



PROPOSES TALKS—U Thant, acting U.N. secretary general, addresses Security Council during emergency session. Thant read letters he sent to President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev asking for freeze of U.S. blockade and Red arms shipments to Cuba that set off the Caribbean crisis. —AP

Cuba Crisis Brings U.S. Flareups

NEW YORK — (AP) — America's Cuban blockade has touched off a number of public demonstrations around the nation.

One key spot for them is in the area of the United Nations in New York.

About 750 women in a group called "The Women's Strike for Peace" marched there yesterday. The group opposes the blockade.

At the same time, Hungarian exiles joined anti-Castro Cuban exiles in supporting the blockade. The Hungarians also were observing the sixth anniversary of Hungary's vain bid to break free from Communist rule.

While these demonstrations were going on a group of college students picketed in protest of the Cuban action.

TIMES SQUARE

At Times Square, 15 young men and women who said they are members of "The New York Committee for a General Strike for Peace" passed out circulars denouncing President Kennedy's action as "an act of war."

New York Police Commissioner Michael J. Murphy later declared Times Square out of bounds for demonstrations during the Cuban crisis.

Groups seeking to air their views will be offered alternative locations, Murphy said. Last night about 800 persons attended an anti-blockade rally at Manhattan Center. The rally was sponsored by "The New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee."

'REDS GO HOME'

The meeting was picketed by eight marchers who said they represented the "Nationalist Party." They displayed signs saying: "Reds, Go Home . . . We Don't Want You."

After the rally, about 40 of those attending went to the United Nations Plaza where they stood for "five minutes of silent vigil."

At another rally last night in San Francisco, about 500 persons gathered in downtown Union Square to protest the

GOLD STAR MOTHER, 85, VOLUNTEERS

The U.S. Air Force recruiting office in San Francisco reported today that an 85-year-old Gold Star mother came into the office to volunteer her assistance in the Cuban crisis.

The startled recruiters thanked the woman, and told her everything was all under control.

Cuban quarantine and urge negotiations to insure peace. Afterward many sent telegrams to President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev reading: "Urge you immediately to send official delegations, not warships, to Cuba to negotiate all issues directly."

ATLANTA ACTION During the day in Atlanta, white and Negro college students demonstrated against the Cuban move, while another group of students jeered at them and staged a counter-march.

The protest marchers included students from Spelman and Morehouse colleges, Negro institutions, and Georgia State College, which is predominantly white. The counter-marchers were from Georgia State.

At Ann Arbor, Mich., about 500 University of Michigan students with pro and con sentiments staged a noisy, jostling melee and police had to intervene several times to prevent fist fights.

Blockade backers outnumbered the opponents about two to one. The former pulled down a United Nations flag from a campus flagpole and some threw eggs at the opposing demonstrators.

About 250 of the two groups marched to the Washtenaw County building downtown.

PRO-CUBANS JEERED On the Indiana University campus at Bloomington 15 Cuba sympathizers were given a rough time by a jeering crowd of about 2,000.

The pickets began their demonstration in front of the university auditorium and scuffling and fights quickly broke out as the marchers started for downtown Bloomington.

ing sponsored by SLATE, an off-campus student political group. Speakers included Bob Scheer, student and writer about Cuba; Bob Phillips, former SLATE chairman and Sue Anne Kaiser, current SLATE chairman.

There were a number of hecklers, but no disorder. Brian Shannon, a former University of California student and past chairman of the Young Socialist Alliance, attracted a generally unsympathetic crowd when he spoke in front of the Oakland City College at noon.

Dr. Edward Redford, dean of the Merritt campus of the Oakland City College, said the group was not permitted to congregate on the sidewalk alongside classroom buildings because we don't permit any group to meet there.

He said the group never talked more than 50 or 60 persons.

Students Hear Protests Against Kennedy's Blockade

Speakers opposed to President Kennedy's Cuban blockade appeared before students at two Eastbay campuses yesterday and at a rally at San Francisco's Union Square.

Some 500 attended an hour-long meeting in San Francisco and then many marched to the Western Union office to send telegrams to President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev reading:

"Urge you immediately to send official delegations, not warships, to Cuba to negotiate all issues directly."

Bogdan Denitch, national committee member of the Socialist Party, addressed about 400 persons in a noon meeting in Pauley Ballroom of the University of California Students Union.

At the same time, nearly 300 students gathered under the oak tree in Divinelle Plaza on the U.C. campus for a meet-

Blockade First Step: Kuchel

Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel, R-Calif., returning here after bi-partisan conferences with President Kennedy, said the military blockade was only a first step in action which may be necessary to prevent Soviet use of Cuba as a nuclear launching pad.

Kuchel, Senate minority whip, told a news conference that if the quarantine is "not sufficient, then I believe the President will take additional measures, including the use of appropriate force."

Asked by a reporter whether this could include an invasion or pinpoint bombing, he replied that it could.

Kuchel, who is campaigning for re-election, said the "next several days will be critical in the extreme."

He said, "I'm very much inclined to feel that the congressional leadership will be called back before too many days are past." Kuchel and other congressional leaders are on eight-hour standby notice to return to Washington. The senator was on his way to Oakland.

Kuchel said President Kennedy did not act too late in imposing the quarantine.

To have done so earlier, Kuchel said, would have been an aggressive act and "this country does not commit acts of aggression."

Kennedy waited until he had irrefutable evidence of the missile base construction in Cuba before acting, the senator said.

Kuchel said he would fully support any "additional measures" which Kennedy might take to eliminate the Cuban missile bases.



JEERING PICKET—Janet Hase, holding "Better Dead Than Red" sign, jeers demonstrators who protested U.S. blockade of Cuba. The demonstrations took place in downtown Atlanta, Ga. There was no violence. —AP

Red Tanker Met, Given Go-Ahead

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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."

EARLY TODAY

"The encounter took place shortly after 8 o'clock, day light time this morning."

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

President Kennedy was reported holding the door open for a summit meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev if the right conditions developed. But he also was said to be sticking to his overriding objective of eliminating Soviet nuclear missile bases in Cuba.

A reply to a new note from Khrushchev was said in official quarters to be less urgent. The Soviet premier in a message to British philosopher Bertrand Russell declared yesterday that he considered a summit meeting useful in order to do everything possible to remove the danger of nuclear war.

SINGLE THEME

But in a letter to Kennedy about the same time, officials here said, Khrushchev made no direct bid for a conference and concentrated his remarks on denouncing Kennedy's action Monday night in ordering a quarantine of Cuba.

The quarantine policy of blocking offensive arms shipments to Cuba became effective at 10 o'clock Washington time yesterday morning. At that hour a total of 25 Communist ships was reported steaming toward Cuba and an inevitable confrontation with the U.S. warships on blockade station unless some intervening action was taken.

That action came late yesterday. The Defense Department announced that some Soviet bloc vessels "appeared to have altered course." Officials said that other vessels—understood to be those more distant from Cuba—were still steaming ahead.

SATELLITE TEST? The story added, "it also appeared that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev wanted a satellite vessel, rather than a Russian vessel, to test the U.S. determination to halt and search ships heading for Cuba, and thus avoid any direct confrontation of U.S.-Russian forces."

In other developments related to the crisis: Washington officials reported that more than half of the Latin American nations had offered some form of help in carrying out the blockade.

Mobilization plans for the home front were brought up to date for use in the event of a shooting war.



RED CONFERENCE—Soviet U.N. delegate Valerian Zorin (right) confers with U.S. Security Council members after adjournment of last night's emergency session over Cuba crisis. —AP

CD Acts to Meet Threat of A-War

National, state and Bay Area Civil Defense agencies stepped up emergency activities today to meet the nuclear war threat posed by the Cuban crisis.

Oakland Police Edward Toothman called a special emergency meeting of civil defense and city leaders to discuss survival problems.

Some 150 employees of the Alameda County Health Department participated in an air raid drill in the Health Department building at Fifth and Washington Sts. They descended into the basement of the five floor structure in six minutes.

Asst. Civil Defense Director James Gaskill of Livermore has ordered civil defense drills for all Livermore schools, starting on Nov. 2. He has also alerted city CD personnel to be on a standby basis during the crisis.

START INVENTORY

Toothman said an inventory, which began yesterday is continuing today to compensate for deficiencies that might exist and the meeting was to upgrade Oakland's disaster program and spell out emergency duties to participants.

Toothman said the city's radiological equipment is in good shape and the emergency CD center at Woodminster is in operating order.

Although many buildings in Oakland and Alameda County are under consideration as public fallout shelters, none has been designated as such, so far.

The Alameda County Civil Defense office in San Leandro said the main reason for the lack of such public facilities is because officials have not received the results of a federal survey of possible shelters conducted in the area several months ago.

William Hildebrand, assistant director of the office, said he anticipated the report would be forthcoming soon because of the increased national activity.

FURNISH SUPPLIES

Mainly, the public shelters will contain federally supplied food, water, sanitary equipment, radiation detection equipment and a 14-day supply of food.

Major supermarket chains in the Bay Area reported no marked increase in the sale of commercial foodstuffs, in spite of a buying "panic" in Los Angeles.

The full-scale purchasing of foods in the Southern California community was triggered by an erroneous report that supermarkets would be closed and people should stock up with at least a two weeks food supply.

The Region Seven office of Federal Civil Defense in Santa Rosa, reported an increase in the requests for CD information pamphlets from their area.

ENLISTMENTS JUMP

Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine recruiting office reported a climb in the number of enlistment and general information calls.

One Air Force recruiter in San Francisco said many of his calls were from World War II and Korean War veterans who asked what the age limitations were and expressed a desire in helping out.

"They may not want to serve in peacetime," the recruiter observed, "but if there's a war, they all want to help."

But renewed interest in the Civil Defense programs and

the apparent lack of preparation for a crisis, brought criticism from Chet Hollifield, D-Calif., chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

"We have not developed an adequate national Civil Defense program for the protection of the lives of our people in the event of nuclear war," he declared.

URGE ACTION

He urged President Kennedy to obtain legislative action on a program of fallout shelter construction.

Private construction has been difficult. Many companies formed during the last Berlin crisis have gone bankrupt.

Even the leasing of public buildings, tentatively listed as bomb shelters has been troublesome.

James V. Fitzgerald, San Mateo County CD head, said about "79 per cent" of the owners of the 119 potential fallout shelters in his county, "have not signed leases."

The regional situation was merely a duplication of activities in cities from coast to coast.

At Washington, it was announced that the capital's Emergency Relocation Center at nearby Lorton, Va., is manned on a 24-hour basis.

The Defense Department in Washington said 60 million shelter spaces throughout the nation are scheduled to be stocked with necessary supplies. At present, officials said, facilities for only several hundred thousand persons are immediately available.

Kroegers' Trial Set Next Month

Iva and Ralph Kroeger today pleaded innocent in San Francisco Superior Court to murder charges and are scheduled to go on trial Nov. 26.

Mrs. Kroeger also pleaded innocent for reason of insanity and will undergo a psychiatric examination by three psychiatrists within the next few days.

The Kroegers, of 490 Ellington Ave., San Francisco, are charged with the strange slayings of Jay and Mildred Arneson, Santa Rosa motel owners who were missing nearly eight months before their bodies were found in the Kroeger basement.

Pope Urges U.S., Russia Talks

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ferred military aid to help enforce the blockade of Fidel Castro's Cuba.

A Soviet embassy official in London asserted arms supplied to Cuba by Moscow are not fitted with nuclear warheads.

British government sources indicated Prime Minister Macmillan will be ready to fly to Washington for talks with Kennedy if new developments justify such a trip. They said he has no immediate plans for a United States visit.

The West German government representative in West Berlin said he feels world peace will be in acute danger only if the Soviets walk out of the U.N. Security Council.

Demonstrations, most of them anti-American, continued on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

Kennedy Wary of Red Tricks

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agreement and set a pattern that has been followed consistently by the Soviets both inside and outside Russia.

Four decades of Soviet diplomacy follow the same course.

President Kennedy was simply the latest victim of the policy of deceit and deception when he accepted the Russian assurances that the military buildup of Cuba was purely for defensive purposes. In any case, there was—and is—involved here a wholly unrealistic distinction between defense and offense.

The President believed what he was told by Foreign Minister Gromyko and Premier Khrushchev.

Now, in replying to Secretary General U Thant's call for a freeze in the Cuban crisis, he is more cautious and is stressing the need for guarantees before considering the suggestion.

U Thant did not deal with the problem of Soviet missiles in Cuba, which threaten the security of the United States and of the Latin American nations.

The secretary general only dealt with Communist bloc deliveries of offensive weapons to Cuba.

He wants the U.S. to suspend the blockade and the Soviets to hold up arms shipments. Then the disputants would confer on their differences.

Such a scheme, however, provides no guarantees against violations.

The Soviets have violated nearly every agreement they ever made and the President has good reason to believe that the Cuban situation, which vitally concerns the security of the entire hemisphere, is no different from the long and tragic record of past dealings with Moscow's assurances.

Vacation in Poland WARSAW, Poland — (AP) — American novelist Erskine Caldwell and his wife are financing a week's stay in Poland with Polish royalties on his books. The Polish press hailed Caldwell as one of America's leading writers.

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