder if that will impair his amateur standing?



It's like so. In the football program there's a coupon. Write on it the name of your favorite Hurricane football player. You may drop it in the box at the Orange Bowl or mail it to 703 Chamber of Commerce building. The greater Miami Hotel Association is sponsoring the idea.

And remember, you've only one more chance to vote—at the Florida-Miami game Saturday afternoon. That reminds me: maybe Hurricane fans, given an afternoon game when they can read, will do a proper job of singing the Alma Mater.

You Hurricane fans will be interested to know that last Friday night you contributed \$4,189.04 to Variety Children's Hospital. It was the annual collection made by high school students. They did a fine job.

Vienna: SRO

Vienna's state opera house, rebuilt after World War II shelling at a cost of \$25,000,000, opened Nov. 5 with Dr. Karl Boehm conducting Beethoven's "Fidelio." Standees, 539 in all, lined up 60 hours prior to the opening of the doors. Other tens of thousands sat in public squares near the opera house and heard the opera through loudspeakers.

This, the world's most honored and popular opera, is sold out for the next two years. The postwar premiere was witnessed by dignitaries from all over the world. Also, unfortunately, there were terrific black market prices.

He Calls 'Em

I listened to and watched the Washington Redskins whup the Chicago Cardinals Sunday afternoon. Red Grange did the best job of calling a game I've ever heard. He knows his football, of course. And he knows

just about everything a howl committee could wish—ahead of schedule. Michigan State goes to Pasadena to meet UCLA. Maryland and Oklahoma come here to the Orange Bowl.

If we can judge from past performances all four teams are going to score, and more than once. Two years ago we had a good but not colorful 7-0 win by Oklahoma over Maryland. You can't figure either team going scoreless this time. Everything they've done all season has pointed to offense that couldn't be denied.

UCLA out west has had a terrific year, after losing 7-0 to Maryland in the first game of the season. Red Sanders has the team rolling at top form, with plenty of break-away running. As for Michigan State, the ease with which they won 'em all after the Michigan loss (including Notre Dame), shows there's speed and deception. And let's add, plus beef. They grow 'em big up Michigan way.

You will be interested to know that Red Sanders will not leave UCLA to come to Florida. He has told the boys he's happy where he is.

Swamped!

You hopefuls seeking two Orange Bowl tickets in the public sale have swamped the ticket office. Letters had to be post-marked Nov. 21, after Sunday midnight. The first mail Monday covered two desks, letters tied in bundles. The second mail required a small truck. With each letter writer limited to two tickets, the requests easily exceed the 9,000 tickets placed on sale.



Oklahoma's quota of tickets

Ike Meets Defense Strategists

THURMONT, Md. — President Eisenhower and his top defense strategists—who flew in from Washington in helicopters—met Monday at secluded Camp David in the snow-covered Catskill mountains.

Eisenhower drove 22 miles from his home at Gettysburg, Pa., for his first meeting with his top defense planners—the National Security Council and about 15 experts in defense and diplomatic strategy—since before his Sept. 24 heart attack.

The meeting was the President's first opportunity for a full-scale review of the nation's military strength and diplomatic position since negotiations for a peaceful solution of cold war differences with Russia collapsed at the Four-Power conference of foreign ministers at Geneva.

Cafe Seeks To Reclaim Brazil Post

RIO DE JANEIRO — Joao Cafe Filho sought Monday night to reclaim the presidency of Brazil. Discharged from a hospital where he underwent treatment for a heart attack, Cafe sent Congress a message announcing he was taking over from Provisional President Nereu Ramos, the second of his substitutes.

Armed troops guarded the Presidential Palace. Ramos, former head of the Senate, presumably was inside the building.

He became chief executive last week, succeeding Provisional President Carlos Coimbra da Luz in a bloodless military coup aimed at insuring that the winner of the October presidential election, Juscelino Kubitschek, takes office Jan. 31.

Cafe had taken a leave of absence Nov. 8 and Luz, president of the Chamber of Deputies then, succeeded to the presidency. The military tagged him as a foe of Kubitschek and threw him out.

Ducks Grounded By Oil Slick