

Cuban Blockade Showdown Nears

Red Chinese Troops Advance, Ignore Indian Border

An Editorial
The Greatest Danger

The people of the United States were ready and waiting for the words of President Kennedy even before he addressed the nation.

Now that he has spoken the people of the United States are solidly and unreservedly united in support of the policy he proclaimed.

Only whole-hearted agreement will be found among the people of this country with the statement by President Kennedy that the greatest danger lies in doing nothing.

When President Kennedy disclosed our government had decided that offensive missile sites were being constructed in Cuba no one in this country doubted his conclusion. Americans are sure their government has abundant proof. They know this proof can be placed before the Security Council of the United Nations and the world at large.

When President Kennedy said that Cuba would be quarantined and no further shipments of offensive weapons would be permitted to reach the island the blockade was recognized by all who heard him as a minimum requirement for the safety of not alone the United States but also the entire hemisphere. All of the people of the United States approve the decision to halt the aggressive buildup in Cuba. All will support each and every step taken hereafter by the President as the situation develops.

For the United States has not forgotten Pearl Harbor. On the occasion a few days ago when the Soviet spokesman sat face-to-face with President Kennedy and lied about the missile bases in Cuba a parallel was created with the deception of another diplomatic spokesman on December 7, 1941.

Nor has Munich been forgotten. The United States will not again be a bystander watching appeasement.

In today's world freedom can be preserved only if free men possess the courage to resist aggression while time still remains in which to make a stand.

Communist Forces Claim Victories

New Delhi (UPI)—Red China lifted any restraints on its invasion of northern India today, formally authorizing its troops to ignore the border and presumably to advance as far as force will carry them.

"Chinese frontier guards fighting in self-defense no longer need to restrain themselves to the bounds of the illegal McMahon Line (the border)," Red China's Defense Ministry said in its first formal comment on the current border fighting.

The announcement broadcast by Radio Peiping did not say how far the Red invaders expected to advance.

The Communists claimed that their troops had captured several Indian outposts on the eastern front, but said Indian troops were offering fierce resistance in some unspecified areas.

War Footing

Premier Jawaharlal Nehru called on the nation today to put its economy on a war footing. He declared that "We will fight the Chinese Communists out."

For the first time in years of sporadic border fighting, Nehru formally recognized Red China as the "enemy." In a nationwide broadcast, he vowed that "We shall not surrender."

Red China threw tanks into the border war yesterday for the first time. Its troops were reported to have advanced at least five miles into Indian territory.

The Red Defense Ministry reported "general advances" on both the eastern and western fronts, but added that Indian troops "are still entrenched" in some outposts, particularly in the west.

A Red broadcast yesterday reported the capture of "Chinpi, Jichang, Changto, the Huang rally, He predicted Kennedy's action will be effective and will not mean war."

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, at his home in Gettysburg, Pa., withheld comment for the time being.

Kennedy also got support from such prominent Republicans as former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York and Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

Nixon, in Oakland, Calif., followed his expression of support for Kennedy's action with a reminder that he himself had been calling for such action for several months.

Rockefeller, at Rochester, said "all Americans must stand united behind the President" because the Communist threat in Cuba "could not be ignored."

Goldwater called the action "welcome but belated," and said it will "receive the enthusiastic backing of the American people."

Truman said Kennedy's action was "a parallel with Korea, the Congo and Berlin. There's no difference."

Truman sent American troops into Korea and ordered the Berlin airlift.

Nixon said "There are obvious risks in this (Cuban) action, but the risks of inaction are far greater."

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NEW TROOPS BRIEFED—Brig. Gen. W. R. Collins, right, commander of Marine ground forces at Guantanamo Naval Base, briefs a group of newly arrived reinforcements after they were airlifted into the Cuban base. A jet transport is in the background. The Marine reinforcement were one of the steps announced last night by President Kennedy to cope with the Cuban situation. (U.S. Navy Photo via AP Wirephoto)

Washington Sees Action By Nightfall

Washington (AP)—Russia and the United States headed into a collision course today as U.S. Navy ships moved in to clamp an arms blockade on Cuba and halt the Soviet conversion of the island into a nuclear missile base.

A direct confrontation between the two great powers could come by nightfall, in the judgment of Washington officials.

The crisis was probably the greatest since World War II.

The full scope of the danger broke upon the world last night when President Kennedy announced Russia's establishment of missile bases in Cuba and disclosed a seven-point program of U.S. action starting off with a naval blockade to halt the flow of any more offensive arms to Cuba.

Calls Quarantine

He called his move the imposition of "a strict quarantine," avoiding official use of the word "blockade." But administration officials said that in practical effect there was no difference.

The complete text of President Kennedy's address to the nation last night on the Cuban crisis can be found on Page 18. Additional stories and photos on the Cuban situation are located on Pages 18, 19 and 24.

Havana Radio said early today that all of the island's military forces had been mobilized and Prime Minister Fidel Castro would address his nation later in the day.

Kennedy is depending on crisis diplomacy to pull the world back from the brink of conflict. Shortly before addressing the nation by television and the world by radio he addressed a personal message to Soviet Premier Khrushchev to refrain from any step which would make the situation worse.

The letter, along with an advance copy of his speech, was handed by Secretary of State Dean Rusk to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin at the State Department shortly before Kennedy went on the air. A copy of the letter was delivered in Moscow to the U.S. Embassy.

Opus Way

The message opened the way for a Kennedy-Khrushchev meeting on the Cuban crisis by asserting that the United States is always ready for peaceful negotiations. But officials said it did not specifically suggest such a meeting. On the diplomatic front—as on the Cuban blockade front—it put the next move up to Khrushchev.

Even as the President spoke, U.S. warships were maneuvering in the Cuban area, taking up stations for interception of all inbound vessels. The U.S. Navy ships will have the responsibility to intercept, visit and search ships of all countries.

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Hoover, Truman Support Cuban Moves, Ike Quiet

New York (AP)—Two former presidents have expressed support for President Kennedy's action to blockade Soviet arms to Cuba. "There is only one course for the American people

Train Kills 3-Year-Old Menands Boy

Glen Creasy, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Creasy, of Tillinghast Apartments, Menands, was struck and killed by a Delaware & Hudson Railroad freight train, northbound out of Albany, near McDonald Circle in Menands about noon today.

The child was taken to Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Coroner John J. Marra of Chateaus, Albany County coroner, went to the hospital to investigate the tragedy along with Menands Police Chief James W. Clayton.

The child's father is manager of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 191-193 4th St., Troy.

The Creasy boy, according to police was playing in the vicinity of the railroad tracks in the rear of the Menands branch of the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co. and north of the Menands fire station. There were other neighborhood children with the victim.

The child apparently wandered onto the tracks and became frightened by the approaching diesel engine and its string of less than a dozen freight cars the investigation revealed. He was hit by the front of the engine and his body thrown to the east side of the tracks in a drainage ditch, police said.

Engineer John Cullen of 56 Paine St., Green Island, and fireman Richard Kirk, 1107 6th Ave., Watervliet, told police they saw the child but were unable to halt the train in time. The train was halted, however, before it had cleared the point of impact.

Chief Clayton said that the train was traveling under 50 miles an hour at the time.

The coroner said a preliminary examination showed death due to a crushed skull and possible internal injuries.

The West Albany ambulance was summoned to take him to the hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The scene of the tragedy is near a new housing development and also near the Home for Aged Men.

Chief Clayton investigated the tragedy along with Patrolman Leonard Brunelle.

Conservatives Say Cuban Action Too Little, Too Late

New York (AP)—A half dozen speakers at a Madison Square Garden rally for the state's new Conservative Party have attacked President Kennedy's Cuba-blockade action, charging it is "too little, too late."

Kieran O'Doherty, the party's 36-year-old candidate for U.S. senator, called the situation in Cuba "a towering monument to shame."

He told last night's rally crowd of 7,000 that he saw "no reason to retract that statement in the light of the half-hearted action taken by President Kennedy tonight."

"Like an ostrich burying its head in the sand," O'Doherty said "the leadership of our country has refused to recognize reality and retreated in terror, until inaction and fear have enabled our bitter enemy to establish an armed base and a center for subversion of the hemisphere in an area where, since the days of President Monroe, no foreign power has ever dared defy us."

O'Doherty called for forceful action by the United States to end the Soviet military threat in Cuba.

"If we will not fight in Cuba," the candidate asked, "where will we fight?"

O'Doherty, a New York City attorney, also charged that, in this situation, one of his election opponents, Sen. Jacob K. Javits, (R-N.Y.) "lines himself up with the administration's team and scuttles the historic American position enunciated in the Monroe Doctrine."

Charles L. Rice, Conservative Party vice chairman and an assistant law professor at Fordham University, told the rally that Kennedy's action against Cuba consisted of "stopping Cuba-bound ships and 'cutting out' the defense and offense weapons."

Daily Briefing On Cuban Crisis Set By Kennedy

Washington (AP)—President Kennedy today set up a special committee of members of the National Security Council to meet with him every morning to survey developments in the Cuba emergency.

OAS Favors U.S. Stand On Buildup

Washington (UPI)—The Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) today unanimously supported a U.S. proposal for immediate collective action to deal with the Communist military buildup in Cuba.

Says Winds Carry Air Pollution To New York City

New York (UPI)—Arthur J. Denline, air pollution control commissioner, said yesterday that prevailing winds carry air pollution from all over the United States to New York City.

Denline said wind currents put the nation's largest city at the end of a "3,000-mile-long sewer from the California coast." He added that same same winds then carry the pollution from New York City over Long Island and update New York.

Summon Security Council To Consider Buildup In Cuba

United Nations (AP)—The U.N. Security Council was summoned to an urgent meeting today to take up a U.S. demand that the council call for the withdrawal of all offensive weapons from Cuban soil.

Britain Backs, Soviets Blast Blockade

London (AP)—Britain today came out in full support of President Kennedy's arms quarantine of Cuba.

The first Soviet reaction was a warning that the United States was "taking a step along the road of unleashing the thermonuclear world war."

The tough policy proclaimed by Kennedy roused a mixture of praise, anxiety and some criticism in western Europe and heated anger in Communist capitals.

Britain's backing of the General U Thant to send a U.N. President was strong and unreserved team to Cuba to oversee compliance with the demilitarization of Cuba.

The British delegate to the United Nations Security Council, Sir Patrick Dean, has been instructed to support the United States' request to end this danger, a government spokesman said.

Radio Prague said two Czechoslovak ships, one now unloading in Cuba and the other en route, might be the first to run up against the U.S. blockade.

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Missile Test Successful

Cape Canaveral, Fla. (AP)—A Pershing artillery missile was fired under simulated battlefield conditions on a successful 300-mile test flight last night.

For the first time, the tracked launching vehicle was on sandy, sloping turf. On previous shots, the carrier rested on level concrete launching pads.

In wartime, the tracked vehicles would move over any type terrain to a desired firing spot and would be set up quickly for launching.

Pershing is scheduled to become operational within a few months. It will be deployed initially as a field weapon with NATO troops in western Europe.

State Officials, Opponents Back Kennedy Cuba Stand

New York (AP)—New York session, I urge all the people State elected officials and the in the State of New York, to men running against some of the State of New York, to them—lined themselves up in support of President Kennedy's action in the Cuban situation.

It was a view shared by Republican Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Robert M. W. La Follette Jr. who would be useful until this crisis is resolved. The nation goes Javits, R-N.Y., and by Democratic, and so does the freedom of all mankind."

Donovan, who is currently Rockefeller, in upstate Rochester, engaged in seeking the ransom of a captured American pilot, said that "all Americans taken prisoner in the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion, stand behind the President's action in the Cuban situation."

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He expressed the opinion "that the President I will do, with all the energy in my pushing" in retaliation.

Smallpox Scare Keeps Passengers On Ship In Italy

Naples, Italy (UPI)—Italian authorities yesterday refused to allow the Orient liner Orion to disembark any of its 1,213 passengers here because of a suspected case of smallpox aboard the vessel.

Iran Sends Mission To Soviet Union

Tehran, Iran (UPI)—The first goodwill mission from Iran to Moscow in many years left here by train yesterday.

Delegates will seal a 1957 trade agreement with the Soviet Union that was not put into effect earlier because of cold war tensions.

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