# Coed Sees A 'Fantastic' Cuba

wanted to talk to the people. But an interesting thing hap-But an interesting thing hap-pened at the parade. Watching the parade from the top of the prison were quite a number of "counter-revolutionary" prisoners. When I asked why these persons were allowed to watch the parade, I was told, "Why shouldn't they watch— they're Cubans, too!"

## Q. How freely were you allowed to ask questions and inspect things?

A. I had complete freedom; I could ask anyone anything and go anywhere I wanted. I visited four provinces while I was there, talking to people.

### Q. What is the state of civ-il liberties in Cuba?

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A. A Cuban can say whatever he wants for or against the Castro government. I watched a soldier and another man argue violently about the revolution; when they finished, they shook hands and parted friends. However, when they do something against the revolution, that's when action is taken.

## Q. What do you mean, when they "do something"?

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A. If they bomb somebody, or something like that. If they don't kill anyone, they can be jailed; but if they kill someone, they are killed. It is this senseless bombing by the counter-revolutionists — killing innocent people — that gets the Cubans angry. During the pa-

leaflets came floating down from a high building. The Cu-bans just laughed at the slo-gans and let them fall.

Q. Why is the Catholic Church in Cuba anti-Castro? A. Well, for one thing, the Church had owned a lot of land Church had owned a lot of land which the government took away from them to give to the people. Secondly, the government is building many schools which the Church feels are in competition with their own. And, another reason, the Church weddings are no longer recognized by the government as the legal wedding; a judge or notary must perform the legal ceremony. So, they attack Castro as a threat to their system, and naturally, he fights back.

# Q. What would you call the economic and governmental system by which Castro operates? A. Well, judging by the large-scale nationalization in their economic structure, I'd

say it was socialistic-more so than European socialism

# Q. Is there a conscious at-tempt by the Castro govern-ment to "level" the class structure?

A. There is still a very defi-nite class structure in Cuba. However, I believe that in the future, Castro will attempt to make Cuba less class-based.

Q. What was your general impression of Cuba from your trip; what sticks out

A. I think what's been done there economically and educationally for the people is tremendous. The people have land, low-rent good housing, jobs, education. Everywhere I went, the Cubans pointed to their eyes and told me "Look!" I looked, and what I saw is just fantastic. The government is trying to do the best for the people of Cuba in the fastest way possible.

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Q. Is this the best way possible, though?
A. I'm not sure. I want to go back in a year or two, to see what's happened. I'm not sure that the idea of all that power concentrated in one man such a good idea

## Q. Is there a chance that Castro will hold elections

A. I don't think so. Besides, what would it prove—he'd be elected by a landslide.

Q. Do the Cubans think United States-Cuban rela-tions will get better? A. Maybe with President Kennedy, but they're not too hopeful. I believe most of them were expecting our diplomatic break

break.

Q. What should we look for in Cuba during the next year?

A. The first year of the revolution was their "Year of Freedom." The second was their "Year of Agriculture"; this year is devoted to education. They hope to have every-

the end of 1961; they are using 365,000 high school students and graduates to teach those still illiterate.

# Q. Isn't that a bit danger-ous for a dictator to do—giv-ing the people the opportu-nity to read and write? Couldn't this work against

A. Yes, it surely could. That's why I think he's sincere in this aspect of the revolution. A soldier I was talking to was thrilled that he was going to night school to learn to read. And all over the country are hung alphabets in all public places. The Cubans reslly want to be educated.

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# Q. Why did you go over with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee? Aren't there Communists in the group?

A. It was the cheapest way over there. I only went and came back with them, but while in Cuba, I was on my own; I didn't stick with them.

# own; I didn't stick with them. I think there's something fishy with that organization. Q. What motivated you to go over there in the first place?

A. After reading the American newspaper reports of all the wrong that was happening in Cuba. I knew there had to be some right there also. On UM 'Race Policy' (Continued from Page 1) he said.

Student Vote Proposed

ASSUMING THAT the Board will issue a formal statement, it would seem likely, said several of the council members, that a referendum would be held sometime at the beginning of next semester.

The results of the proposed student-faculty balloting would be forwarded to the Board for its sideration.

The Council emphasized that it is in no way taking a stand for or against the University's admis-sions policies, at this time.

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The referendum motion asked that "Undergraduate Student Government hold a campus-wide referendum, giving both faculty members and students the opportunity to voice their opinions concerning racial admission restrictions at the University of Miami, in order that the Administration and Board of Trustees. istration and Board of Trustees

### Debaters Argue Here

general consensus here on cam pus, for possible future action."

## Wesley Hits Racial Bars

Earlier this semester, the folring statement was released to Hurricane by UM's Wesley

"Our church has taught, and we believe, that in Jesus Christ all men are brothers. The Church, all men are brothers. The Church, as the body of Christ, knows no racial, economic, or social distinctions, for all are one in him. We support fully the statement by the Methodist Council of Bishops which declared in 1932 and in 1936, and now has reaffirmed:

## "To discriminate against a person solely on the basis of his race is both unfair and un-

"In seeking the betterment of race relations," said Wesley Foundation President William Federal compulsory health in-surance will be debated here by 14 leading college teams in the 14th annual UM Intercollegiate Debate Tournament, Jan. 26-28.

# Cuban Refugee Doctors Here

More than 275 Cuban physicians who fled Fidel Castro began a special post-graduate refresher course this week at the UM Medical School.

Some 50 UM faculty memsome 30 UM faculty members, along with five refugee Havana University professors, will teach the three-month course, designed to provide them with up-to-date information in basic science and clinical practices

Cuban doctors who pass an examination in April can work as resident physicians in U.S. hospitals. In some states, not including Florida, they also can take state examinations to get regular doctors' licenses.

Dr. Ralph Jones, head of the Medical School here, drew a parallel with the mobilization

Ralph McGill, Pulitzer Prize-winning publisher of the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, praised Dr.
Ralph Jones, head of the
UM Department of Medicine,
Tuesday, in his daily syndicated column, carried locally

cally.

"The idea which filled Dr.
Jones' mind, as he watched
a famous (refugee) surgeon
patiently scrubbing his
hands, was one which would
enable education to become
an effective instrument
against the spread of communism," McGill wrote.

". If they return to Cuba when communism is driven out they will remember that this country's educational doors were open to them."

of resources when thousands of Hungarian refugees were re-trained and relocated.

With some financial help from foundations and educational organizations, he said, most of the "destitute" Cuban refugees can meet the acute emergency.

"The relocation of foreign physicians is an especially difficult problem," Dr. Jones remarked. "We plan to help the Cuban physician to bette utilize his knowledge of medicine for the care of pa-tients in this and other coun-tries."

Lectures in English are being given three evenings a week at Jackson Memorial Hospital, the Medical School's teaching clinin the speech, he can use a pair of earphones at his desk to hear the same lecture, translated by physicians into Spanish.

The program is financed from University sources, p foundations and the Edu private ouncil for Foreign Gradu-There is no charge to the refugees.





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