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Russians Protest Blockade

Sign-carrying demonstrators gathered outside the U.S. Embassy in Moscow today to protest actions against Cuba. Soviet police increased their guard outside the embassy and dispersed the first batch of demonstrators, most of whom were described as high school and grade school students. The signs bore legends "Hands Off Cuba" and "Stop the Aggression."

TO BE LEASED

Bids Asked for
Helium Office

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An effort is being renewed to further coordinate operations at the Helium Activity here.

The means, though, will be different than those tried — and rejected by Congress — several months ago.

Some 33,645 square feet of usable, air-conditioned office space is sought in either an existing building, a new building, or a re-modified building for nearly 150 helium employees.

Bids, issued through the General Services Administration, will be opened at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in Dallas.

A lease, not exceeding 10 years, beginning June 26, 1963 is required. GSA had previously limited its lease terms to three years. The location will be within the city limits of Amarillo.

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The idea is to consolidate operations now scattered in the Petroleum Building, Barfield Building, and Amarillo Helium Plant.

"This is not an efficient use of manpower and space," a helium spokesman said today. "We want enough space initially for 147 people... and with room to expand in the next 10 years."

"Price is not the sole factor," the spokesman emphasized. "If space is offered on more than one floor, the floors must be adjacent. Other award factors include the availability of adequate parking, transportation, and restaurant facilities."

There are 138 rooms listed in the bid invitations.

(The specifications will be available soon at the GSA office in Room 110 of the old Post Office building here, according to Chester M. Hummel, local representative.)

Helium officials had proposed earlier this year that the government build a \$1½ million administrative building near the Veterans Administration Hospital.

This was rejected by Congress.

The feeling was that private enterprise could handle expansion of helium facilities better than the government.

"Congress turned us down and said in effect, 'Go out and rent the space,'" a helium official summed up this morning.

"This is one of GSA's functions."

Many of the Helium Activity employees are located in the Barfield Building. Some administrative personnel, particularly property management and purchasing, are at the Amarillo Helium Plant, west of the city. The Helium Resources Division has about 40 employees in the Petroleum Building.

Space is badly needed, officials say, at the helium plant, where the Research Center is located.

Research work is expanding in fundamental and applied research.

Judge Fails To Take
Speeder's Excuse

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (AP)—A man charged with speeding of Judge J. T. Rose Jr. the judge failed to take his mother-in-law's excuse that his mother-in-law had spent a week with his family and he was returning her to her home.

The judge fined the man \$35.

Comic Dictionary

• GRADE SCHOOL •

"The place where a schoolboy's original ideas are usually confined to spelling."

Support Offered By Latins

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP)—A high State Department official reported today that various Latin American countries are now offering to help out in the U.S. blockade of arms shipments to Cuba.

He listed Argentina and Costa Rica as two Latin American countries which have offered to aid in the action against Cuba. He indicated he expected other offers would be received soon.

He said discussions are now under way with Argentine officials on the use of Argentine ships to aid in the quarantine.

Costa Rica, he said, has no army, but offered base facilities this morning for use in the anti-Cuban action.

Other State Department sources said Honduras also has offered to help out with base facilities on the Caribbean Sea.

Argentina's offer was listed as two destroyers.

The U.S. official said some bases in Latin America might be helpful to the U.S. Navy in carrying out its operation.

This official, declaring that the West faces its gravest crisis since World War II, described the building of nuclear strike bases in Cuba as a Red power move, which he said must be met head-on now, lest the Soviets try more elsewhere.

The State Department authority spoke to a group of visiting European broadcasters under circumstances not allowing the use of his name.

To this group, he portrayed the arms buildup in Cuba as a development of worldwide, major significance in the cold war, not just a Western Hemisphere affair.

He said the firm U.S. response, under the inter-American Treaty, to the threat from Cuba is necessary if faith in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and other free world defenses is to be maintained.

But he said Kennedy, in deciding on a blockade as the first step, had adopted a method requiring minimum effort while allowing a maximum use of negotiation.

There had been no suggestion that Canada take part in the blockade, because Canada is not a member of the Organization of American States, he said.

Stocks Gain; Trade Heavy

NEW YORK (UPI)—Stocks climbed irregularly higher over the noon hour today with the tape running nearly an hour behind floor transactions in whirlwind trading.

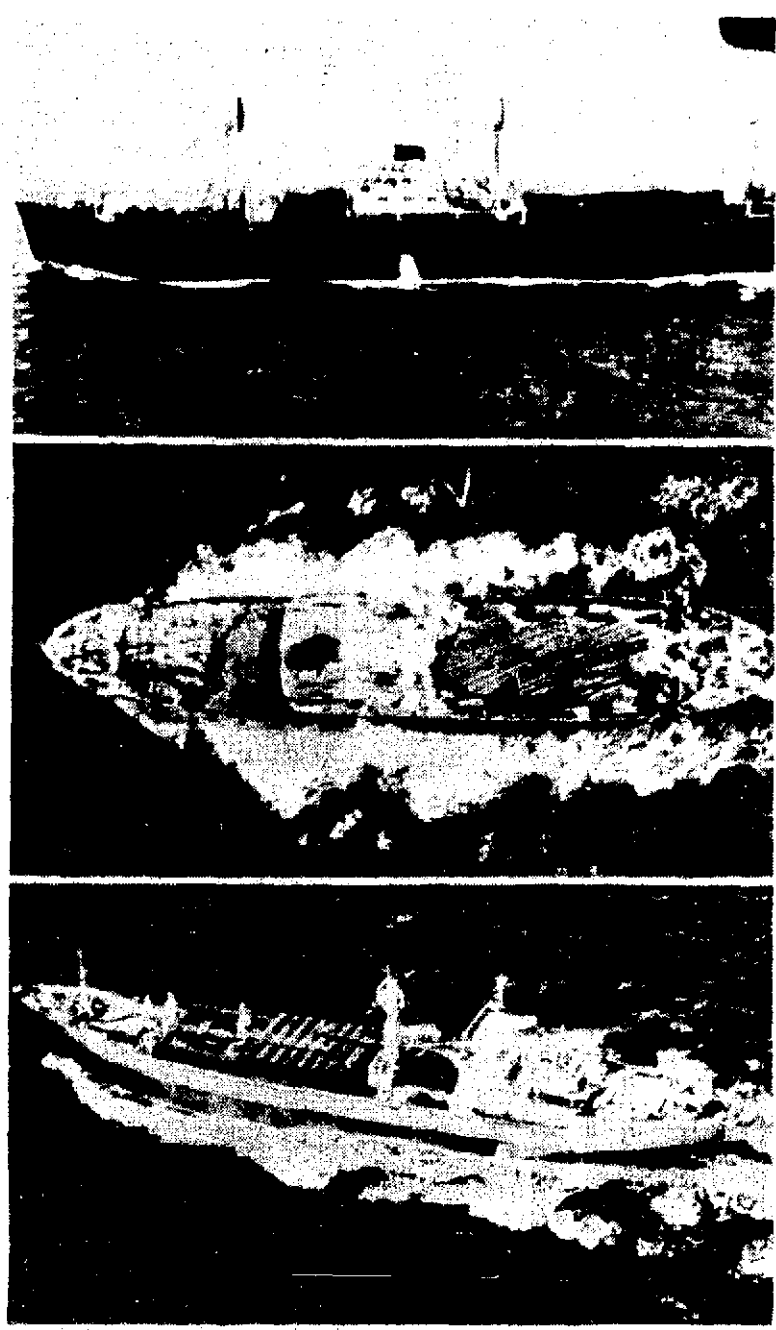
At 1 p.m. Dow-Jones industrials showed a gain of 3.89, rails were up 0.42 but utilities still showed a loss of 0.81. Standard & Poor's 500 stock index posted a moderate gain of 0.22.

Trading, not including 56 minutes of unrecorded sales, swelled to 3,230,000 shares from 2,940,000 in the prior session.

Brokers considered the rally purely technical since there was nothing in the grim international picture to justify the gains. A clash between U.S. and Russian ships in the Caribbean was still expected at almost any moment.

The latest flash prices showed chemicals gaining, oils recovering and steels, rails, metals and most other key groups holding up in most cases. Glamour specialties were off from their best however, with IBM down 2 1/4, Polaroid off 1/2, and Xerox unchanged.

Gains of 3 points included Singer, Financial Federation and Union Oil of California. United Carbon was off 1 1/2, Zenith and Texas Instruments up 1 apiece, General Foods up 1 1/4, International Nickel up 1 1/4, U. S. Steel up 1 1/4 and General Motors up 1.



The Defense Department in Washington released these photos late Tuesday which they said showed Soviet ships inbound to Cuba, carrying light jet bombers in crates. The bottom photo purports to show crates containing Ilyushin 28 (Beagle) fuselage crates as a deckload.

Tiny Nations Voice Appeal

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 24 (AP)—Britain and Venezuela today threw their support behind the U.S. military quarantine of Cuba as acting Secretary-General U Thant weighed a small-nation appeal that he intervene in an attempt to head off a U.S.-Soviet showdown.

A committee representing 45 countries from all parts of the world called on Thant this morning and requested him to seek a settlement. He was reported to have told the group he would consider the appeal.

Ambassador Zenon Rossides of Cyprus, chairman of the group, said Thant indicated he might address the 11-nation security council later in the day. The small countries were called into another session to hear the committee report and to consider a possible resolution for the council.

Inside the council chamber, Venezuelan Ambassador Carlos Sosa-Rodriguez declared the Soviet weapons in Cuba were no longer defensive but were a threat to the entire hemisphere. He demanded that the council take action to halt the shipment of offensive weapons and to dismantle the missile bases already built.

"It is sufficient," he said, "that these weapons are now in the hands of the nuclear powers."

NAVY, MARINES

Enlistments Are Extended

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The active duty tours of Navy men and Marines were extended indefinitely today with the U.S. arms blockade of Cuba going into full force.

There was immediate speculation that an early next step could be orders freezing Army and Air Force men on active duty beyond normal expiration of their tours.

And if the blockade becomes a protracted operation, the odds would heavily favor a call-up of some reservists under authority voted President Kennedy by Congress on Oct. 3.

Effective at 4 a.m., EDT, Navy Secretary Fred Korth ordered extended duty for all Navy men and Marines whose tours would have expired before next Feb. 28. They may be held on active service for as much as an extra 12 months.

The Navy indicated approximately 50,000 men could be affected.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara announced Tuesday night the plans to hold Navy and Marine personnel on duty, and Korth put the orders into effect this morning.

McNamara said "we are taking no steps at the present time to call up reservists." But events were moving swiftly and no one was ruling out a later call-up.

Summit Meeting Is Goal

MOSCOW, Oct. 24 (AP)—Premier Khrushchev, commenting to the U.S. arms blockade said today the Soviet Union will take no reckless decisions nor "be provoked by unwarranted actions of the United States."

"We will do everything in our power to prevent war from breaking out," he said in a message to the British philosopher, Bertrand Russell, who had sent Khrushchev a plea for Soviet efforts to avoid a nuclear war.

At the same time Khrushchev suggested a summit meeting. He expressed belief that a "meeting at the highest level would be useful to discuss all questions that have arisen and to eliminate the threat of nuclear war."

Before the Cuban crisis arose President Kennedy said he would welcome talks with Khrushchev if the Soviet leader went to the United Nations General Assembly. Diplomatic sources in Washington suggested the initiative for possible summit talks had come mostly from Moscow.

There were reports in London today that Prime Minister Macmillan was considering a flight to Washington to confer with Kennedy.

Khrushchev coupled his apparent call for a summit conference with repeated calls for the United States to back off from its naval blockade of arms shipments to Cuba.

He warned that the situation could go out of control and a war might break out, adding: "We fully realize that if war should break out that it would be nuclear war from the very first hours. This is very clear to us. But evidently it is not clear to the government of the United States of America."

The Khrushchev message, in reply to a plea from Russell for Soviet efforts to avoid a nuclear war, said:

"We would consider a meeting at the highest level would be useful to discuss all questions that have arisen to eliminate the threat of nuclear war."

Khrushchev, referring to the American blockade of arms shipments to Cuba, told Russell: "The Soviet government will not take any decisions which would be reckless, will not allow itself to be provoked by unwarranted actions of the United States of America."

"We will do everything in our power to prevent war from breaking out."

The United States government must display reserve and stay the realization of its piratical threats which are fraught with the most serious consequences."

Invasion May Be Needed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (UPI)—Twenty-five Soviet ships continued on course toward Cuba today after the U.S. quarantine against arms shipment formally went into operation.

All signs pointed to a clash within hours between American warships and some of the Russian vessels. There were reports this country deliberately would single out a vessel carrying arms for the test.

The quarantine went into effect at 8 a.m. CST. Three hours later, a Pentagon spokesman said he had no evidence that any of the Russian ships had turned back or altered their course.

A high U. S. official would not say when the first Soviet cargo ship was expected to be near Cuban waters. He did say it probably would happen "sooner rather than later."

Defense sources said the clear implication was that the Russian ships were under orders to proceed.

Awaiting them in international waters was a U.S. task force under orders to stop them for an inspection and sink them if necessary.

Asked whether the first ship to be halted necessarily would be a Soviet vessel, he replied: "That (See SHOWDOWN—Page 2)"

THE WEATHER

AMARILLO AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy to clear through Thursday. Warmer today, cooler tonight. Highs today 40 to 44, lows tonight 28 to 32. Highs tomorrow 42 to 46, lows tonight 30 to 34. Highs today 40 to 44, lows tonight 28 to 32. Highs tomorrow 42 to 46, lows tonight 30 to 34.

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SUNSET: 6:01

Seale, Republican candidate for the 18th Congressional district, was defending charges made by his Democratic opponent, Congressman Walter Rogers of Pampa, at a breakfast in Amarillo Monday.

He used a pile of materials, including the official Congressional Record, the Congressional Quarterly weekly reports on House and Senate voting records, the ACA index, copies of specific bills and newspaper reports of the Rogers speech Monday.

MAD THAD Says:

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