



"He only who is able to stand alone is qualified for society. And that I understand to be the end for which a soul exists in this world—to be himself the counter-balance of all falsehood and all wrong." — Emerson

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# JFK Ready To Negotiate Crisis; U. S. Plane Missing Over Cuba

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy said Saturday night that a new proposal from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev seemed to indicate a basis for a negotiated settlement of the explosive Cuban crisis.

He said that if his understanding of a letter received from Khrushchev Friday night was correct, the Soviet leader had agreed to:

—Remove Russia's offensive long-range missile bases from Cuba under United Nations observation and supervision.

—Halt further introduction of such weapons systems into Cuba under "suitable safeguards."

In return the President said that assuming Khrushchev lives up to his promises and U. N. arrangements are made to guarantee his commitments, the United States would:

—"Promptly" end its naval blockade of Cuba.

—Give assurance against a U. S. invasion of Cuba.

Begin immediately If his understanding of Khrushchev's letter is correct, Kennedy

said, arrangements to negotiate a "permanent solution" of the crisis could begin in New York almost immediately.

Despite these diplomatic developments, military tension appeared to increase. Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara called 14,214 Air Force reservists to active duty to man 21 troop carrier squadrons.

The Defense Department also reported one of its unarmed Cuba reconnaissance planes missing and presumed lost.

Havana radio had stated earlier that its anti-aircraft guns had frightened off several planes.

The President has authority from Congress to call up 150,000 reservists.

The Air Force men were the first reservists summoned since the Cuba crisis exploded last Monday night when the President announced the sea blockade of the island.

Second Letter ..

A second letter from Khrushchev, received at the White House late Saturday but broadcast by

Moscow radio earlier, had added a suggestion that Russia would pull down its Cuban bases in return for U. S. dismantling of NATO bases in Turkey.

Kennedy's letter did not respond directly to the Turkish-Cuban swap deal but accepted conditionally the arrangements outlined in Khrushchev's first communication. However, the White House earlier had, in effect, rejected a straight Turkish-Cuban swap.

In his letter, the President—always emphasizing that Soviet missile bases in Cuba must first

be rendered harmless—also offered to give assurances against a U. S. invasion of Cuba. But steps to cancel the Soviet missile threat in Cuba must be taken under United Nations supervision.

Welcomed Solution

The President opened his letter to Khrushchev by saying he welcomed the Soviet leader's expressed "desire to seek a prompt solution" to the Cuban problem. Then he immediately added:

"The first thing that needs to be done, however, is for work to cease on offensive missile bases

in Cuba and for all weapons systems in Cuba capable of offensive use to be rendered inoperable, under effective United Nations arrangements."

The President took up the possibility of New York talks on the Cuban crisis.

Assuming Khrushchev agrees to wipe out the Cuban missile threat, Kennedy said that "I have given my representatives in New York instructions that will permit them to work out this weekend—in cooperation with the Acting Secretary General (U Thant of

the United Nations) and your representatives—an arrangement for a permanent solution to the Cuban problem along the lines suggested in your letter of Oct. 26."

He told Khrushchev that "as I read your letter, the key elements of your proposal—which seem generally acceptable as I understand them—are as follows:

"1. You would agree to remove these weapons systems from Cuba under appropriate United Nations operation and supervision; and undertake with suitable safe-

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## 14,000 Men, 24 Squadrons

## Air Reservists Called To Duty

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, acting after U. S. reconnaissance aircraft were fired upon over Cuba, Saturday night ordered 14,214 Air Force reservists to active duty to man 21 troop carrier squadrons.

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A short while later came the Pentagon announcement that "today, U. S. unarmed reconnaissance aircraft, conducting surveillance of the buildup of the offensive weapons secretly introduced into Cuba by the Soviet Union, were fired upon."

McNamara's statement added: "To insure that the nations of the Western Hemisphere continue to be informed of the status of the threat to their security, it is essential that such reconnaissance flights continue. The possibility of further attack on our aircraft and the continued buildup of offensive weapons in Cuba require that we be prepared for any eventuality."

"Therefore, tonight, acting under the authority granted me by executive order 11028, dated Oct. 22, 1962, I have instructed the Secretary of the Air Force to order to active duty 21 troop carrier squadrons of the Air Force reserve with their associated support units."

Quite obviously troop carriers could be used to transport military units for a strike against Cuba itself if this were to be ordered.

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In announcing that one aircraft, conducting surveillance operations over Cuba was missing, the Defense Department said that these missions will continue. The statement also said that "appropriate measures will be taken" to protect the planes and insure their effectiveness.

The Cubans themselves had said during the day that anti-aircraft batteries "drove off unidentified warplanes" over western Cuba. This is the section where the Russian missile bases are located.

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## Judges Due At Hearing

DALLAS (UPI) — Texas hot oil investigators resume hearings Monday with "a witness we've been looking for a long time," Rep. Bill Hollowell of Grand Saline said Saturday.

The key witness is Gregg County Judge Earl Sharp. He was subpoenaed in Longview last week when he appeared before the Gregg County Grand Jury.

Also scheduled to testify is Dist. Judge David Moore of Longview. Both have been mentioned frequently during the investigation of illegally slanted oil wells.

Hollowell, who is vice chairman of the Texas House General Investigating Committee, has estimated that \$1 billion worth of oil has been stolen by directional drilling.

The Grand Saline lawmaker will appear before the committee at the hearing.

"Some new evidence has been developed," he said, "but I think we are in the clean-up stages of our investigation."

Hollowell will preside at the session in the absence of Rep. Charles Ballman of Borger, committee chairman. Rep. Menton Murray of Harlingen also will miss the meeting. Other committee members are Reps. Bill Pieratt of Giddings and DeWitt Hale of Corpus Christi.

Sharp has been a missing witness at previous committee sessions. His name was on the first subpoena list which called oilmen to Dallas in August, but Texas Rangers were unable to locate him. He was reported to be at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., undergoing treatment.

A \$1 million civil suit pending in Austin against Sharp and his associates in the oil business. The suit claims they operated a crooked well in the Hawkin Field in Wood County from September 1959 until it was plugged June 19 against railroad commission orders.

Sharp also was named in an injunction suit filed by Atty. Gen. Will Wilson last June to prohibit interference with directional drilling tests on an oil well in Gregg County.

Both Sharp and Moore appeared before the Gregg County Grand Jury. The panel returned 71 indictments last Monday then followed up with 17 more Friday.

Another political statement from state Republicans was issued by acting state chairman Tad Smith. He said the GOP "wholeheartedly supports the President's action in invoking the blockade against Cuba."

But Smith said Texas Republicans "are convinced it should have been invoked much earlier."

Democratic Connally also touched on the Cuban crisis in his speech at the Tyler barbecue that wound up a day of campaigning that began in Orange.

Cox meanwhile was in Midland, where he also talked about money. The Republican candidate said his election Nov. 6 and a two-party system in Texas would result in higher incomes for all workers.

"In plain old dollars and cents it makes good sense that we ought to seize the best chance we've ever had to catch up with other states by advancing new from stagnated one-party state government into a refreshing new chapter in Texas history," Cox said.

Cox said Texas ranks 29th in per capita income among states, an blamed one-party rule for the low position.

"States with two-party government and a more healthy political climate are all better off economically than we are," Cox said.

Investigating officers were Sahino Montemayor and Joe Casteneda.

Police were investigating a reported burglary at the home of Mrs. Dorothy M. Heller, 2123 E. Fourteenth St., today. The burglary was reported to have happened between the hours of 6 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday.

Reported taken in the theft was two rolls of pennies and an undetermined amount of Mexican coins.

Entry was made, according to the report, with a blunt instrument, which was used to break a pane of glass, after ripping the window screen.

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# Castro's Big Guns Fight Off Planes

## Maximum Alert Maintained For Island's Defense

HAYANA (UPI) — Cuban anti-aircraft batteries drove off unidentified warplanes which had penetrated deeply into western Cuba, the armed forces general staff reported Saturday. It was the first gunfire reported in the current crisis.

All government radio stations broke their programs to read the following communique from the general staff:

"At 10:17 a. m. Cuban anti-aircraft batteries drove off unidentified warplanes which had amply violated Cuban airspace and had penetrated deeply into national territory over the western part of the republic."

"The Cuban armed forces are in a maximum state of alert, a maximum combative disposition, and prepared to defend the sacred rights of the fatherland."

No information (In Washington the Defense Department said it had no information concerning the alleged incident but it warned that anti-aircraft fire on any U. S. plane in the Cuban area will "meet counter-action.")

(A Defense Department spokesman said surveillance of Cuba would be maintained and "any interference with such surveillance will meet counter-action.")

(The reference to "western Cuba" in the Cuban communique presumably refers to Pinar del Rio Province, at the opposite end of Cuba from Oriente Province where the U. S. naval base at Guantanamo is located.)

The government Saturday ordered the creation of 26-man stretcher-bearer teams in every neighborhood and work center. The National Directorate of Revolutionary Defense committees said the first aid teams were needed "in those moments in which the threat of direct aggression looms over us from the number one enemy of the peoples of the world, Yankee imperialism."

The teams are to consist of "one group leader, a responsible person who knows how to administer first aid treatment whether he is a member of a revolutionary organization or not," a defense committee chief, a political commissar and three liaison men to work directly with five groups of four stretcher-bearers each.

Defense committee members were convening meetings of neighborhood residents to form the stretcher-bearer teams Saturday.

An element of urgency was imparted by the defense committee order to improvise stretchers from burlap sacks and sheets, and for all persons with first aid manuals to turn them over to their local defense committees.

As of mid-day Saturday there still had been no massive roundup of suspected "counter-revolutionaries" as occurred during the Pigs Bay Invasion when an estimated 200,000 Cubans were summarily imprisoned.

Throughout the country, when the true socialist aims of Urban Renewal programs became apparent to the very groups which embraced the program at its inception, these groups have taken the proper, legal and democratic processes, to correct the situation. We will work diligently to do the same in Port Isabel.

Both and Jaudon said they would gather additional information on the cost of Urban Renewal in Port Isabel for public consumption.

The Urban Renewal program was adopted here in November of 1958 in an 83-vote election—56 for the plan and 26 against it. George Mansur is director of the plan.

## Effects May Aid Tourism In Area

BY ED ANDERSON

Herald Staff Writer

With the Cuban crisis giving the multi-million-dollar vacation and winter residence industry in Southern Florida and the Caribbean a bad case of jitters, indications mounted Saturday that the Lower Rio Grande Valley may be host this winter season to a record tourist influx.

Florida reports gathered Saturday confirmed that there is great concern there in the tourist industry.

The Key West Motel at Key West, Fla., reported that all of its civilian guests have departed and its 100-room facility is now occupied only by U. S. Navy personnel.

Two Eastern railroads — Atlantic Coast Line and the Pennsylvania — reported in New York that Miami reservations are being cancelled. A railroad spokesman said: "People are scared to go to Florida right now."

The Wall Street Journal said Caribbean resort hotels had planned a banner tourist season this winter on the basis of advance reservations at the 75 island hotels, more than 50 per cent over a year ago, but that it was "obvious nobody is going on vacation down there until the situation resolves itself."

Reactions Expected Cruise ship schedules to Jamaica, Haiti and Puerto Rico have been cancelled after the U. S. Coast Guard warned that "reactions" to the Kennedy blockade may make "dangerous waters" of the "Windward Passage" between Cuba and Haiti.

Oscar Longnecker, manager of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, said Saturday that Valley chamber executives would meet Monday to consider a shift in newspaper advertising of Valley winter accommodations from the Middle West to the East. In the past the Valley has made its chief appeal to Midwest vacationists, but in view of the Cuban situation, it is assumed that New York and other Eastern city residents who ordinarily go to Florida to escape winter rigors, may look south.

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The weather bureau added that a cool front in the Colorado area Saturday may reach the Valley area late Monday or Tuesday. Slightly cooler temperatures will prevail Monday.

Temperatures today will range in the high 80's and dip down to 68 at night.

Cloudy skies and spreading belts of showers cut into fall weekend activities in other parts of the state.

Valleyites can expect gusty winds up to 29 miles per hour today—accompanied by isolated daytime showers.

The U. S. Weather Bureau said cloudy skies and slightly warmer temperatures will prevail through Sunday night.

South to southeast winds at 12 to 24 miles per hour during the daytime are expected to gust up to 29 miles per hour, the weatherman said.

## Fidel's Image Dented

By FRANCIS L. MCCARTHY

UPI Latin American News Editor

Latin American experts said Saturday Russia's blunt offer to make a deal with the United States on Cuban bases has dealt Premier Fidel Castro's "image" a severe blow in the Western Hemisphere and elsewhere.

They said the Soviet offer of a "horse trade" on bases in Cuba a half-a-world away from Russia unveiled Castro as a simple puppet of the Kremlin.

The extent of the Russian grip on Cuban sovereignty was betrayed by Premier Nikita Khrushchev's offer to President Kennedy to guarantee the U. S. against any surprise missile attack from Cuba.

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The closing down of the naval base at Port Isabel and Air Force bases at Harlingen and Mission has further eliminated the Valley as a likely target for enemy missiles.

Another factor in making the Valley a comparatively safe area is attributed to winds which are ordinarily from the southeast. A Civil Defense spokesman explained: "The danger of fallout from nuclear explosions is considered at a minimum here because a bomb would have to be exploded south of here in Mexico to menace this area. This is not considered at all likely."

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## WINDY AND WARM