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People dig a path in the snow leading to an airfield on Texel Island off the coast of Holland in order to be able to reach the outside world, which can only be reached by air. Texel is one of The Netherlands' Frisian Islands which has been marooned from the mainland by ice and snow as the European continent remained locked by one of the bitterest winters in memory.

Outside World

DeGaulle, Market Put Britain 'On Ice'

PARIS (AP) — French President Charles de Gaulle agreed Wednesday to put the problem of Britain's entry into the European Common Market on ice for the time being.

Reliable sources said De Gaulle at a final half-hour talk with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, agreed to Adenauer's proposals that the executive commission of the European Economic Community make a thorough new study of the problems of British entry and submit its recommendations to the foreign ministers of the six Common Market countries.

There would be no time limit for completion of the study, but it is expected to take some months.

Adenauer left for Bonn after his talk with De Gaulle, ending a three-day visit to Paris during which he signed a comprehensive treaty for French-West German cooperation in diplomacy, defense, education and culture. It is designed to bury the age-old enmities of the two countries.

De Gaulle's opposition to British membership in the Common Market posed a major problem in French-West German cooperation even before the treaty was signed. West Germany favors Britain's entry into the economic community.

West Germany also has endorsed President Kennedy's proposal for a multinational nuclear force for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. De Gaulle opposes it.

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Resurrection of Cuban Fiasco Pains Demos

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WASHINGTON — The controversy over the failure of the 1961 Cuban invasion has flared up again.

The Senate Republican leadership announced Tuesday it would begin an independent investigation of the U.S.-backed assault on the Bay of Pigs, and Democrats immediately raised a cry of "politics."

In Miami, some Cuban exile leaders took issue with Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy's statement that the United States never promised air cover for the invasion.

Dagoberto Darias, head of an invasion veterans organization and a commander of one of the assault transport ships, charged Tuesday that President Kennedy betrayed the Cuban people, even though "his brother is attempting to justify him on the Bay of Pigs fiasco."

Jets in the Air

He said jets were in the air on invasion day and that he had received a message from "the American flagship directing our operations," advising that air cover would be forthcoming at 2:30 p.m.

"We saw the first two planes pass in the direction of Giron Beach (invasion point)," he said. "A minute later two other jets crossed, but the next minute, the first ones returned, like sea gulls fleeing from a storm."

Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois said Wednesday he is already gathering information on the crushed invasion and would lay it before the Senate Republican Policy Committee within two weeks.

The committee, he said, gave him clearance to begin the investigation.

Dirksen's aim obviously was

to assemble evidence to rebut Atty. Gen. Kennedy's recent review of "mistakes" made in the assault.

Dirksen said only that he was interested in learning if the President's brother "told the entire factual story." But Sen. Harry Goldwater, R-Ariz., contended in the Senate that Kennedy's summary was "a cleanup operation — designed to make the worst mistake of the President's career seem like something entirely different."

Purpose to Blame Ike

"The purpose is to attach a major portion of the blame for the invasion at the feet of the Eisenhower administration," he added.

The White House declined to comment on the investigation. There was no comment from the attorney general.

Dirksen said Republicans agree that the advance work for the invasion was done during the administration of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. But he said the carrying out of the operation "is a matter of such importance that it cannot be left in doubt as to facts."

Democrats responded that the Republicans were trying to play politics in international matters.

Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, said it "has a strong partisan aura."

"Any conclusion they reached would be considered quite partisan," he said. "I doubt very seriously that any objective findings will come out of it."

'Full Responsibility

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, the assistant Democratic leader, said: "President Kennedy has taken full responsibility for the failure at the Bay of Pigs. This is no longer a matter of partisan consideration."

"I wonder when the Republicans will assume their share of responsibility for Castro and his Communist comrades in the late 1950s. This should make a very interesting investigation."

The GOP investigation seemed certain to focus on Atty. Gen. Kennedy's contention that the United States had never promised to provide air cover for the invasion.

Darias is not the only Cuban Exile in Miami to maintain that

an air cover had been promised. Such a claim also was made by Manuel Antonio de Varona, a leader in the Cuban Revolutionary Council in whose name the invasion was launched.

Assurance From Officer

Varona, a former Cuban prime minister, said a U.S. Army colonel who commanded the camp

where Cubans trained for the assault assured him in February 1961 that there would be "full air control."

Darias, who said he had been chief officer of the Rio Escondido and swam to safety when it sank, said "when the invasion started, 22 jets with our war insignia and the Cuban banner

flew over our boats. This proves that they were prepared to give us air cover."

Last week a group of Cuban invasion leaders visiting the attorney general indicated to newsmen that no U.S. air cover had been pledged, saying "we had our own planes."

Dirksen will be operating without subpoena power in as-

sembling evidence. He indicated that any new information might be turned over to the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, of which he is a member.

The security subcommittee is headed by Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss., whose affinity to the Kennedy administration is less than strong. Eastland declined comment.

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Jackson to Get Chairmanship

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, D-N.M., has announced he will give up his chairmanship of the Senate Interior Committee to head up the Senate's increasingly important Committee on Space.

His decision clears the way for the appointment of Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., to take over the interior chairmanship when the Democratic Steering Committee meets within a few days to approve new assignments.

Anderson passed up the Space Committee chairmanship two years ago when the late Sen. Robert S. Kerr, D-Okla., succeeded Lyndon B. Johnson, now vice president, in that post.

Officials Reveal Convict's Death

McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary near Tacoma Tuesday announced the death of convict Edgar Robert Errion, 37, formerly of Salem.

Errion was serving a 12-year prison term—imposed in 1957—after pleading guilty to violation of the Security and Exchange Act and to mail fraud. He was one of five persons accused of swindling stockholders of the Mt. Hood Hardboard and Plywood Cooperative in Estacada out of \$550,000.

The warden's office said Errion's death Monday apparently was due to a heart seizure.