

Chinese Gains Stir Indian Ire

Vital Border Town Falls in Bitter Fighting

NEW DELHI, India — (P) — Chinese Communists have captured the important north-east 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 60 miles north-northwest of Udaiguri.

The spokesman announced that Towang fell after bitter fighting yesterday. 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 India's resistance on the frontier. Prime Minister Nehru was reported to be defending him.

ASKED TO QUIT

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 north-east frontier," said one party leader who with 29 others criticized Menon severely in a meeting with Nehru Tuesday.

'CASUAL'

The Times of India said Menon was "astonishingly casual" in admitting the defense arrangements in the northeast were "found to be inadequate by later events" after his assurances that they were adequate. The newspaper called this "a confession of failure."

The Hindustan Times accused the defense minister of "making some most ambiguous statements, not calculated to convince the country of the government's will and determination to resist."

Critics noted that Menon sought to build his reputation as defense minister on creating an arms industry in India so as to reduce the nation's dependence on weapons purchased abroad. Lack of modern, rapid-firing weapons is given now as one of the major causes of Indian troops having to fall back before the Chinese assaults.

Critics say that during the three years since the first border clashes, little appears to have been done to give Indian troops adequate firepower. Instead, Menon has been diverting the production of government arms plants into civilian fields. Some are manufacturing espresso coffee machines, one critic noted.

Viet-Congs Down U.S. Troop 'Copter'

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

An unconfirmed report said the pilot was injured by machine gun fire but official sources said they had received no report of any casualties.

Reds Create New Belt of Radiation

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Official sources indicated today that a high altitude nuclear explosion triggered by Russia early Monday created a new artificial radiation belt around the earth.

This country plans on Friday to orbit a specially designed satellite which will be able to study the new belt and measure its intensity and dimensions, it was said.

The satellite, expected to be named Explorer XV if it is successful, was specifically instrumented to study the artificial belt created by the U.S. H-bomb explosion of July 9.

But officials said it also would be able to examine electrons pumped into the earth's magnetic field by Monday's Soviet shot.

The American bomb of July 9 was equal in power to 1.4 million tons of TNT. It was exploded 250 miles above Johnston Island in the Pacific.

Berkeley Marine Strangled

Marine Cpl. John Hinton Brown, 23, of Berkeley, may have driven a San Quentin Prison escapee all the way to Maryland, where he was strangled to death and thrown into a ravine.

Brown's body, trussed with wire, his hands taped behind his back, was found Tuesday afternoon off Route 40 near Bel Air, a Baltimore suburb.

Yesterday, his car crashed into a stone wall in Washington, D.C., after eluding Prince Georges County, Md., police in a bullet-studded chase.

At the wheel, District of Columbia police said, was the escapee, William S. (Pat) Morehouse, 37. Brown's sea bag was among three in the car.

Morehouse is being held for extradition to Maryland for questioning in connection with Brown's death and a string of other charges including attempting to run down an officer with the car.

Morehouse escaped from a San Quentin Prison road camp near Ukiah last Thursday. He was serving a 1-to-10-year term for firing two shotgun blasts into a man in Oakland in 1957.

Brown, who returned recently from a tour of duty in Japan, left his home at 2938 Harper St. Friday to pick up a check at Treasure Island. His wife, Rosemary, told Berkeley police that he did not return. She said she received a telephone call later that day, however, from Brown's sister, Mrs. Joan DeGrace in Mt. Vernon, N.Y. Mrs. DeGrace said that her brother was driving there to take care of some personal business.

Authorities believe that somewhere along the way Brown picked up Morehouse as a hitchhiker. There were

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Russ Tanker Cleared To Cuba; Nikita Offers Ship Delay

Kennedy Replies to U.N. Plea With Agreement For Crisis Negotiation

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — (P) — President Kennedy today offered to arrange negotiations on the Cuba crisis, but avoided a direct answer to Acting Secretary U Thant's appeal for a temporary suspension of the arms quarantine.

Soviet Premier Khrushchev today agreed conditionally with U.N. Secretary-General U Thant's proposal for a two or three week postponement of all arms shipments to Cuba.

A Tass news agency statement in Moscow said the Soviet agreement to hold off arms shipments was conditional on the postponement also of quarantine measures instituted by the United States.

Thant told the U.N. Security Council last night in New York he had sent an appeal to President Kennedy to suspend the U.S. naval blockade and to Premier Khrushchev to hold up arms shipments to Cuba for two or three weeks while the disputants meet and try to settle their differences.

In Washington the White House said this afternoon that Kennedy's reply had been delivered to U.N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson for delivery to U Thant. Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said Stevenson will read the reply to the Security Council.

U.S. delegation sources said Kennedy stressed the need for certain guarantees before even considering Thant's suggestion. The President reportedly cited that the key issue would be a guarantee that the Soviet offensive missile bases in Cuba would be dismantled as demanded in his proclamation.

Thant also appealed to Cuban President Osvaldo Dorticos and Prime Minister Fidel Castro to suspend the arms buildup in Cuba during the cooling-off period.

Thant conferred with Cuban Ambassador Mario Garcia Inchausti, but there was no indication of the latter's reaction.

The United States already has said it cannot accept a neutralist appeal to halt the blockade and both Russia and Cuba have made plain they have no intention of stopping the arms buildup in Cuba.

Thant also offered his good offices to both sides to assist in any negotiations.

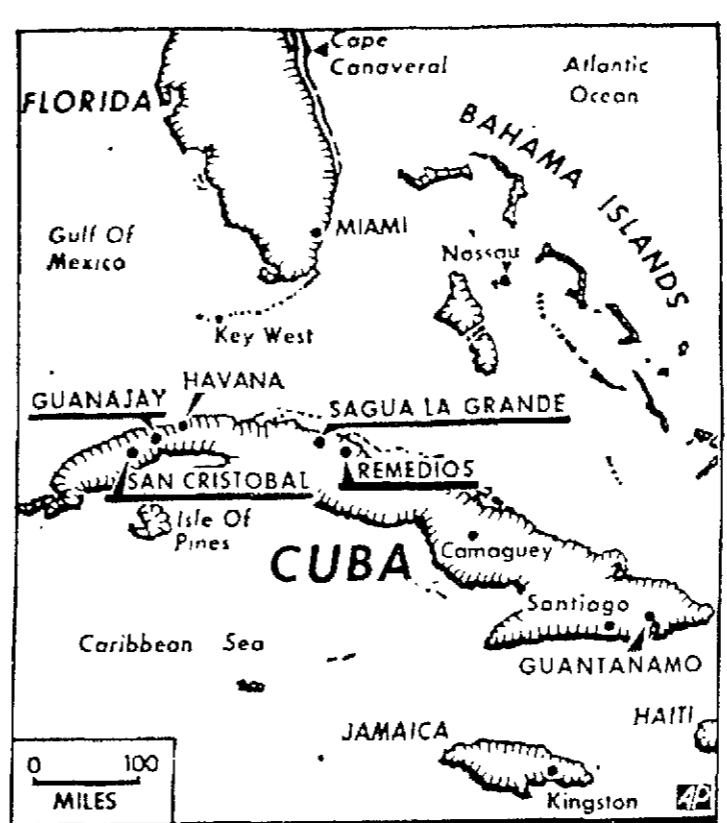
Warning that the U.N. faces its gravest crisis, he said that if the world peace body fails now, it may fail for all time.

"What is at stake is not just the interests of the parties directly involved, nor just the interests of all member states, but the very fate of mankind," Thant said.

State Visit
ROME — (UPI) — Italian President Antonio Segni will pay a state visit to Greece Nov. 26 to 28, it was announced yesterday.

In Charge of the regional briefing here will be Assistant Secretary of State Frederick G. Dutton, a one-time top aide to Gov. Brown.

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MISSILE SITES—Map locates four Cuban cities around which are sites for eight to 10 missile bases. Bases with about four rocket launchers each are near Guanajay, Remedios, San Cristobal, Sagua La Grande. — (P)

President Wary of Trickery

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President Kennedy's conditional, rather than complete, acceptance of the U.N. acting secretary general's bid for a truce on Cuba is based on one of the most critical factors in world affairs today:

The calculated perfidy and treachery of the Soviet government and all its Communist works.

This was dramatically demonstrated in the Cuban crisis when the President revealed how he himself had been deceived by Soviet diplomats—something he might have learned from a history of Communist diplomacy, for the first instance of an international nature occurred in the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk which the Bolsheviks negotiated with the Germans in 1918 and took Russia out of World War I.

Lenin then repudiated the

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Principal Injured in Fight Over Grades

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — (UPI) — Robert Thompson, a husky, 190-pound man, was charged yesterday with beating up a slightly built school principal in an argument over a report card.

Police said Burton Waymond, principal of College Hill School, was hospitalized with cuts and bruises. Officer James Crawford said the fight started when Thompson went to the school to express dissatisfaction with his sister's grades.

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'At Least Dozen' Soviet Vessels Alter Course as Navy Makes First Contact

WASHINGTON — (P) — A blockading U.S. Navy ship today intercepted a Russian tanker but allowed it to continue toward Cuba. At the same time the Pentagon said a dozen other Russian 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 Russian 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.

NO CHIP ON SHOULDER
The Navy's forbearance in not boarding the tanker, the informants said, was aimed at getting across to Soviet Premier Nikita 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 turnaround of some Soviet ships, and the free passage of the tanker, would have 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.

STATEMENT
Arthur Sylvester, assistant secretary of defense, read this announcement:

"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

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Sergeant Alvin York Enters Hospital

JAMESTOWN, Tenn. — (P) — Alvin York, 74, one of the nation's best known war heroes, has been hospitalized for treatment of internal hemorrhaging.

His physician, Dr. Guy C. Pinckley, said last night the famed sergeant was not in serious condition but may become worse "if this thing doesn't clear up."

The condition is not related to York's prostate gland surgery at Nashville in June, he added.

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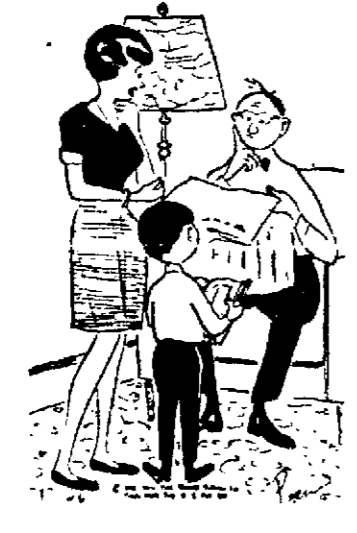
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"He wants to know something the United Nations is united about."

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John Steinbeck Awarded Nobel Prize for Literature

STOCKHOLM — (P) — John Steinbeck won the 1962 Nobel Prize for literature today.

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

For 30 years Steinbeck, who is 60, has been turning out best sellers — many became prize-winning stage plays and films — and has 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 often whimsical story of travels with his dog.

Steinbeck, author of 27

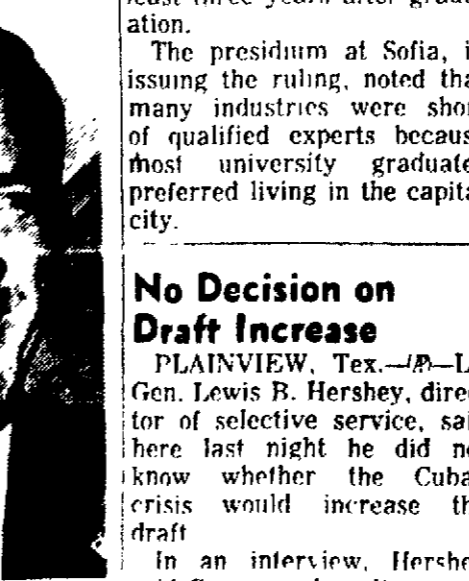
books, was cited by the Nobel Prize committee "for his at one and the same time realistic and imaginative writings, distinguished as they are by a sympathetic humor and a social perception."

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

Dr. Anders Oesterling, permanent secretary of the academy that awarded the prize, was reported to be one of Steinbeck's staunchest advocates. The chief competitors this year were reported to be Pablo Neruda of Chile and Robert Graves and Lawrence Durrell of Britain.

The award will be made to

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JOHN STEINBECK
Honored for writings

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