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For your information.

Let's Listen To Reagan

By Ronald Reagan
Copley News Service

There has been a lot of talk lately to the effect that it's "just a matter of time" before the United States "normalizes" its relations with Castro's Cuba.

The idea got its first big push last fall when two U.S. senators — one a Democrat, the other a Republican — took off for Havana with a bevy of newsmen in tow, but without approval from the State Department. The United States hasn't



had diplomatic relations with Cuba for some 15 years, but the senators had it in mind that they would engage in a bit of suave personal diplomacy to see if the fiery Fidel Castro had softened up any.

What they were treated to first was the most vitriolic harangue against the United States that the Cuban premier has mustered in several years. It lasted for more than an hour. Far from sizzling the ears of the senators, the visitors sat down to

dinner and small talk with Castro afterward.

At about that time, a privately endowed group of former U.S. government officials and scholars, the Commission on U.S.-Latin American Relations, sent the President a 54-page report urging a lifting of the 10-year-old embargo on trade with Cuba. Along with it has come a steady drumbeat of like-minded newspaper and magazine articles.

Why the concerted campaign — and it appears to be just that — to open trade and diplomatic relations with the Cuban dictator whose people have lived, since 1959, in egalitarian poverty?

Surely, the yearning for Havana cigars can't be that great on the part of a few congressmen and liberal scholars.

The rationale appears to be that there is nothing to be gained, in terms of this nation's interests, in continuing the isolation of Castro's Communist island. Therefore, the argument goes, we should be gentle and conciliatory to the bearded revolutionary.

Very little has been said of what we should expect from Castro in exchange for a lifting of the embargo of the Organization of American States (OAS) and for recognition by the United States. If, in fact, the time has come for us to reevaluate our Cuban policy, we should do it with a quid pro quo in mind.

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Pete Seibert (left), Chairman, Vail Associates, Inc., presents a check to Rod Slifer, co-chairman of the Eagle River Scholarship Fund. The check was presented at the Christmas Fiesta at Eagle's Nest on December 30, 1974. (Photo by ...)

At the November meeting of the OAS, the United States abstained from voting on a resolution to lift the trade embargo on Cuba. The resolution didn't get the two-thirds vote required, but it came close. Before we change our position, we should define the "quo" the United States wants for the "quid." For example, the United States should demand satisfactory answers from Castro to these questions:

What will he do about Soviet military bases on the island? We should settle for nothing less than their removal.

What will he do to assure the other nations of the Western Hemisphere that he will no longer train, equip and support Communist guerrillas in other American states? Perhaps a free and open inspection program in Cuba by OAS monitors could provide the solution.

What will Castro do about settling the \$1.5 billion worth of claims by U.S. citizens whose property his government seized?

What will he do to assure former Cubans, now U.S. citizens, of the freedom to visit Cuba unhindered and without harassment?

What will he do to guarantee the restoration of individual freedoms to the people of Cuba? He may argue that this interferes with the internal affairs of his country, but he's never hesitated to interfere with the internal affairs of other Latin American nations, and not on the side of individual liberty, either.

Instead of U.S. senators making fools of themselves, and instead of self-appointed study groups suggesting we hand Castro what he wants, let's do some good old-fashioned American bargaining. In the process, we might be able to bargain the bombastic dictator into restoring liberty to his people. They need it.

Lamm Propose

Gov. Richard D. Lamm has proposed a comprehensive tax reform package designed to make Colorado's tax system more equitable by shifting the burden away from those least able to pay.

Lamm is asking the state legislature to adopt his program intact, pointing out it would provide tax relief to middle and low income families, commerce or industry.

The tax reform package would result in reduced taxes for all average families earning less than \$25,000 per year. Those with incomes of more than \$25,000 would pay an average of \$180 per year in increased taxes. (That includes all incomes over \$25,000. An average family of four with a \$25,000-per-year income still would realize about a \$30 reduction in taxes while an average family with a \$45,000 income would pay about \$236 more in taxes.)

An important facet of the Lamm tax reform package is that it would not significantly raise or lower overall revenue to the state. Lamm has promised to veto the package should the legislature attempt to enact a portion of his program that would either raise or lower overall revenue significantly.

The seven-point tax reform package calls for:

—An elimination of the food tax, effective January 1, 1976. This would not cancel the tax on food served in restaurants nor would it require local governments to eliminate local retail food taxes. The state plans to continue to collect and administer local food taxes.

—An increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, effective June 1, 1975, to raise funds for

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Vail is pleased to welcome the groups listed here and we extend hearty greetings to all. We hope everyone enjoys their visit and will want to return again — and again!

- 1/25-2/1 Tax Lawyers — 39 people.
- 1/25-2/1 C. Poleman — 20 people.
- 1/25-2/1 Ski Arama — 30 people.
- 1/25-2/1 Lebanon Ski Club — 90 people.
- 1/25-2/1 Ski Arama — 5 people.
- 1/25-2/1 Holgaards — 80 people.
- 1/25-2/1 Ski Hut
- 1/26-31 ASC Industries — 30 people.
- 1/26-2/1 Media Travel — 8 people.
- 2/1-8 Live-a-Little Travel — 26 people.
- 1/29-2/2 Dallas Junior Bar — 80 people.
- 2/1 New York Group — 19 people.
- 1/29-2/2 Great Southwest — 38 people.
- 1/29-2/8 Gulph Travel — 40 people.
- 1/30-2/2 Colorado Bond Dealers — 150 people.
- 1/30-2/2 Petroleum Club of Denver — 50 people.
- 1/31-2/4 PRS Tech. Appl. — 16 people.
- 2/1-8 Masters Travel — 170 people.
- 2/1-8 Damon Nelson Travel Medical Assoc. — 100 people.
- 2/1-8 Rocky Mountain Dental — 570 people.
- 2/1-8 Ski America — 20 people.
- 2/1-8 Travel Plan — 20 people.
- 2/1-8 Amello Ski Tours — 20 people.
- 2/1-8 Sandburg Group — 110 people.
- 2/1-8 Masters — RMD — 128 people.
- 2/1-8 Ski America — 60 people.