

Let's Look At The Record

NO QUARANTINE
"Pacific Blockade" Is Correct Form
For President's Action Against Cuba

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PRESIDENT KENNEDY had hardly finished his dramatic pronouncements for the "quarantine" of Cuba before commentators began calling attention to his avoidance of the word "blockade."

When does a "quarantine" become a blockade? Is a blockade an act of war?

Let's dispose of "quarantine." It has an honorable place in maritime lore. An arriving ship pauses in a harbor entrance en route normally to its berth or dock. One or more local health officers go aboard if there are no communicable diseases among passengers or crew, the ship receives "pratique," i.e., clearance to dock.

The word "quarantine" and the resulting "pratique" have no other place in international, legal usage.

"Quarantine," as brought forth by Mr. Kennedy, is traceable to the master-maker of soothing, nebulous phrases, Franklin Roosevelt. His use of the word implied a blockade to prevent the expansion of Fascism and Nazism in 1940. It is from this source and usage that Mr. Kennedy borrowed the term. As used, it means blockade.

WE ARE being told by sundry commentators that blockade can only be defined as "an act of war carried out by the warships of a

belligerent. . . . This is not correct. It is true that blockade is normally associated with warfare. In this sense, the blockade first came into history in the wars of the ancients.

When Rome lost naval control of the sea to Carthage, the latter intercepted the grain ships from Egypt. There was near famine in Rome. Thus blockades are as fundamental and ancient as warfare itself.

BUT IN MODERN TIMES the phrase "pacific blockade" is often found. International lawyers have defined it as "a method of coercion short of war exercised by a great power for the purpose of bringing pressure to bear upon a weaker state."

Obviously, the pacific blockade interferes with the rights of neutrals on the high seas and may easily be construed as an act of violence more or less in the nature of war.

Indeed, it may be regarded as war by a power strong enough to resist. Without a navy or long range missiles, Cuba is hardly in position to resist — we hope!

There are many precedents for pacific blockades. One was the peaceful blockade of Swedish and Norwegian ports in 1814 by England. The moment she howls about interruption of her trade, Downing Street will have to laugh that off. It was there that the pacific blockade was invented.

England also invoked a pacific blockade of Turkey in 1827 and

later against the Republic of New Granada, now known as Colombia. France likewise set up a pacific blockade of Mexico, 1938-39, to force the payment of certain international claims. It cost France more than the claims totaled.

THE BLOCKADE was legitimized by the nations of the world in the Declaration of Paris, 1856. In this Declaration, having the force of international law, the following principle was adopted: "Blockades in order to be binding must be effective; that is to say, maintained by a force sufficient really to prevent access to the coast. . . ."

The theory back of this odd requirement was that shippers would have to know full well in advance that there was no use in trying to get through, hence would not subject themselves to losses and delays by trying.

WHEN FRANCE blockaded China in 1884, Great Britain broke it up with naval convoys. She cited the above clause from the Declaration of Paris. The English Foreign Office held that the French had set up a "paper blockade." It is thus readily seen that there are blockades, blockades and blockades, but no quarantines within the historic sense of the latter phrase.

With World Wars I and II, there came into usage the distant blockade as against the close, in-shore blockade. The former contemplated seizure of any ship, anywhere, carrying contraband to the nations or peoples being blockaded.

MR. KENNEDY has obviously invoked the principles of the pacific blockade. Where it will lead is governed by the willingness of Cuba's ally, Russia, to resist.

There is no reasonable expectation of direct Russian intervention. She has submarines with which she can harass the blockade. They cannot break it. Russia has no surface navy big enough to crack the blockade.

Russia's only actual recourse is the nuclear, intercontinental, ballistic missile. Were this as accurate as Khrushchev boasts, no Cuban launching sites would be necessary. Any hostile, nuclear explosion will bring a sledge hammer retribution. She knows it. We can be reasonably sure that no immediate war with Russia is on the horizon.

Meanwhile, America must protect the security of the Western Hemisphere. There was no alternative once President Kennedy had admitted to himself that he

The Weeder's Guide

By EARL ARONSON
 The Associated Press

Hilltop is not just a garden. It is Indiana University's garden-teaching laboratory where youngsters from Bloomington may cultivate not only plants but the science of working together.

It is no just a place to learn to grow a head of cabbage, says Dr. Barbara Shalucha, I. U. professor of horticulture who directs Hilltop.

This nature workshop was fashioned 15 years ago from a one-acre field of alfalfa. The first class had 17 youngsters. This summer 200 children of school age raised vegetables, fruits and flowers.

"Hilltop is a way of living in our town," Dr. Shalucha explains. "Ninety per cent of the children never have been in a garden. But by the time they have finished a season they know you just don't throw seeds any old way. You have to learn to plant."

FLOW GARDEN EARLY

Planning begins in February, when I. U. horticulture students start laying out garden plots and crops. Hilltop provides the laboratory for I. U. education majors, youth counselors and even

and our State Department have been playing with words with reference to what is offensive and defensive for these past several months, as was pointed out in earlier essays in this column.

medical students.

"They see there is more to medicine than the pill or operation," said Dr. Shalucha.

She relates that more than 500 university students have graduated thus far from Hilltop and many have set up similar projects around the country.

Plants are started in the Hilltop greenhouse in March. Later, Bloomington youngsters aged 9 to 12 are invited to register. They have their own plots, work Saturdays before school is out for the summer, then three days a week.

There is an honor day after the harvest. "We play down competition," Dr. Shalucha says. "Our honors are extremely simple. What we really want is respect of a good idea. Genuine respect, especially of others is part of one's character development."

While browsing in the Shaker Museum at Old Chatham, N. Y., we came upon a display based on the Shaker Seed Industry. The literature said that the Shakers established the industry in 1794 and after 1814, these progressive people produced 2,000 pounds of seed a year, valued at \$2,000. It also proclaimed that the Shakers were the first to put up seeds in small paper envelopes, in 1816. They published gardeners' manuals as early as 1836.

Hanging from a wall was a wooden plant spacer, an eight-spoked, rimless wheel fastened to a pole.

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John Steinbeck, 60-year-old American novelist, won the 1962 Nobel Prize for literature. He is the sixth American to win the literary prize, worth \$49,656 this year. (AP Wirephoto)

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90 Million To Turn Clock Back Hour Sunday Morning

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Some 90 million Americans turn back the clock Sunday (Oct. 28) only for an hour.

The date marks the end of daylight saving time this year for nearly half the United States' population. It means the hour lost last spring in the switch from standard time will be restored. The change-over comes at 2 a.m. in many places, and will have the effect of increasing the usual 24-hour day to 25.

VARIOUS METHODS

Most, however, will reset their clocks before they retire. Those who like to luxuriate in bed may set their alarm go off at the usual time then turn it off, roll over and snooze for another hour.

There will be the inevitable confusion that attends the time change. In this case, the risk is arriving ahead of time, rather than late as in the spring.

The change affects most of the East, industrial regions of the Midwest and the West Coast.

VIEWERS DIFFER

Farm areas in the South and the Western Plains stand pretty much united behind standard time. They say their livestock and poultry operate on a sunrise to sunset basis no matter what the clock says.

The purpose of so-called "fast time" is to give an extra hour of daylight for outside activities during the summer months.

The District of Columbia and these states return to standard time Sunday.

New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Missouri, Illinois, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, California, Delaware, most of Pennsylvania, Maine, Nevada, the rest of the state never alters its time. West Virginia's northern panhandle (other areas of the state observing daylight time reverts last month; some parts remain on standard time), most of Maryland and parts of Iowa, Indiana and Vermont.

Returning to standard time last month were these states: Wisconsin, Washington, Minnesota, the five counties in Oregon observing "fast time," and most of Virginia. The Virginia area, round Washington follows the capital's lead in switching Sunday.

DOWNTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Fred Wiese of Coatesville shot a 30-37-77 over the Chester Valley Country Club course Thursday to win the Philadelphia left-handers Golf Association championship by three strokes. Sam Pelera of the home club was second with 80. Other finishers included Jake Hanlen, 84 and John Rakestraw, 85, both of Carlisle.

ALMONI, Mich. (AP) — The football season is over for winless Almoni High School—there aren't enough players left to finish the schedule. Theodore Nitz, Almoni principal, said that due to injuries only nine players are left for the varsity.

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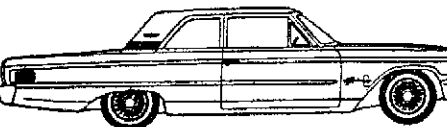
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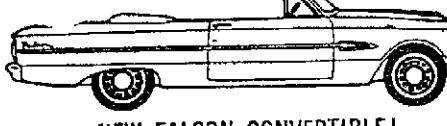
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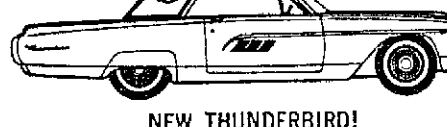
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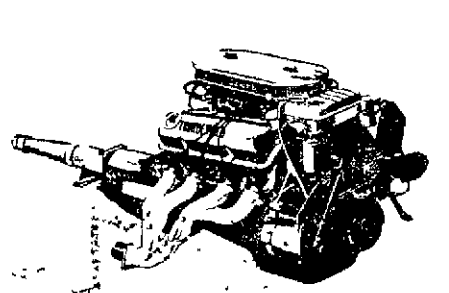


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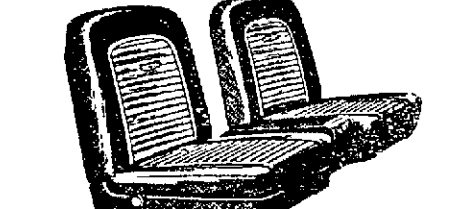


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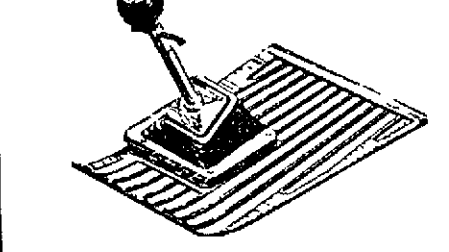
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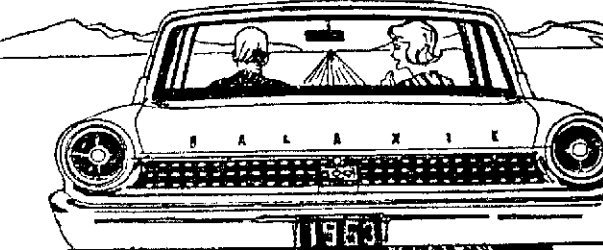


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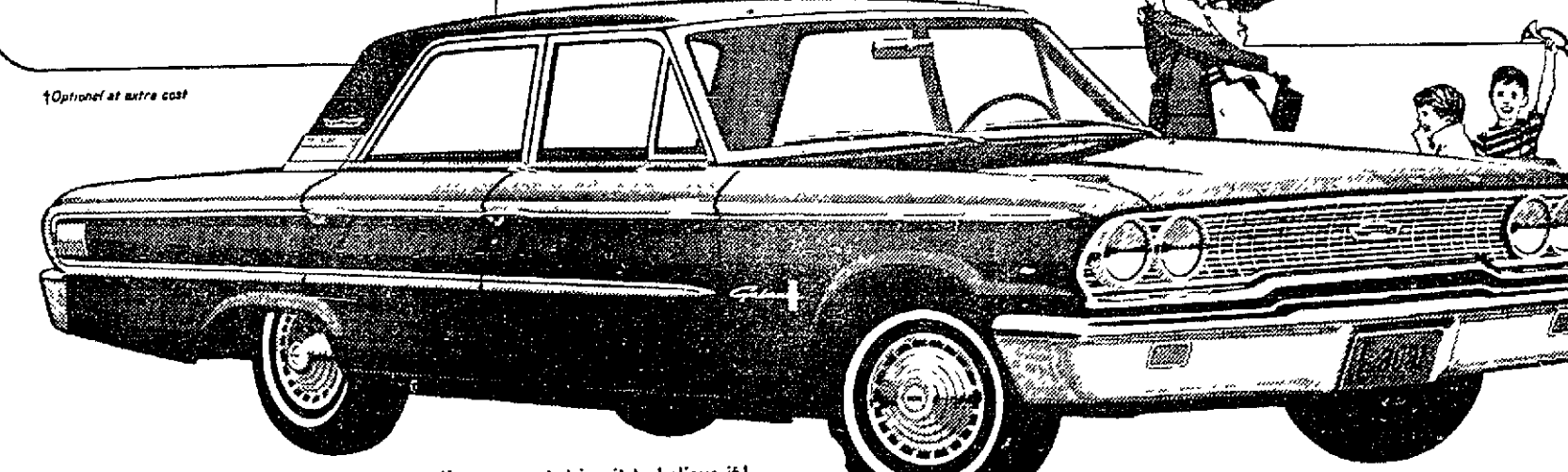
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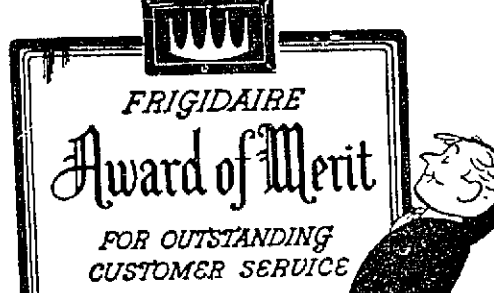
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