



## 'K' Chooses Cuba As Starting Base In Latin America

London — (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has served notice that he has chosen Cuba as his starting base for a major penetration campaign in Latin America, just as he picked Egypt five years ago as the wedge for Soviet influence in the Middle East.

Khrushchev made it publicly known that he intends to give the Havana regime of Fidel Castro his full backing for a political showdown with the United States.

Five years ago the Kremlin threw its support behind Abdel Gamal Nasser in a calculated policy to oust British influence from the Middle East. Major Targets

Experts believe that Latin America, the "backdoor" to the United States, has become one of the major targets of Khrushchev's policy of power politics.

Khrushchev's current strategy is held by Soviet affairs experts to be part of a broader pattern designed to extend Soviet influence into all the under developed countries of the globe.

Russian penetration policy concentrated first on the Middle East as the most important target, then pushed forcefully into Africa where the newly emerging nations offered fertile ground for the Kremlin's policy of "peaceful coexistence."

The signs hardened that Latin America, probably the largest bloc of independent and uncommitted peoples in the world, is the next target of this campaign.

Moscow's approach to Latin America has been simple and

cautious to start with. Russia put out systematic feelers over a long period and probed into the weaknesses of western, notably United States, positions in the continent.

**Trade Offered**  
Moscow has been offering to trade with the Latin American nations and even to barter with them. A series of trade arrangements have been concluded. Cultural contacts have been systematically encouraged to prepare the ground for more important things to come.

But Russia decided only a few days ago to make an open bid for greater political influence in Latin America.

In an outright challenge to the United States Moscow offered Castro much needed oil about a week ago, thus encouraging the Cuban regime's showdown with the U.S.

Khrushchev went considerably further in a speech today by putting it on record that he intends to back the Castro regime with all possible aid against the United States, and even threatened to "rocket" the U.S. in the event of aggression against Cuba.

But experts did not anticipate any Soviet move which could bring Russia into direct conflict with the U.S.

## Eye Surgery at State Institution To Help Prisoner

By DOUGLAS GRIPP  
Salem — (UPI) — The eyes of Joe X are not crossed any more.

He underwent delicate and successful surgery here this week to complete the first phase of the Oregon State Correctional Institution's new medical rehabilitation program.

Joe — that's not his real name — is a 36-year-old prisoner at the institution. He is serving a term from Marion county for threatening to commit a felony.

**Agreed to Operation**  
He agreed to the operation because his eyes were badly crossed. It was free, and in a way Joe is a new man.

The medical program was launched last January when Joe had the first of his two corrective eye operations. The program is based on the therapy that improving a man's appearance may help to improve his personality.

The program is the brainchild of Correctional Superintendent Paul J. Squier and follows similar ones he pioneered at McNeil Island Federal Prison when he was warden there, and at the Monroe, Wash., Reformatory.

The plan includes reshaping broken noses, cauliflower ears and even the removal of some tattoos — sometimes the mark of a "tough guy," and sometimes a stigma for a fellow who wants to go straight.

**Agencies Notified**  
One twist is that law enforcement agencies throughout the country are notified when such an operation is completed. Criminal appearance files are appropriately altered.

The operation was performed for free by Dr. Simone Truong, resident surgeon of the Deever Memorial Eye Clinic in Portland.

The surgical facilities of the State Tuberculosis hospital were used.

Squier says the response from physicians and others to the program — which is on a gratis basis — has been tremendous.

Another operation is coming up. Surgery on the scarred face of a man — another Joe X.

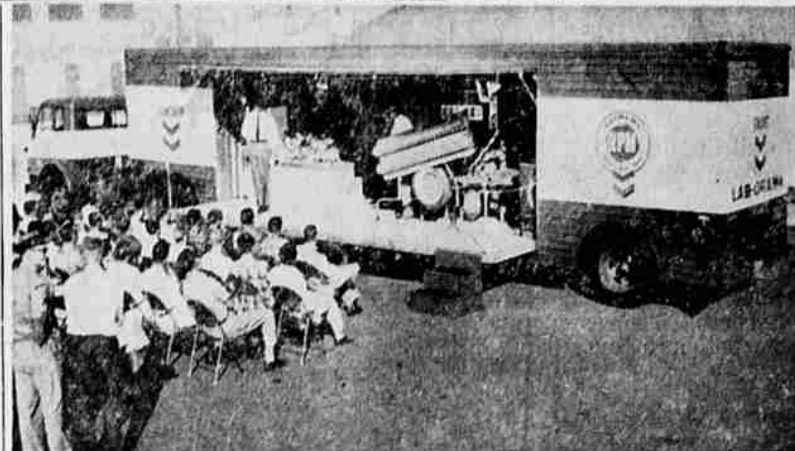
## Medford Hires New Municipal Clerk

The city of Medford this week hired Pat LeQuieu, 18, to fill the newly created position of municipal clerk.

Miss LeQuieu will have charge of much of the paper and filing work connected with the city's court. She was formerly an employee of Rogue Valley State bank.

The court had previously relied on the part-time use of a police department secretary to handle its paper work. However, the work load increase in the court has made it necessary to hire a full-time employee. Provision for the new job was made in the city's 1960-61 budget.

**Trusty Uses Warden's Car to Visit Girl**  
Montgomery, Ala. — Prison trusty Burt Gamble was fined \$100 when he confessed that he borrowed the warden's car "to see my girl friend."



**LAB-ORAMA ON DISPLAY** — This red, white, and blue trailer-laboratory will be on display in the Medford area July 22 by the Standard Oil company, according to the local sales plant. The traveling laboratory, housed in a truck and 40-foot trailer, is called a Lab-orama with special equipment designed to demonstrate the quality of Standard's premium motor oil, RPM Supreme, to fleet owners, car dealers, distribu-

tors, and Standard and Chevron service station personnel. In Medford, the unit will be at the wholesale bulk plant, 20 South Stage rd., Medford. Two shows have been planned, the first at 9 a.m., and the second at 1 p.m., July 22. The 45-minute program will be followed with a question-and-answer period. The public is invited to the showing.

## Construction of Atlas Bases Lags; Pentagon Cracks Whip

Washington — (UPI) — Construction of Atlas intercontinental missile bases is as much as five months behind schedule and the Pentagon is cracking the whip sharply over the armed forces and private contractors to avoid further delays.

Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates ordered military agencies and industry firms concerned to speed up the vital work or change their "management procedures" to get the huge ballistic war rockets on their launching pads as soon as possible.

Gates summoned top Air Force and Army Engineer officials to a conference on the situation Friday. The Defense Department then issued a statement acknowledging "slippage" of up to five months in getting Atlas missiles on their launchers by the planned dates.

The persistently rumored delays have left the United States with fewer than a half dozen war-ready ICBMs—all at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. About twice that many were supposed to be ready by now.

**Three Sites Affected**  
The delay in base construction and installation of equipment has affected 30 launchers spread over three sites.

Besides Vandenberg, there have been delays at Warren

Air Force Base, Cheyenne, Wyo., affecting two squadrons totalling 15 launchers, and at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb., affecting one squadron of nine launchers.

Reports had blamed overlapping responsibilities of military agencies and contractors and jurisdictional disputes between labor unions for the delay.

In its announcement, the Defense Department said one cause of delay was the "unique fact" that the first Atlas sites are being constructed "without the benefit of an operational prototype launcher such as will be available for later sites."

The announcement made no reference to reports that labor disputes had slowed down construction work in some cases. But a spokesman answered "yes" when asked if work stoppages were discussed at Gates' meeting.

**Underground Bunkers**  
The Defense Department said "slippage" probably will be confined to the first "soft" Atlas squadrons—that is, missiles whose launchers are in unprotected above ground launching sites.

There are four squadrons at Vandenberg, Warren and Offutt.

The total Atlas program calls for 130 launchers spread over 11 bases. The nine re-

maining squadrons at seven other bases will be in "hard" sites — underground concrete bunkers.

The Atlas program is in the hands of the Air Force Research and Development Command, Army Engineers, Convair Division of General Dynamics Corporation and numerous subcontractors and involves a number of industrial and craft unions.

## Articles Filed for Construction Firm

Salem — Articles of incorporation were filed here last week for the Commers Brothers Construction company, Rogue River.

Signing the articles were Grants Pass Attorneys Louis F. Schultz, Jr., Raymond J. Salisbury and E. M. Allen.

The corporation is owned and operated by Harry and Nicholas Commers of Grants Pass. They will cater to heavy construction needs of the southern Oregon residents. Among other things it will provide grading, paving, and mining personnel and equipment, according to the Grants Pass law office.

Operations are to begin about the first of the month, they added.

**ADVOCATES PROGRAM**—New York's Gov. Nelson Rockefeller takes off his coat to get down to the business at hand—eating—at a luncheon given him by the New York Republican club. In a speech, Rockefeller called for immediate establishment of a Marshall Plan-type of program to block Russia's attempted "nuclear blackmail" in the Western Hemisphere. (UPI Telephoto)

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