

Conditions Set for Freeze Proposal Favored by Thant

President's Message Seen As Conditional Acceptance

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy is reported ready to tell U Thant, acting secretary general of the United Nations, that he could accept the Burmese diplomat's plea for a two week freeze of the Cuban blockade only under certain conditions.

Authoritative sources said Kennedy's reply could be termed a conditional acceptance, or at least not a complete turnaround.

The White House said shortly after noon that Kennedy's reply to

Thant would be delivered to the U.S. mission at the United Nations this afternoon.

There had been earlier reports the reply already was in the hands of U.N. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson.

Press secretary Pierre Salinger said no decision had been reached as to whether it would be made public.

Salinger declined to say directly whether there had been any further exchange of messages between Kennedy and Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

Conditions Not Listed

Informants said Kennedy welcomed U Thant's motives in asking Russia to stop sending war materiel to Cuba and asking this country to suspend its quarantine of Cuba for two weeks.

State Department officials declined to spell out the conditions Kennedy made in his proposed message to U Thant, but they have been reminded that they confirmed that the President may be asked to drop their insistence on the necessity of getting try jobs and assume federal certain guarantees before even considering the secretary general's suggestion.

Kennedy is also reported to be restating in the message the whole problem of Soviet missiles already in Cuba. U Thant suggested in his letter that the United States should avoid this question, dealing only with further Soviet bloc deliveries to Cuba.

The U Thant request, officials here stressed, is not being turned down. They conceded, however, that the conditions Kennedy will make in his reply are stringent.

The State Department had no information on whether Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has already replied to the U Thant message addressed to him.

Before the Kennedy response was drafted, there was consultation with Stevenson in New York, officials said.

5 Steel Firms' Officials Fined In Price Fixing

NEW YORK (AP)—Five steel corporation executives were fined a total of \$44,000 today on their pleas of no contest to charges of conspiracy to fix prices and rig bids in steel sales.

Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan refused simultaneously to accept like pleas from four steel companies and a trade association named defendants in the same indictment.

The individuals and their fines: Homer Lackey, president of Erie Forge & Steel Corp., Erie, Pa., \$5,000.

Emil Lang, board chairman of Erie Forge & Steel, \$10,000.

R.B. Heppenstall Sr., president of Midvale-Heppenstall Co., Philadelphia, \$20,000.

Erl Gurney, manager of Bethlehem Steel Co. sales, foreign castings and special products division, Bethlehem, Pa., \$7,500.

Robert S. Barnes, assistant manager of that division, \$1,500.

Home Front Defense Plans Modernized

Brought Up to Date To Prepare for Possible Attack

BY STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Home-front mobilization plans have been dusted off and brought up to date for use in event of a Soviet nuclear assault or a shooting war, the Office of Emergency Planning said today.

OEP Director Edward A. McDermott has been checking the readiness of all agencies with emergency responsibilities, including their preparedness to move into secret relocation centers in non-target areas, a spokesman said.

Some 40 agencies, including the White House, have designated key personnel to speed to 93 prearranged sites within a 300-mile range of Washington. Of these, more than 50 are manned continually.

Emergency Posts

The OEP said also that members of the 2,800-man "executive reserve" across the country, all Kennedy made in his proposed message to U Thant, but they have been reminded that they confirmed that the President may be asked to drop their insistence on the necessity of getting try jobs and assume federal certain guarantees before even considering the secretary general's suggestion.

They would become administrators of price, wage and rationing controls, rent ceilings, priorities and allocation of critical materials. Each of these executives pledged when he left Washington service to come back if and when an emergency call went out.

About 1,000 of the reservists were in Washington for a periodic briefing last Monday, when the Cuban crisis broke wide open with President Kennedy's announcement of a naval arms blockade.

McDermott told them they would play "a crucial role in meeting the myriad of problems that would confront us in a post attack period." The possibility Washington would be destroyed, or cut off from "islands of survival," in a nation ravaged by nuclear blasts and fallout, makes the problem of planning national survival more difficult than in World War II, he said. Governors.

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Investigators Find No Appeasement in Speech Censorship

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate investigators said today they found ineptness and capriciousness in censorship of military speeches.

They also said that while the troop information program can be improved, their extensive probe did not turn up any evidence that "it is approached with a soft on communism" attitude or policy.

The report was filed by a special subcommittee headed by Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss. It took more than 25 million words of testimony between last January and June.

A 157-page dissent was submitted by Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C., who touched off the investigation with charges that military leaders were being muzzled in their anti-Communist statements and education programs.

Russian Tanker Halted But Continues Voyage



Carrying Signs That Read "To Hell With Fidel," an estimated 400 youths staged a demonstration on the campus of Marquette University near the Milwaukee downtown district Wednesday night. The group also carried an effigy of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. The

Petroleum Found to be Only Cargo

WASHINGTON (AP)—A blockade U.S. Navy ship today intercepted a Soviet tanker but allowed it to continue toward Cuba. The Pentagon said a dozen other Soviet ships apparently turned back for fear of running into the U.S. ban on Cuban arms shipments.

Thus there still was no direct U.S.-Soviet showdown or war-provoking incident, in Cuban waters as the U.S. quarantine of the island went into its second day.

Apparently, the tanker was not boarded by the Navy. The Pentagon said only that it was ascertained not to be carrying contraband weapons.

Washington informants said the tanker was hailed by the Navy ship and questioned about its cargo. The tanker captain said he carried only petroleum. Since the tanker had left its Communist port long before the blockade was announced Monday, and there was no known evidence that tankers had been used to carry weapons, these sources said the ship was allowed to proceed.

Diplomacy Involved

The Navy's forbearance in not boarding the tanker, the informants said, was aimed at getting across to Soviet Premier Khrushchev that the United States was not in Cuban waters with a chip on its shoulder looking for a fight.

Viewed in this light the incident appeared to be a significant part of the current diplomatic interchange comparable in some respects to Khrushchev's decision not to force the issue by sending through the blockade vessels certain to be stopped, turned back or sunk.

The Washington view was that both the turnabout of some Soviet ships, and the free passage of the tanker, would have a profound bearing on intense efforts at the United Nations and elsewhere to develop some kind of formula to pull the U.S.-Soviet confrontation over Cuba back from the edge of nuclear war.

Arthur Sylvester, assistant secretary of defense read this announcement.

Only Petroleum Aboard

"It now appears that at least a dozen Soviet vessels have turned back, presumably because according to the best of our information, they might have been carrying offensive materials."

However, the first Russian ship that proceeded through the area patrolled by our naval forces was a Soviet tanker.

"It was ascertained by the U.S. naval vessel which intercepted her that the tanker had only petroleum aboard."

"Since petroleum is not presently included as prohibited material, under President Kennedy's proclamation setting up the quarantine, the tanker was allowed to proceed."

"The Navy satisfied itself that no prohibited material was aboard this particular ship."

"The encounter took place shortly before 8 o'clock, day light time today."

No Added Details

Sylvester said he could not provide any further details at this time.

The Pentagon announcement came after a similar report from Rep. James Van Zandt, R-Pa., who attended a State Department regional briefing in New York for congressmen and governors of 11 northeastern states.

President Kennedy was reportedly holding the door open for a crisis conference with Soviet Premier Khrushchev if the right conditions develop.

But U.S. officials stressed that

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Weatherman Tells of Cold Days, Nights

Wisconsin — Clear skies today, becoming partly cloudy on Friday. Continued cold both days.

Appleton — Temperatures for the 24-hour period ending at 9 a.m. today High 46. Low 24. Temperature at 10 a.m. today 27. Barometer reading 30.12 and falling. Wind from the north northwest at 12 miles an hour.

Sun sets at 4:55 p.m., rises Friday at 6:21 a.m. Moon rises tomorrow at 4:16 a.m. Visible planets are Jupiter, Saturn, Mercury and Mars.

Nobel Prize For Steinbeck

Sixth American to Receive Coveted Literature Award

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — John Steinbeck won the 1962 Nobel Prize for literature today.

The 60-year-old California-born author, who rose to fame with his novel "The Grapes of Wrath," is the sixth American to win the literary award—this year worth \$49,656.

For 30 years, Steinbeck has been turning out best sellers—many became prize-winning stage plays and films—and gained a reputation as a chronicler of social justice in the United States.

His writings in recent years showed a versatility that emerged in his latest book, "Travels with Charley," an off-whimsical story of U.S. travels with his dog Charley.

Steinbeck, author of 27 books, was cited by the prize committee "for his at one and the same time realistic and imaginative writings, distinguished as they are by a sympathetic humor and a social perception."

Steinbeck heard about the award at his home in Sag Harbor, N.Y. His wife told reporters it was "a great thrill" for him.

Other American winners of the Nobel Prize for literature were Sinclair Lewis, Eugene O'Neill, Pearl Buck, William Faulkner, and Ernest Hemingway.

Thomas Stearns Eliot, American-born, also won the award but after becoming a British subject.

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Students at National College in Kansas City, Mo., begin stocking a tunnel under the campus with survival supplies Thursday. Officials said it was a precautionary measure against possible atomic attack. Irene Peters, 19, Canton, Mo., stacks canned goods. In background, Edgar Walden, Indianapolis, and Jim Potter, right, Kansas City, carry in water. The Methodist college is putting in a two-week supply of food, water and oxygen in two tunnels that connect the buildings. A warning system also is being installed. (AP Wirephoto)

Reds Capture Town in India

Chinese Troops Continue Advance In Most Regions

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Chinese Communists have captured the important northeast Indian town of Towang, a Defense Ministry spokesman announced today.

Towang lies on the old India-Tibet trade route between the Tibetan and Bhutan borders about 80 miles north northwest of Udaigiri.

The spokesman announced that Towang fell after bitter fighting Wednesday. Chinese Communist troops are advancing in most areas, he added.

Defense Minister V. K. Krishna Menon was coming under mounting fire because of the ineffectiveness of Indian's resistance on the frontier. Prime Minister Nehru was reported to be defending him.

Leading newspapers joined senior members of the Congress party in the attacks on Nehru's closest associate. Some Congress members demanded Menon's resignation.

"It looks as if someone is spreading a ceremonial red carpet for the advancing Red Chinese along the entire northeast frontier," said one party leader who with 29 others criticized Menon severely in a meeting with Nehru Tuesday.

The government meanwhile admitted steady Chinese advances all along the northeast boundary, as much as 37 miles in some areas and indicated the Communists had captured most of their objectives in the disputed area in the northwest, the Ladakh sector of Kashmir.

Congress party critics charged Menon "kept us in the dark by painting a rosy picture of our eastern defenses."

"In no place has the Indian army held ground since the massive Chinese assault began on Saturday, and every day it is the same tale of so many pockets falling to the advancing enemy," one of them said.

Car-Train Crash Kills Milwaukee Resident

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A car-train crash in Waukesha County has taken the life of a Milwaukee woman traveling with her mother and two sisters. The death raised Wisconsin's highway toll for the year to 754, compared with 723 a year ago today.

Mrs. Lois Ball, 42, was killed Wednesday night and her mother and two sisters injured when a car driven by one of the sisters and a Milwaukee Road passenger train collided in Pewaukee.

The four women, all of Milwaukee, were returning from a visit with relatives at Wisconsin Dells. Their new car showed only 500 miles.

Tries to Avoid Clash

Khrushchev Takes Cautious Course

MOSCOW (AP)—Some Western diplomats saw Premier Khrushchev's proposal for a summit conference today as evidence he is guiding the Soviet Union on a cautious course in the Cuban crisis.

They expressed a belief that his suggestion indicates he wants to avert a head-on collision with the United States.

In a message Wednesday to Lord Bertrand Russell, the British philosopher, Khrushchev put the summit proposal this way:

"The question of war and peace is so vital that we should consider useful a top-level meeting in order to discuss all problems which have arisen, to do everything possible to remove the danger of unleashing a thermonuclear war."

While denouncing the U.S. blockade of arms shipments to Cuba as "piratical," Khrushchev ignored the reason President Kennedy announced for the Cuban quarantine—the establishment of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba.

Moscow insists all arms sent to Cuba are defensive. And it never has admitted missiles are among the weapons. But perhaps significantly, a Soviet Embassy official in London said no nuclear warheads were among arms sent to Cuba.

Russell, in a message, urged the Soviet leader "not to be provoked by the unjustifiable action-aggression" by stepping up the U.S. in Cuba. The Briton productivity of East Germany's economy.

ing on the difference in American and Russian motives.

Its editorial page today was heavily adorned with letters to the editor demanding to know how the United States, with bases in Turkey, dared to complain against the establishment of Russian bases in Cuba.

Three of the letters advocated abandonment of the American submarine servicing station at Holy Loch, Scotland, presumably in order to placate Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Polaris carrying submarines using Holy Loch now constitute the main assurance that the United States would possess a second strike capability in case of a surprise Russian nuclear attack.

They offer the only deterrent to Russian aggression possessed by Britain in an effective deterrent to Russian attack against Britain itself.

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The Daily Herald, which pre-sents the Labor party line on most matters, supported its plea for abandonment of American bases with a column by Walter Lippmann in which he pointed out that Russian bases in Cuba were defenseless and American bases in Turkey were practically obsolete and urged that the United States try negotiation on that basis. Its version of Lippmann's original column was labeled "Abridged."

What Is "Defensive"? The Daily Herald's own editorial contained the statement that "if the American nuclear bases are defensive, then Cuba's Fidel Castro can claim that so are his."

The Communist Daily Worker was more Russian than the Russians when it came out this morning with the contention that Russian bases in Cuba were designed purely for anti-aircraft missiles.

Paraders in Milwaukee Assail Castro

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Parading behind an effigy of Cuban Dictator Fidel Castro and chanting "To hell with Fidel," a crowd of 400 youths demonstrated near Marquette University Wednesday night.

The demonstration came to the attention of police as it neared Brooks Memorial Union where a United Nations Day forum was in progress.

Responding to police orders, the throng then marched four blocks down Wisconsin Avenue the city's main street.

Father Floyd L. Stanton, Marquette vice president in charge of student affairs, rushed into the ranks of the marchers and ordered students to their dormitories.

Those carrying the Castro dummy and signs reading "MU backs Jack" circled the block to encounter police trying to keep the crowd moving.

Father Stanton moved into the crowd again, saying "You're not doing any good for Marquette. He demanded identifications grabbed at signs and finally used a police loudspeaker to warn of university discipline.

Some of the demonstrators were from Marquette, but others stopped for identification said they came from other schools after hearing a demonstration was planned. There were no arrests.

Far from whipping up any war hysteria, the chief theme of the East German pronouncements is the necessity in communist eyes in order to placate the alleged "U. S. aggression" by stepping up the U.S. in Cuba. The Briton productivity of East Germany's economy.

Copter Forced Down By Communist Fire

SAIGON South Viet Nam (AP) — A U.S. Army troop-carrying helicopter was forced down by Communist fire today in Viet Cong-controlled territory.

Press Proposes Compromise

British Want U. S. to Drop Turkish Bases in Trade for Those in Cuba

BY WILLIAM H. STONEMAN

Chicago Daily News Service

LONDON — Virtually the entire British press now supports a deal under which the United States would offer to abandon its missile installations in Turkey in return for a Soviet undertaking to dismantle the missile installations in Cuba.

Such reputable newspapers as the Times of London and the Daily Mail accompany their advocacy of such a bargain with reminders that there are, in the words of the Times "differences between America's and Russia's records and motives."

Many Letters The Guardian, one of the world's great newspapers in the Liberal supremacy in this country, has supported such an arrangement as it might support a horra trade between two submarines without dwell.

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