

THE WEATHER STORY

BAY AREA — Overcast through tomorrow except for brief clearing in the afternoon. Little change in temperature. High 57 to 63, low tonight 48 to 53. Gentle winds.

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Red Drive Into India Picks Up

Chinese Offer To Negotiate Turned Down

NEW DELHI—(AP)—Chinese Communists are advancing into northeast India at four points, and India has rejected Peking's proposal for peace talks on Chinese terms, an official spokesman said today.

Chinese troops have driven to within 10 or 12 miles of the important monastery town of Towang, in northeast India, to the west and are also pushing toward it from the north.

A fresh Chinese attack into India has been launched at Asfila, on the northeast frontier about 100 miles east of Towang.

At the eastern end of the northeastern border, near Burma, an Indian post has fallen and the Chinese are driving down the Luhit River valley.

NEW ATTACK

"Not very cheerful," commented the military spokesman.

At the northwest end of the disputed Himalayan frontier, in Ladakh, the Chinese have attacked for the first time in Changchenmo River valley and have captured a post.

Although the spokesman declined to comment on the over-all Ladakh situation, it appeared to observers that the Chinese might have overrun all Indian military posts on what the Chinese claim to be their territory.

High Indian officials said the Red Chinese proposal for a meeting between Prime Minister Nehru and Premier Chou En-lai to settle the border dispute was "pure hypocrisy."

Officials also turned down the Chinese proposal for a cease-fire under which each nation would withdraw its troops 20 kilometers (12.5 miles) from the present battle positions.

'DECEPTIVE DEVICE'

In doing so a foreign ministry spokesman indicated the Chinese may have advanced as much as 40 to 60 kilometers (25 to 37½ miles) in some areas.

"Advancing 40 or 60 kilometers by blatant military aggression and offering to withdraw 20 kilometers provided both sides do this, is a deceptive device which can fool nobody," the spokesman said.

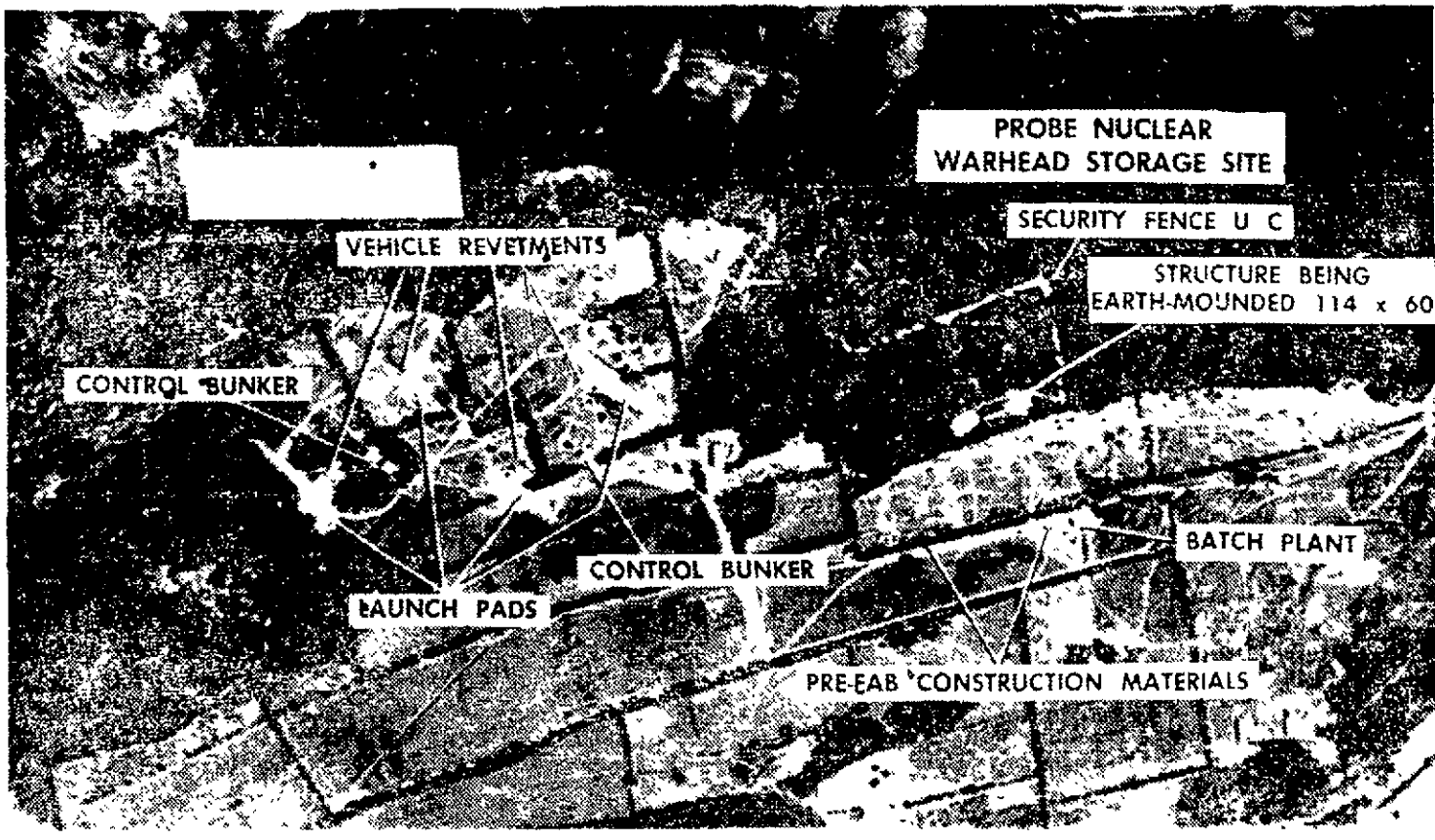
The spokesman said India will be prepared to talk with the Chinese if they withdraw to positions before Sept. 8 when the Chinese began penetration of northeast India. The intrusion then was just east of Bhutan and India says it erupted on Oct. 20 into the present large-scale offensive.

Cuts Visit Short

TOKYO—(AP)—Romanian Communist boss Georgehe Gheorghiu Dej left Burma for Bucharest Monday, cutting short a scheduled three-day visit, the Communist New China news agency reported.

LAUNCHING SITE

Defense Department today released this aerial photograph of what it describes as an intermediate range ballistic missile base in the hills of Communist Cuba. White rectangle in upper left is an identification mark deleted for security purposes—(AP)



U.N. Chief May Appeal to Big 2 for Crisis 'Standstill'

Britain and Venezuela Throw Support to Stern Kennedy Policy

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—(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 standstill pending a negotiated settlement. He was reported to have told the group he would consider a public appeal to Russia and the U.S.

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.

THREAT TO ALL

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 themselves, and we cannot accept that they be handed over to the only Communist state in the Americas."

British delegate Sir Patrick Dean accused the Soviet

Union of "calculated double dealing" and declared this is bound to cast doubt on any statements issued by the Russians.

CAN'T BE TOLERATED

He said the stationing of Soviet missiles in Cuba affects the whole security of the Western Hemisphere and cannot be tolerated.

"It is now for the council to take immediate and urgent steps to deal with the situation," Dean declared. "The only way now to restore confidence in the Western Hemisphere is for these missiles to be dismantled and withdrawn. Only then can we believe the honesty of the pronouncements made by the Soviet and Cuban leaders that they have no aggressive intentions."

He told the council that Britain believes the United States acted properly in bringing the situation to the United Nations. He stated further that he would vote for the U.S. resolution calling for the withdrawal of offensive weapons from Cuba.

Frank Aiken, Ireland's foreign minister, noted that both the Soviet and U.S. statements had proposed negotiations. He said "there must be negotiations and as soon as possible."

Aiken said the main question was why the Soviet Union installed bases on Cuban soil and why Cuba permitted something that menaced the Americas' security.

ROMANIA'S MIHAIL HASEGANU

said he would support the Soviet resolution.

WON'T BACK OUT

Considerable doubt was felt that the United States, having ordered its warships to halt all vessels in Cuban waters, would pay any attention to an appeal addressed only to it. But the group—made up of nations from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America—was hopeful that a general appeal to the United States, the Soviet Union and Cuba might ease the situation.

Some observers viewed the small nation action as a sign that the United States might not get the support it hopes for if it takes its case to the 109-nation General Assembly. Many nations which strongly oppose both Cuba and the Soviet Union feel a blockade is too drastic a move and risks a head-on collision between the United States and Russia.

Council debate started yesterday with an exchange of recriminations between the United States, Cuba and the Soviet Union.

U.S. delegate Adlai E. Stevenson urged the 11-nation body to act at once before the Soviets swallow up the world piecemeal.

Gromyko Sounds Off In Berlin

BERLIN—(AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said today that the only possible East-West agreement on Berlin is to recognize East Germany's sovereignty, the East German news agency ADN reported.

Gromyko visited the Communist wall with a brigade of East German border guards while 5,000 U.S. troops held West Berlin war games in the Grunewald Forest.

Heavy fog over the Berlin border early today cloaked the escape of seven refugees, West Berlin police said. No details of the escapes were disclosed.

SPEAKS TO GUARDS

The foreign minister spoke to the border guards a few hundred yards from the U.S. Army's "Checkpoint Charlie" at the Friedrichstrasse crossing. He also visited the Brandenburg Gate.

ADN reported that Gromyko watched an American Army sedan with four uniformed officers enter East Berlin at the checkpoint. The car was stopped briefly by a border guard, then allowed to pass through.

"An agreement with the Western Powers would be only possible," Gromyko said, "with the unconditional respect for the sovereignty of the (East) German Democratic Republic."

He said partial recognition was not enough.

SOVIET STAND

"The Soviet Union would sign a German peace treaty with the West only if it provided that the Western Powers withdraw their occupational troops from West Berlin," he said.

Russian troop movements were reported along the Berlin-Hamburg highway, but West Berlin police called them normal.

All Eyes Focused On Nikita

By RAYMOND LAWRENCE Foreign News Analyst

The trickiest guessing game since the Japanese decided to go to war turns today on how Soviet Premier Khrushchev will meet the U.S. blockade of Cuba.

It is the ominous and preoccupying subject in every capital of the world, to say nothing of the marts and news.

Diplomats are divided between those who think the Soviets will meet the challenge with force, risking the start of a war, and those who believe Khrushchev will cling to the field of discussion.

In the latter event, he will strive in the United Nations to win neutral and small-nation support for the abolition of U.S. missile bases around the world.

Such a course could lead to the shooting of a Russian ship bound with weapons for Cuba.

Then Russia could go to the United Nations on the grounds it was the victim of aggression and had refused to retaliate, and demand international action on the whole question of foreign bases.

All of this is, of course, speculative but it does raise one of the most important contentions made in Soviet propaganda:

The Russians assert there is no difference between Soviet missile bases in Cuba and

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Dense Fog Moves Inland

The dense ground fog that has plagued pilots and motorists for the past three days is gone today from the San Francisco Bay Area.

But inland, running through the several hundred miles of the San Joaquin Valley, the fog has reduced visibility and hampered air traffic from Red Bluff to Fresno.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said the high coastal fog is expected to deprive the Bay Area of sunshine most of the day again tomorrow. It will not interfere with air routing however.

EASTBAY ELIGIBLE FOR STORM DISASTER AID

President Kennedy today designated storm-battered sections of Northern California, including Alameda and Contra Costa Counties as major disaster areas eligible for federal funds to repair damaged public property.

The California Disaster Office will meet with federal of-

ficials in Sacramento to determine just which aid requests will be approved and how much will be allocated.

The Disaster Office has received damage estimates in excess of \$1 million. Oakland has asked for \$165,000; Alameda County for \$250,000; and Contra Costa County for \$125,000.

Khrushchev Bids For Summit Meet And Voices Threat

MOSCOW—(AP)—Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev said the Soviet Union "will take no rash decisions" as a result of the Cuba crisis and will "not let itself be provoked by the unjustified actions" of the United States, the official Soviet Tass news agency reported today.

"We will do everything which depends on us to prevent the launching of a

war," Khrushchev said in replay to a telegram from Earl (Bertrand) Russell, the British philosopher, about the United States action against Cuba, Tass said.

The Soviet news agency said Khrushchev called for a summit meeting to help settle the dispute.

"We would think a meeting on the highest level to be useful," Khrushchev said. "The U.S. Government must show restraint and must halt the realization of its pirate-like threats which may have the most serious consequences."

Tass said Khrushchev told Russell:

"Understanding the complicated feature of the situation caused by the pirate activities of the American Government,

Meaningless?

WASHINGTON—(AP)—First reaction in official circles to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's Cuba statement was that it appeared to lower tension slightly, but authorities warned it might be meaningless.

Neither the White House nor State Department had any immediate formal comment on Khrushchev's call for a summit conference and his declaration that Russia would "take no rash decisions."

Initial reading of the Soviet premier's statement showed that he had been obscure presumably with intent, regarding the conditions under which he wanted a summit meeting.

we cannot accept them in any form."

The Soviet leader said if the U.S. Government "grossly disregards and violates the international laws, then the extremely acute situation may get out of control and this may grow into a world war with all its sad consequences for the peoples of all countries."

Tass said "that is why efforts are now demanded, not only on the part of the Soviet Union, the socialist countries and Cuba, but also by all states, all the peoples and all classes in order to prevent a war catastrophe."

Khrushchev was quoted as saying that if the American Government "carries out its planned program of piratical action, then of course, we shall have to make use of the means of defense against the aggressor; we have no other way out."

The Soviet premier said as long as rocket nuclear weapons have not been used, there is a possibility to avert war. Once the Americans have launched aggression, Tass quoted Khrushchev as saying, a meeting of the highest level will become impossible and useless.

Khrushchev's reply to the British philosopher, who is a leader of the British pacifist "Committee of 100," also was broadcast by Moscow Radio's home service.

Buying Surge Halts Stock Market Drop

NEW YORK—(AP)—The stock market bounced back today from the depths into which it had been plunged by the Cuban crisis, moving higher for a time before prices began to level off.

Report of Contact With Cuba-Bound Vessels Awaited

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The United States and the Russian Communists approached an armed showdown on the high seas today, as Soviet cargo ships plowed toward Cuba and American naval power converged on them.

In Moscow, the Soviet Union today rejected and sent back to the U.S. embassy an American note outlining its sea blockade of Cuba, the official news agency Tass reported.

Tass said Russia pointed out in its statement yesterday that "aggressive measures" by the United States "constitute a crude violation of international law, the United Nations charter and a threat to universal peace."

At 12:30 p.m. (EST), with the quarantine officially in effect for three and one-half hours, the Defense Department said it had no reports of interception of any ships.

The department also said it had no report that any of the Cuba-bound Russian ships had changed their course.

Strung out along the approaches to Cuba were an estimated 25 Russian ships. Some of them quite possibly were carrying offensive weapons to the Cuban Communist ally -- a movement which President Kennedy says must be stopped.

At 9 a.m. EST, Kennedy's quarantine embargo went into

SUMMARY OF CRISIS

U.S. blockade of Cuba formally goes into effect. Interceptions of Communist bloc ships expected momentarily.

State Department says Argentina and Costa Rica have offered help to U.S. naval forces. Similar offer from Latin America expected soon.

Moscow sends back Kennedy's quarantine proclamation, which amounts to a rejection of the blockade.

Russian students demonstrate at U.S. embassy, stone ambassador's car in protest.

Canadian officials allow plane to continue to Cuba with missile experts and Czech technicians.

Assistance Offered By Latins

WASHINGTON—(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 limited as two destroyers. Uruguay's governing state council was reported to be virtually in agreement for support of the U.S. but it put off a decision until tonight.

Uruguay abstained yesterday when the Organization of American States voted 19-0 to authorize the use of force to stop the flow of Soviet arms to Cuba.

The U.S. official said some bases in Latin America might be carrying out its operation. This official, declaring that the West faces its gravest crisis since World War II, de-

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White House Summons

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Kennedy summoned congressional leaders of both parties back to the White House for a 5 p.m. (EDT) meeting, their second crisis conference since Monday afternoon.

effect and the historic moment was at hand. The first warships headed toward the first Soviet cargo ships.

Combat was possible. A few hours before, the Navy had broadcast radio warnings to all shipping to stand clear of the area, that it could become dangerous.

There was a report that Russian embassy officials here were claiming that no Soviet ship would heed the stop-and-be-searched signal of any U.S. warship.

Washington and the world waited tensely for what might happen after the 9 a.m. deadline.

Cuba's Fidel Castro saw the quarantine as an act of war and Moscow took a grave and angry view.

For more than a year the tension between the United States and Cuba had mounted week by week and month by month. Then on Monday

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Bulletin

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Informed sources said today they understood President Kennedy had received a message from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in reply to one advising him of the blockade of Cuba.

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"We've made a study, Potts, and find all the featherbedding isn't in the unions."

TODAY'S CHUCKLE

The young man looked at the high prices on the night club menu, turned to his date and asked, "What will you have, my plump little doll?"

SOME STORES OPEN TOMORROW NIGHT