

Reds Didn't Attack

U.S. Pilots Spot Cuban Jets

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two U.S. pilots who flew surveillance missions over Cuba said they saw Red fighter planes, but only one of them indicates he was in reach of attack. Neither was fired on.

They made their statements Wednesday as 25 medals were presented by high ranking Air Force and Navy officers to pilots who flew over Cuba on reconnaissance missions. Eleven more medals are to be presented.

Lt. Col. Clyde B. East, commanding officer of the 29th Tac-

tical Reconnaissance Squadron, said at Tampa, Fla., that he had spotted three types of Soviet MIG jet fighters while over Cuba.

Speed Exceeded

He said one type—the MIG 21—was faster than his RF101 Voodoo reconnaissance plane, rated at more than 1,000 miles an hour. The Soviet planes, he said, "never flew on us, they just hightailed it."

East, 41, a native of Chatham, Va., who received his fourth Distinguished Flying Cross Wednesday, also said U.S. planes

were fired on from the ground but "no one was hit or hurt."

In Omaha, Neb., Air Force Maj. Richard S. Heyser said he had seen Cuban planes on several occasions. Asked if they tried to intercept him, he hesitated then replied, "not that I was aware of."

High-Altitude Plane

Heyser wouldn't say what kind of plane he was piloting, but he did remark that he flew so high he wasn't worried about anti-aircraft fire.

Heyser, 35, is a member of the 4080th Strategic Wing of Laugh-

lin Air Force Base, a Strategic Air Command unit which defense officials previously have said includes high flying U2 aircraft. These planes have an estimated altitude limit of 70,000 feet or more.

Heyser said U.S. pilots were briefed on what to look for and "fortunately we found it." He said information gathered by his unit by visual sightings and by equipment enabled other pilots to fly low level reconnaissance missions over Cuba.

The flier said he got his first look at the surveillance photographs Wednesday, but had seen newspaper productions previously.

Received Medal

Heyser talked with newsmen briefly following ceremonies at the Strategic Air Command headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, in which he and nine others received Distinguished Flying Crosses or Oak Leaf Clusters.

Lt. Col. East and 14 other Air Force pilots of the 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing of Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S.C., received Distinguished Flying Crosses from Adm. Robert L. Dennison at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa.

Dennison, commander of the Atlantic Fleet and chief of all military operations during the Cuban crisis, was to present DFCs to six Navy and four Marine pilots at Cecil Field in Jacksonville, Fla., Thursday. The Defense Department said Wednesday that a medal also will go to an Air Force captain who has been transferred to Laon, France.

Maj. Rudolf Anderson Jr. of Greenville, S.C., killed while on an aerial surveillance mission over Cuba, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal posthumously.

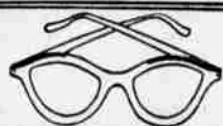
Cost of Living Up in Portland

By Associated Press

Living costs reached a record high in the Portland area during the month of October. Nationally, however, prices were down.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics said that living costs in Portland rose .5 of 1 per cent to an all-time high of 105.3.

That was .7 per cent higher than October of last year. Food prices were up .9 per cent and housing up .8 per cent.



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The Navy has said it had 183 ships—including eight aircraft carriers—in the force that blockaded Cuba. That fleet, with 85,000 men aboard, could have been used to bombard the Cuban shore with missiles and guns.

Planes Poised

Hundreds of Navy and Marine jet fighters and bombers were poised on fleet carriers to knock out whatever moved in Cuba and to cover amphibious and helicopter landings by thousands of marines.

About 7,000 marines were dug in at the Guantanamo Naval Base, prepared to hold the 26-mile perimeter.

Other thousands of marines were believed afloat in assault transports and other amphibious craft and standing by in Puerto Rico.

The Air Force's Tactical Air Command has said it moved nearly 1,000 high-speed fighters, bombers, aerial tankers, and other planes, into bases in the southeastern United States within easy range of Cuba.

Reporters with Kennedy on his tour Monday counted about 450 Air Force, Marine and Navy planes—many bristling with rockets—standing ready at two of the many bases in the Southeast, Homestead Air Force Base near Miami, and the Boca Chica Naval Air Station at Key West, Fla.

Square Dance Unit Sets Dinner Dance

The Emerald Empire Square Dance Federation Sunday will sponsor another in a series of dinner dances at the Eugene Hotel.

The program, designed to aid in the planning of next summer's Far West Regional Square Dance Convention, which will be held in Eugene, will include dancing from 3 to 6 p.m. and a buffet dinner following the dancing.

Attendance is limited to 100 couples, and the ticket price is \$5 per couple. Tickets are available from Leigh "Buddy" Randall at DI 4-5474 or George Ullrich, DI 5-3638.

Winnie's Birthday To Be Quiet One

By EDDY GILMORE

Of the Associated Press

LONDON (AP)—Sir Winston Churchill will celebrate his 88th birthday Friday probably more quietly than any anniversary of his long public life.

As his years upon this earth have lengthened, each birthday anniversary has generated a swelling flood of presents and greetings from well-wishers all over the world.

Thousands come in from people he doesn't know—people who've never seen him but who look on him as the living image of an incomparable fighter.

Over the last 10 years—by special messengers, squads of telegraph boys and post-office trucks—presents and greetings have poured into his London home.

Friday is expected to bring another avalanche of greetings but Churchill plans a quiet day.

"He will see only his family and very close friends," said his private secretary, Anthony Montague Browne.

Asked if Sir Winston would make his traditional birthday visit to the House of Commons, Browne replied: "No, I'm afraid not."

Sir Winston is very feeble.

He is far from senile, but he walks with considerable effort, is deaf and has good days and bad days.

On a bad day, his mind often isn't clear.

On good days, it's splendidly lucid.

One of his close friends—former military man—visited him recently and later confided to friends:

"It's all very sad. He could remember almost everything about World War I but very little about World War II, the one he did so much toward winning."

Yet on other recent occasions—when he was enjoying a good day—he not only discussed World War II but the present state of the world as well with clarity and wisdom.

A birthday dinner was planned for Friday, but it'll be a small one.

Mme. Maria Floris, who for 21 successive years has baked a cake for Sir Winston, will do it again.

A professional baker, she plans a light fruit cake.

Her cakes are usually saturated with brandy—one of Sir Winston's favorite drinks. At 88, he's still the unpredictable Churchill.



(AP Wirephoto)

Ballet Fare

Russian Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan samples a hot dog during intermission of performance by Moscow's touring Bolshoi Ballet in New York's Madison Square Garden Wednesday night. Mikoyan was in a party of U.N. diplomats including U.S. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson and other top U.S. and Soviet representatives.

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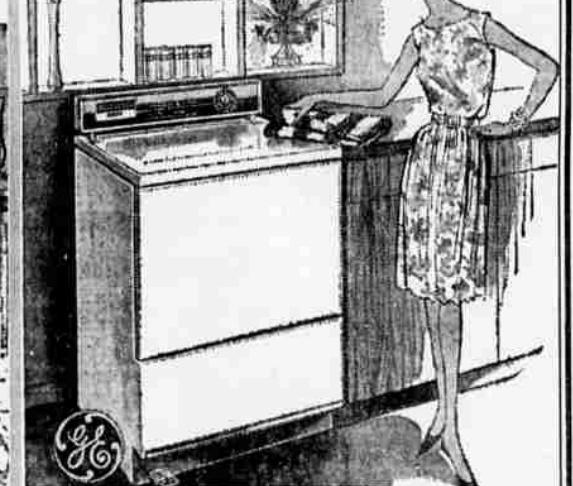
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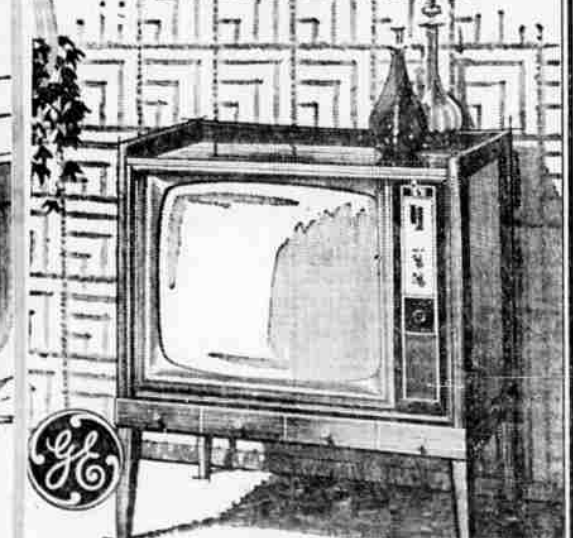
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Slav Offices Ransacked By Refugees

BAD GODENBERG, Germany (AP)—About 30 persons attacked the Yugoslavian consular mission here Thursday, threw three bombs and ransacked the building.

First reports said at least two persons were injured.

Police said the attackers, of whom 17 are under arrest, were refugees from Croatia, now a constituent republic of Yugoslavia, who drove up to the building in two buses. Yugoslavia celebrates its national holiday Thursday.

The attackers blew open the doors to the building with explosives, stormed inside and set off three bombs. Documents reportedly were set on fire.

The refugees reportedly came from the Cologne and Dortmund areas. They were carrying posters reading in German and Serbo-Croat: "That is the way the Berlin wall must be torn down—long live independent Croatia and undivided Germany."

Transportation Problem Eyed

PORTLAND (AP)—The Portland School Board is taking a look at the problem of providing transportation for high school students who live on the city's fringes. Lack of it—Portland provides none—is keeping some districts outside the city from approving mergers.

Supt. Melvin Barnes said. One Wilson High School girl walks daily from her home five miles south of the school. Asst. Supt. William Oliver quoted her as saying "It's kind of bad when it's raining."

Chairman William Wyse suggested that bus service be provided for students living more than two miles away if public service is not available—but no action was taken.

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