

# Reds Widen Bridgehead

NEW DELHI (AP)—Chinese Communist troops have widened their bridgehead in northeastern India and are developing a threat to the important monastery town of Towang, the Indian Defense Ministry said Tuesday.

Chinese troops pushed back Indian soldiers seven or eight miles in an area just east of Bhutan, the ministry said.

The new attack was launched a few miles east of this area at Bum Pass, a defense spokesman said, adding to the Towang threat.

Elsewhere on the disputed Himalayan border, fighting continued without major changes in position.

Peiping radio said Chinese troops had crossed the McMahon Line frontier and the radio also said Chinese forces no longer will respect that 48-year-old Himalayan boundary mark.

Peiping radio coupled the charge with an offer to negotiate with India for a peaceful settlement of the bloody border conflict which Prime Minister Nehru said Monday threatens his country's independence.

On the fourth day of hard battling which has pushed the Indians steadily back, an Indian spokesman indicated Nehru has rejected a Liberian proposal of mediation by African-Asian powers.

Red China charged that Indian troops crossed the McMahon Line in a new attempt to place the blame on India for the current fighting. India has charged repeatedly that the Chinese, not the Indians, launched large-scale assaults four days ago.

The Chinese statement said the Peiping government, although it made clear repeatedly it did not recognize the McMahon Line, nevertheless had followed a policy of not crossing the line which India considers its northern border with Communist-captive Tibet.

The McMahon Line was drawn by a British diplomat, Sir Henry McMahon, in negotiations with Tibet in 1914, when India was under British rule.

Before the current outbreak, Nehru steadfastly had refused to negotiate unless the Chinese first withdrew from disputed territory. He told his people in a 13-minute broadcast India must carry on the struggle because she cannot submit to the aggression or domination of a powerful and unscrupulous foe. He appealed for national unity, hard work, no strikes and warned of possibly more reverses in what may prove to be a long crisis.

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(AP Wirephoto)  
**Nehru Talks**  
India's Prime Minister Nehru makes broadcast to his nation in New Delhi Monday as Red Chinese forces threw tanks into the battle along India's Himalayan frontiers. Nehru, in a 13-minute broadcast, said the attacks threatened India's independence as a nation.

## Air, Naval Bases Throb With Activity

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Florida—bristling with air bases and boasting big naval operations at Key West, Jacksonville and Pensacola—throbbed with activity Tuesday to back up President Kennedy's blockade of Cuba.

At Key West, only 30 miles from Cuba, naval vessels had put to sea and the county granted permission for an Army unit to bivouac in the local baseball park.

A new control tower, previously unneeded at the Key West airport because only one commercial flight goes into and out of the city daily, was rushed to completion in less than two days. Boca Chica field at the naval station is a separate operation.

Soldiers seen earlier at Sugarloaf Key, a few miles from the city, had disappeared. Medical and surgical supplies were reported to be stockpiled at the Navy base.

Telephone calls to Key West were delayed Monday night by "heavy traffic" but were going through Tuesday.

All naval vessels in the harbor at Mayport, near Jacksonville had gone to sea.

Unusual activity was reported at such big air bases as MacDill Field at Tampa, McCoy Air Force Base at Orlando and Homestead Air Force Base near Miami. The movement of troops and planes was clothed in strict secrecy.

No security measures other than the usual tight arrangements were in effect at Cape Canaveral, the big missile test center 350 miles north of Key West, but jet planes were at Patrick Air Force Base, a few miles from the cape.

Florida's National Guard and civil defense units were placed on an alert status.

"There will be no calling out the National Guard," said Gov. Farris Bryant. "We anticipate no trouble. We want to be ready if anything should occur."

## 'Attack Threat' Key To Cuban Question

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has an answer to the question:

Are the Soviets in Cuba doing any more, in establishing missile bases, than the U.S. has done around the perimeters of Russia?

The answer, in substance, is that the United States deployed intermediate-range missile bases to protect nations threatened by Russia and that Cuba has been under no such threat of attack.

The question was raised at a

Pentagon briefing Monday night. An official spokesman gave this reply:

"There is a very, very basic difference between these two situations... It was the Soviet threat to Western Europe, including its flanks of the Scandinavian countries to the north and the Greek and Turkish nations to the south, that led to our support of Western Europe and to our arming the Turks with certain nuclear weapons."

"There is no similarity be-

tween the provision of such weapons to nations under the threat of attack, and the clear threat of attack by the Soviet Union. There is no similarity between the arming of nations under that threat, on the one hand, versus the arming of Cuba on the other—which obviously was not under threat of nuclear attack from this country."

President Kennedy said somewhat the same thing, although in more general terms, in his television address.

He declared that the transformation of Cuba into a strategic base, with "clearly offensive weapons," constitutes an explicit threat to the peace and security of the Western Hemisphere nations.

Kennedy also said that for many years Russia and the United States had deployed strategic nuclear weapons "with great care, never upsetting the precarious status quo which insured that the weapons would not be used in the absence of some vital challenge."

Directing a portion of his remarks to the Cuban people, Kennedy told them the Soviet strategic missiles on their island contribute nothing to their peace or well-being.

The "certain nuclear weapons" for Turkey and Italy which the Pentagon spokesman mentioned presumably are Jupiter intermediate-range missiles, with a range of about 1,500 miles.

Turkish and Italian crews were trained in the servicing and launching of the missiles, but custody of the nuclear warheads, under the U.S. Atomic Energy Act, remains with the United States.

Britain also has Thor missiles at RAF bases, but has announced plans to abandon use of them. As in the case of the other missiles, warheads for the British-owned Thors remain in custody of the United States.

## Chinese Face Rough Going For U.N. Seat

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Communist China's bid for a U.N. seat faced rough going Tuesday as the United States and its allies cited the Red thrust into India as proof Peiping is an aggressor with no right to sit in the world body.

The United States hammered at this theme after the Soviet Union opened the China debate Monday and called on the 109-nation General Assembly to install the Peiping regime in the organization in place of Nationalist China.

Many delegates felt the Soviets could not have advocated Peiping's cause at a worse time than when China and India are locked in a border struggle that has alarmed many neutral nations.

Crisis Ignored

The Soviets and neutrals who spoke Monday steered clear of the Chinese-Indian crisis, but the Philippines and Nationalist China echoed the U.S. charges of aggression.

U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson dramatized the issue by departing from his prepared speech to read Prime Minister Nehru's broadcast statement to the Indian people that "We are facing the greatest menace to our freedom."

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## Liturgy Reform Dominates Ecumenical Council Debate

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The recognition that "more or less drastic reforms" are needed in public worship dominated debate Tuesday at the Roman Catholic Vatican Ecumenical Council.

The approximately 2,400 council fathers discussed for a second day proposed changes in the liturgy.

After the three-hour session in St. Peter's, a spokesman said that 16 council members—all cardinals or archbishops—argued for and against the proposed eight-chapter liturgical constitution.

The spokesman said that the council fathers showed an awareness that Catholic liturgy required "even greater and more sensitive attention" and was "in need of more or less drastic reforms."

Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, presided at Tuesday's session, the fifth working meeting since the council convened Oct. 11.

Eight speakers argued on the project as a whole, the spokesman said. Among these was Joseph Cardinal Ritter, archbishop of St. Louis, Mo.

The other eight spoke when the debate turned to individual articles in the first chapter of the proposed constitution. Among them was James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, archbishop of Los Angeles.

### Vessels Checked

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong police said a special unit set up last month has examined more than 11,000 vessels in a crackdown on the smuggling of refugees from Communist China.

Included in the discussion, the spokesman said, was a 15-year-old encyclical on the liturgy. Pope Pius XII cautioned in the encyclical against both blind attachment to the liturgy as it now exists and against total scorn of it.

The liturgy is getting its closest scrutiny since the Reformation.

### Soviets to Perform

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP)—The Leningrad Philharmonic, Russia's oldest and largest symphony orchestra, gives a concert tonight in Rutgers' gymnasium when the state university opens its 48th concert season.

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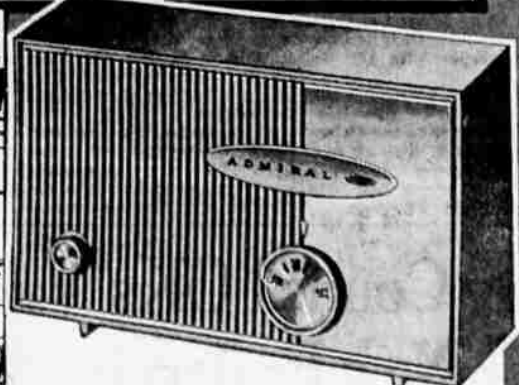
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