

Prelate Raised \$1 Million Gift

BOSTON (AP)—Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston, has disclosed that he raised \$1 million to help liberate Cuban invasion prisoners.

Cardinal Cushing released a statement Thursday identifying himself as solely responsible for the collection of the \$1 million. He said he had made the statement because of the many rumors concerning the "mysterious donor."

The prelate also said he wanted to clarify reports that the gift had come from sources "with which I have no identification."

"It is appropriate and fitting for a Catholic prelate of the United States to have a part in the liberation of the 'Cuban fighters' who love their country and the faith of their fathers," he said.

Cuban Prime Minister Fidel

Castro made a last-minute demand for \$2.9 million in cash before he would release 1,113 Bay of Pigs prisoners. He claimed the money was owed him for the release last April of 60 other prisoners, sick and wounded.

The money was in addition to the \$53 million worth of food and drugs used to ransom the 1,113 prisoners. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, head of a committee which advised and assisted families of the prisoners, obtained a \$1.9 million loan on his own signature. Then he sent telegrams to industry leaders seeking contributions toward the loan.

A survey by The Associated Press of 25 companies to this special fund ranged from \$10,000 to \$150,000.

It was announced at the time that the other \$1 million was contributed, at the request of Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, by an anonymous donor.

In Washington, a Justice Department spokesman said the cardinal pledged the money as the direct result of a telephone call from Kennedy asking for help.

"There was no figure mentioned in the phone call," the spokesman said. "The attorney general just asked the cardinal what he could do to help."

Cardinal Cushing, he added, asked Kennedy to keep the \$1 million donation anonymous. Kennedy did so.

Manuel Lopez, delegate in Boston of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, said: "I am not surprised. He has helped us right along. He's helped hundreds of refugees from Miami settle in and around Boston."



(AP Wirephoto)

No More! Arnold Dvorkin seems to be pleading for a break as he looks skyward from his snow-covered car in Calgary, Alta., Thursday after a storm dumped four sticky inches of snow.

American Reds Support Kremlin

NEW YORK (AP)—The Communist Party of the U.S.A. openly sided with the Soviet Union Thursday in Moscow's ideological war with Communist China. The party's first public statement in the growing rift in the Communist camp charged the Chinese with "dogmatism and sectarian repetition of phrases"

—strong words in the Marxist-Leninist dialect.

The party praised Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev for his "peace policy" in the Cuban crisis. By contrast, the party said, the policies of the Chinese Communists are "erroneous and dangerous."

Ransom Loot Flight Stirs Speculation

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A two-day postponement in a ransom cargo flight to Cuba stirred speculation Friday that another air-lift possibly may develop for persons eager to leave Fidel Castro's country.

A Pan American Airways DC6B already laden with 15,000 pounds of medicines, had been scheduled to take off Friday for Havana, but its departure was postponed until Sunday.

Pan American said the Red Cross, to which the flight was donated, requested the postponement. Spokesmen for the airline said they did not know the reason for the postponement.

No Comment

In Washington the State Department refused to comment on the postponement and a Red Cross spokesman said he had been advised of the shift in dates but did not know why it had been done.

A DC6B seats more than 100 passengers. Without seats, it can carry nearly 200.

Plans were afoot previously for a special flight to bring 250 Cuban-Americans to Miami, but that flight was canceled abruptly last week.

Liner Loaded

Also eager to leave Cuba are more than 20 Americans, imprisoned on various counter-revolutionary charges, and hundreds of relatives of the Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners who were ransomed for \$53 million in badly needed American food and medicine.

The flight set up for Sunday may be the last air shipment of ransom installments to Cuba. An ocean cargo liner, the 490-foot SS Shirley Lykes, is scheduled to load 6,000 tons of ransom at Baltimore and then call at Port Everglades, north of Miami. There it will take on another 1,000 tons of food, pharmaceuticals, biologicals, vitamins and insecticides to hand over to Fidel Castro.

Power Line Land Clearing Contracts Let

Contracts for clearing rights of way and building access roads for the Bonneville Power Administration power line from Goshen to the coast were awarded to two firms this week.

Lester Burkett of Corvallis was given a \$178,055 contract for a 16-mile section, and Tide-water Construction Co. of Blaine, Wash., was given a \$184,536 contract for another 36-mile section.

Work will start immediately and the firms will have 300 calendar days to complete the project.

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Air Armada Aids Troops In Viet Nam

SAIGON, Viet Nam (AP)—The growing armada of combat planes in South Viet Nam took off Friday to support a large new ground operation in the Mekong Delta, smash at jungle objectives and hunt for a missing American plane.

Twenty-two planes were assigned to the air search. A two-engine U.S. Army reconnaissance plane was presumed crashed in jungle-covered mountains about 250 miles northeast of Saigon.

The missing Mohawk plane, its American pilot and a Vietnamese army observer took off from the town of Qui Nhon Thursday.

U.S. Army troop-carrying helicopters, supported by armed escort helicopters, landed assault troops after heavy air strikes in the Mekong Delta.

Intensive air strikes were carried out on the Communist-controlled jungle enclave known as "D Zone" northeast of here.

Adm. Harry D. Felt, commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific, left for Bangkok Friday after a three-day visit.

JFK to Assert Leadership Despite Allied Discontent

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Of the Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Kennedy has decided to assert a more vigorous and determined leadership in world affairs even at the cost of creating major frictions with U.S. allies, especially in Europe.

The President's determination is clearly disclosed in a discussion he held with newsmen in Palm Beach last week, a partial text of which the White House made public Thursday night. As originally reported, the views could not be attributed directly to Kennedy.

What he said apparently represents the hardening of an attitude which has been developing within the administration for many months.

Independent Policy

The fact that he said it, in response to a question, emphasizes his present conviction that the United States can get the results it wants on some important issues only by following what amounts to an independent policy.

Kennedy said he thought that "too often in the past we have defined our leadership as an attempt to be rather well-regarded in all these countries."

"The fact is," he said, "you can't possibly carry out any policy without causing major frictions."

He said he thought the United States "ought to be more aware" of the fact that "we are going to incur, at intervals, people's displeasure."

As evidence, Kennedy noted that in dealing with the Congo situation the United States has been following a policy "somewhat different" from that of Great Britain and other countries in giving strong support to the United Nations in its effort to bring about unification of the divided African nation.

Both Dissatisfied

In the case of India and Pakistan, he said the United States has tried to reconcile the two countries because it believes this is essential to the defense of the Asian subcontinent, and

both of them are "dissatisfied with us."

When he first expressed his views to newsmen at Palm Beach he was talking "for background." This meant that reporters could report the views but could not say directly that the President had stated them at a background news conference.

As comments now on the record, they constitute probably the strongest assertion of the need for independent U.S. action on some occasions that a president has made since the United States began to build the present system of alliances 14 years ago.

Shipping Declines

PORTLAND (AP)—Shipping in Portland declined by 212,000 tons last year, the Commission of Public Docks said Friday. Thomas P. Guerin, manager, said the 1,104,655 tons of cargo still represented the third best year on record for the public docks.

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