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Castro May Yield Reins to Raul

HAVANA (AP) - Fidel Castro's continuing illness generated growing speculation today that the Cuban prime minister may yield the reins of government temporarily to his Yankee-hating brother Raul, whom he once described as more radical than himself.

Government-controlled radio stations broke their ban on Sunday newscasts to report that the prime minister - only 13 days away from his 34th birthday - is "still convalescing" despite official reports two weeks ago that he had recovered fully.

The surprise announcement said Castro now is "improving satisfactorily." It did not say what he was suffering from.

After he was stricken July 9, army doctors said Castro had a "pneumonic" infection of the left lung. This was generally interpreted to mean pneumonia. But there have been rumors of a more serious illness, including a suggestion major surgery would be necessary.

Dr. Antonio Rodriguez Diaz, who has been treating the prime minister for some time, today was reported by his aides out of the country on professional business. There was speculation that his trip might be in connection with Castro's illness.

One rumor said Castro would go to Moscow for treatment.

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Ike Resumes Golfing Vacation

NEWPORT, R. I. (UPI) - President Eisenhower resumed his golfing vacation here today with time-out to meet with his National Security Council and to accept another honorary degree - his 49th to date.

He returned with Mrs. Eisenhower yesterday from a side trip to Denver where the President could only pat his food on the country club porch. Since the President's heart attack in 1955 his doctor bars golf at Denver's mile-high altitude.

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On Hunger Strike

HAVANA - Reporter Charles W. Wiley of Kew Gardens Hills was reported in poor condition today on the fifth day of a hunger strike he is waging in a Cuban prison.

A U.S. Embassy official said Wiley looked "pretty bad," according to The Associated Press.

Meanwhile, the Queens Catholic War Veterans sent letters of protest against his arrest to U. S. Senators Kenneth R. Keating and Jacob K.



Javits and the four Queens Congressmen, Albert P. Bosch, James J. Delaney, Lester Holtzman and Seymour Halpern.

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THE 33-YEAR-OLD newsman was taken into custody last Tuesday after covering the regime's July 26 celebration in the hills of Oriente Province, the former rebel stronghold.

The U.S. Embassy had been unable to see Wiley until last night. Although Wiley previously had been reported arrested in Camaguey en route back from Oriente, the official said he really was picked up at a Havana luxury hotel.

He said that after two days of his hunger strike, Wiley "indicated last night he was pretty hungry and might go off it." There was no indication when Wiley might be released.

Stiff notes demanding the nature of the charges have been filed with Cuban officials by the U.S. Ambassador in Havana and the State Department.

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ARRESTED WITH WILEY were a radio correspondent for WVOX in New Rochelle and an engineer from Venice Beach, Calif. Both have been

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Can the Painting Be Peeled Off the Wall?

An Italian expert will attempt to rescue a memorial to the early history of aviation - a 120-foot mural painted on the wall of a Roosevelt Field hangar.

The hangar is slated to be torn down soon. The artist, Aline Rhonie of Sands Point has asked Professor Leonetto Tintori of Florence, an expert in fresco painting, to come to the United States to remove the work.

The mural depicts the progress of powered flight from 1908 to 1927 when aviation was in its infancy and Roosevelt Field was its cradle.

It was painted by Miss Rhonie in 1938 and is believed to be the largest mural in the nation. In it are 500 life-size

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THE MURAL: Its days are numbered at Roosevelt Field.

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Capitol last year.

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NIXON ALREADY has made clear he intends to campaign without wasting an hour. After only two days in Washington, he and Mrs. Nixon take off tomorrow morning for a tornado-like tour to the Pacific Coast and beyond. They will stop at Reno, Nev., Los Angeles and Whittier, Nixon's home town, in California, before flying the next morning to Hawaii. They expect to leave Honolulu Friday morning and stop at Seattle before returning to Washington at the end of the week.

Campaign routes after that journey were to be explored today. Nixon plans to cultivate the farm vote early in the battle, and farm problems likely will be the subject of his first major speech. He spotlighted that field by conferring with farm state Republicans before leaving Chicago, scene of his presidential nomination.

The Nixons went to church yesterday morning and dined together in the evening. In between, he wired the three major television networks agreeing formally to debate publicly the campaign issues this fall with Sen. John F. Kennedy, his Democratic opponent. Kennedy previously had accepted the networks' invitation.

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33 DIE IN PLUNGE

TRABZON, Turkey (AP) - Thirty-three of 65 persons riding in a truck on a mountain road near here Saturday were killed when the vehicle plunged 180 feet off the road. Police said a broken axle probably caused the accident.

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Die in Fire

Two small children, left alone while their mother visited relatives, burned to death yesterday in a flash fire that gutted their bedroom in a two-story frame bungalow at 186 Beach 81st St., Hammels.

Bonita Durant, 4, and her brother, Kevin, 2, were asleep in a second-floor bedroom when the fire broke out at 3 a.m., police said.

Their deaths brought to four in two days the number of children who died in fires in Queens. On Saturday, two-year-old twin sisters perished in a blaze in South Jamaica.

The mother of yesterday's victims, Mrs. Shirley Durant, 31, told police

she had asked a neighbor to look in occasionally to check on her two children.

The cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

Firemen John Connolly, 47, of 33012 Mott Ave., Far Rockaway, and Ernest Esposito, 33 of 97-11 164th St., Flushing, were treated at Peninsula General Hospital for cuts suffered while fighting the blaze.

Killed in a fire Saturday were Elaine and Elise Culcleasure of 116-36 147th St. The blaze also may have been responsible for the death of a fireman, Dennis McQueenie, 37, of 40 Parkdale Dr., Babylong, who collapsed and died, apparently from heat exhaustion, after returning to the firehouse.

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KILLS BABY

PICAYUNE, Miss. (UPI) - An eight-year-old boy, left at home to watch his one-year-old brother while his mother went shopping, killed the baby with a shotgun because of its crying, police said today.

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the nearest police barracks.

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ALL INFORMATION, they said last night, would be kept in confidence.

Authorities made the appeal in hope of cracking the mystery of who killed pretty Carole Segretta, and why.

The 24-year-old Long Island school teacher was shot to death shortly before 5 p.m. Friday at a time when thousands of motorists, many from Long Island, were driving upstate for the weekend.

One passing motorist reported seeing a tall thin man lifting a girl into a car on Route 129 near the parkway.

The motorist, builder Wallace Tompkins, said he caught a glimpse of a gun protruding from the man's pocket. And the description of the car matched the girl's car, in which her body was found.

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THE ALARMED WITNESS rushed to a phone to alert police.

About a mile from where the slaying took place, a trooper in a patrol car got the call.

In his haste to reach the scene, he ignored a number of northbound motorists waving at him, pointing back, trying to stop him.

A hat found in the area provided a possible clue to the killer, but the police needed more.

The trooper concluded that these motorists had seen something that might help.

"Those people witnessed something," a state police spokesman said last night. "They saw something. They were disturbed by something. What was it? We want anyone who noticed anything unusual

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to the Democratic presidential nomination.

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DAVID J. McDONALD, president of the United Steelworkers Union, was reported in neighboring Hyannis waiting for an interview with Kennedy during the day. There was no official announcement of his presence. McDonald would be the first labor leader known to have seen Kennedy at his summer home since the convention.

McDonald was a strong Kennedy booster in the campaign for the nomination. The rank and file members have been reported unhappy about Kennedy's selection of Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson as a running mate.

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KENNEDY IS doing some heavy thinking and absolutely no talking about the men he will select for cabinet posts if he is elected president.

His separate talks with specialists in the foreign policy field, however, indicated he is appraising them, one by one, as potential material for the post of secretary of state.

Kennedy met for four hours yesterday with Adlai E. Stevenson. Stevenson pledged himself to support the Kennedy-Johnson ticket to the hilt. Stevenson has a strong following in California, where Democratic factional strife has worried the Kennedy camp.

He is one of those who has been mentioned for secretary of state if Kennedy wins. But he said this had not been discussed in their long talk, two hours of it at Kennedy's summer home, and two hours cruising on the Kennedy power boat Marlin.

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KENNEDY ATTENDED services yesterday at St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic church here. He sent word to reporters that he claims the right to "go to church in private."

He slipped into the church by a side door, and attended services in a basement chapel. His staff had told reporters Saturday he would attend a different church.

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July Was Cool, Man

For the first time in 28 years, New York City got into August without 90-degree temperatures.

It also was the coolest July overall since 1925, with the mean temperature for the month 72.6 degrees.

And July's highest reading - 86 - was the lowest high for the month since the Weather Bureau began keeping records in 1871.

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ed a resolution urging Rockefeller to call the Legislature into session to "enact laws prohibiting strikes by employees of utilities which affect the public welfare."

"Positive action by state authorities to settle the dispute is long overdue," the group warned.

Copies of the resolution were forwarded to Patterson and Assembly speaker Joseph Carlino of Long Beach.

Frank Bear, Baldwin Democratic Leader, urged Rockefeller and Patterson to throw the full weight of their offices behind the exploration of new avenues for a settlement.

"The harassed commuter deserves praise for his patience in the face of the many hours he must spend on congested highways," he said, "but it is doubtful how much longer this patience can endure."

The LIRR's ill-fated proposal was a modification and extension of one submitted to both sides by Federal mediators on July 18.

The Federal offer was accepted by the union, but the railroad balked at forcing its passengers to pick up a \$208,000 settlement tab.

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IN HIS PROPOSAL, Goodfellow said a juggling of work rules coupled

with a five-cent wage cut would reduce the cost to about \$25,000 a year.

"Although we've already tightened our belts way past the last notch," Goodfellow said, "we'll somehow find other operating economies to absorb the rest."

One of the suggestions made by Federal peacemakers and accepted by the union, called for trainmen to give up

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THE WEATHER

Mostly sunny and pleasant today, high between 75 and 80. Clear tonight, low in the 60s. Continued fair tomorrow, high near 80.

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troops were being sent back to Belgium or withdrawing to the two Belgian military bases in the Congo. The Congo government is challenging the right of the Belgians to keep these bases.

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BRUSSELS ANNOUNCED last week that 1,500 Belgian soldiers would be brought home. About 10,000 Belgian troops are still in the Congo, most of them at the Kitona and Kamina bases or in Katanga Province, which continues to be policed by Belgian soldiers.

No nation has recognized Katanga's proclamation of independence from the federal Congo government. The breakaway of the rich province - if it sticks - would intensify the acute economic crisis already facing the month-old African nation.

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The Soviet Union meanwhile kept up its attempt to make propaganda capital out of the Congo crisis, accusing the Western powers of supporting aggression in the Congo and warning again Russia would take "resolute measures to rebuff the aggressors" if the alleged aggression continued.

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THE STATEMENT, issued through the Soviet news agency Tass, did not specify what measures the Russians might take.

The new Soviet warning also accused Western "aggressors and their accomplices" of trying to strangle the Congo's economic life and starve its people. It offered "to consider favorably the question of rendering the Congo extensive economic assistance . . ."

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