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United States, Russia Bow To UN Secretary's Appeal

Kennedy's Reply Fails To Reveal Blockade Plans

Russia Ready To Accept Conditions

Washington - (UPI) - White House officials said today that the U.S. naval blockade against offensive arms shipments to Cuba "will continue."

United Nations, N.Y. - (UPI) - The United States agreed today to Acting Secretary General Thant's proposal for talks to discuss arrangements for easing the Cuban crisis.

But President Kennedy's reply to Thant's appeal did not state whether the United States would accept his proposal for the lifting of the Cuban blockade and the suspension of Soviet arms shipments for a two to three weeks period.

The Soviet news agency Tass announced from Moscow that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev had informed Thant that Russia was ready to accept the double-barreled conditions.

Kennedy's reply to Thant said in part: "As we have made clear in the Security Council, the existing threat was created by the secret introduction of offensive weapons into Cuba, and the answer lies in the removal of such weapons."

"You have made certain suggestions and have invited preliminary talks to determine whether satisfactory arrangements can be assured."

"Ambassador Stevenson is ready to discuss promptly these arrangements with you."

Tass, reporting Khrushchev's reply, said: "Nikita Khrushchev replied to U Thant that he agreed to his proposal on the suspension for two to three weeks of all arms shipments to Cuba on the one hand and of the quarantine measures involving the searching of ships proclaimed by the United States on the other hand."

"I declare to you that I agree with your suggestion which is in the interests of peace," Khrushchev told Thant.

Steel Executives Fined by Court

New York - (UPI) - Five steel company executives who had pleaded no contest in an anti-trust indictment today were fined a total of \$44,000 in federal court.

At the same time, Judge Sylvester J. Ryan refused to accept similar pleas of no contest by four corporations and a trade association indicted for price fixing and bid rigging in the sale of steel forgings to the government and other customers.

No date was set for the trial of the companies.

The highest fine of \$20,000 was imposed on Robert B. Heppenstall Sr. of the Midvale - Heppenstall Co. of Erie, Pa., board chairman of Erie Forge and Steel Corp.

A fine of \$15,000 was imposed on Robert S. Barnes, and \$7,500 on Erg Rigney, both of Bethlehem Steel Co. Homer Luckey, Erie Forge president was fined \$5,000.



SECRETARY APPEALS - Acting Secretary General U Thant appeals to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to stop shipping blockade of Fidel Castro's island. (UPI)

Highway Agency Calls for Bids on Area Freeway Work

Bids on state highway projects in Jackson county, expected to total more than \$2.7 million, will be opened Oct. 30 at the highway commission office in Salem.

One of the projects - paving and signing of the North Ashland Interchange - South Ashland Interchange section of Interstate 5 - will complete the interstate freeway system from 10 miles north of Grants Pass to the south end of the project, three miles south of Ashland. The total distance will be approximately 55 miles.

The project is scheduled for completion next fall. Commission estimates for the Ashland area freeway project is \$2.1 million.

Other projects will include the construction of three structures on the same Interstate 5 section at an estimated cost of \$340,000. The structures will be for Butler Creek rd., 277 feet long, and East Main st., 385 feet long, both over the freeway, and a third 343-foot long structure at the South Ashland Interchange. This project is to be completed next spring.

Other projects concern freeway access to one state park

and another for constructing additional facilities.

One project, estimated to cost approximately \$166,000, will be for grading, paving, roadside improvement, and signing work on the Valley of the Rogue State park about two miles south of Rogue River.

Plans call for interchange ramps on the east and west sides of the highway to provide access for both north and southbound traffic.

The areas between the interchange roads and highway will be seeded to grass with trees planted to provide a screen against light glare from oncoming train traffic, state highway department officials noted.

The project is scheduled for completion next spring.

Facilities at Casey State park on the Trail-Crater Lake highway about 29 miles from Medford, are scheduled for expansion. The project, to cost an estimated \$9,000 to be completed next spring, will provide sanitary disposal, water, and electrical service.

The fifth project, on which bids have been called, is for widening a bridge over Evans creek on North River rd. in Rogue River. This project will be financed by Jackson county with the bid work done by the state.

The bridge, to cost an estimated \$62,000 will be widened to 26 feet. Traffic will use the existing bridge during widening operations, it was noted.

Phoenix Board Is Opposed To Plan

Phoenix - The Phoenix school board this week adopted a resolution expressing opposition to a proposal to join the Medford and Phoenix school districts.

A public hearing on the proposal will be held Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium. The hearing was called by the Jackson county rural school board, after petitions signed by residents of both districts were submitted requesting the districts be joined.

The Phoenix board said it is opposed to the consolidation of the two districts, and would make every effort to retain its present status, that of a separate unified administrative school district.

Gromyko's Return Expected To Shape Policy on Cuba

Moscow - (UPI) - Western diplomats anticipated that Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's Cuban policy would take more definite shape today with the return of Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko from the United States.

Gromyko, who conferred with President Kennedy last week before the announcement of the U.S. naval blockade against military shipments to Cuba, flew back to Moscow Wednesday from a stopover in East Germany.

Kennedy, in his television address to the American people on Monday night, reported that Gromyko had told him last Thursday that Soviet aid to Cuba was for defensive purposes only, not offensive. Kennedy labeled the statement "false."

Although there was no official word, it was assumed that Gromyko and Khrushchev started conferring on the situation immediately.

Unorthodox Means
Characteristically, Khrushchev used an unorthodox means to give his first reaction to the blockade - a three-hour interview with an American businessman and a letter to a British philosopher.

The Soviet premier received William Knox, president of Westinghouse Electric International, and chatted with him for three hours Wednesday in what apparently was his first direct talk with an American since the blockade announcement.

There was no word in Moscow on the substance of their talks but it was expected Knox would rush to Washington when he returns to the United States tonight.

Khrushchev's letter went to Bertrand Russell, the 60-year-old British philosopher who had wired the Soviet premier his fears that the crisis would erupt into a nuclear war.

Invasion of Cuba Said Possibility

San Francisco - (UPI) - Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) said today a U.S. invasion or a pinpoint bombing of Cuba was a possibility within the next few days.

Kuchel, returning here after bi-partisan conferences with President Kennedy, said the military blockade was only a first step in action which may be necessary to prevent Soviet use of Cuba as a nuclear launching pad.

A Glance at Cuban Crisis

By United Press International
PENTAGON-The Defense Department disclosed today that a Soviet tanker carrying petroleum, not considered an offensive cargo under the blockade proclamation, was allowed to proceed to Cuba after being intercepted by the Navy this morning. Assistant Secretary of Defense Arthur Sylvester says "at least a dozen" other Soviet vessels en route to Cuba had turned back, presumably because they are carrying "offensive materials." The department releases aerial photos showing missile sites in Cuba.

WHITE HOUSE-Congressional leaders, sent home by the President after several briefings on the crisis, directed to be available for return within eight hours. Regional conferences set up for briefing of congressmen today. Cabinet members withdrawn from political campaign.

MOSCOW-Soviet Premier Khrushchev, in a letter to Earl Bertrand Russell, suggests a summit meeting and promises Russia "will not take any reckless decisions." Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko returns to Moscow today from the United States.

UNITED NATIONS-U.N. Acting Secretary General Thant calls for Russia and United States to withhold Cuba action for two weeks, to allow time for negotiation. President Kennedy reported considering plan unacceptable because it does not provide for suspension of construction of missile sites, or assurance that sites already completed would be dismantled. U.S. stands firm on assertion that blockade will continue until Soviet arms build-up in Cuba ceases. Security Council resumes meeting at noon today.

WASHINGTON - Organization of American States endorses the "use of armed force" to carry out the quarantine of Cuba by a 19-0 vote.

HAVANA - Government puts controls on consumer goods to halt wave of panic buying. Military preparations speed up, with emplacement of machine guns and anti-aircraft weapons.

VATICAN CITY - Pope John XXIII issues an "anguished cry" to world leaders to "spare the world the horrors of war that would have disastrous consequences such as nobody can foresee."

State Rests Case In Homicide Trial

The state rested its case this morning in the trial of Keith Edward Schroeder, 30, of route 3, box 195, Medford, who is charged with negligent homicide.

The trial started Monday in Jackson county circuit court. Immediately following the state's testimony, E. A. Piazza, lawyer for the defendant, presented motions before the court charging that the state had failed to prove negligence in the case.

The charge against Schroeder was filed following an accident on Highway 99 near Bear Creek orchards April 6 when the vehicle he was driving struck a car operated by Annie Matilda Innes, 68, of 1059 Morrow rd., Medford, who died in the accident.

Messages 22 to 1 In Favor of Stand

Washington - (UPI) - The White House said today it has received telegrams on President Kennedy's Cuba embargo speech with the messages running 22-1 in favor of the President's stand.

While there were no comparative statistics readily available, some White House veterans thought that the influx of telegrams was the heaviest in such a brief period since the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945.

"The mail is very heavy," Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said. But he said there were no statistics available on letters because "we still trying to dig out from under the telegrams."

At the same time, he said the White House had not been able to locate any telegrams from British philosopher Bertrand Russell. Russell said he had sent messages to Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev on the Cuba crisis.

Portland Storm Cost Said Above \$2 Million

Portland - (UPI) - City officials estimated today that more than \$2 million damage was caused by public facilities in Portland by the Oct. 12 windstorm.

City Commissioner William Bowes said it would result in some services being eliminated and others curtailed because of the drain on the city budget.

Petroleum Cargo Not Included in Embargo Order

At Least 12 Ships Change Course

Washington - (UPI) - A U.S. Navy blockade ship intercepted a Russian tanker in the Atlantic today but let it proceed through the quarantine ring to Cuba because no prohibited materials were aboard.

The high seas encounter was the first reported since President Kennedy ordered the naval blockade to cut off the flow of Communist missiles and other aggressive weapons to the Fidel Castro regime.

Ships Turn Back
The Defense Department said that at least 12 other Soviet ships which might be carrying offensive material had turned back presumably rather than meet the blockade head-on.

Reports from congressmen and governors attending a State Department briefing in New York City said the only contact was by radio and that there was no boarding party.

There was no official confirmation of this here. But the Defense Department announcement indicated that the tensely waited meeting between a Russian and a U.S. ship had occurred without incident.

New Jersey Gov. Richard J. Hughes, who was present for the New York briefing, said the Soviet captain answered a radio message from the U.S. ship.

No Ban on Petroleum
The Soviet captain, according to another congressman, said his cargo consisted of petroleum. There has been no ban on shipments of this to Cuba.

Hughes also said there was "other information" that made it unnecessary to board the ship. In Washington, there was speculation that the vessel and the nature of its cargo may have been known in advance through intelligence activities.

Ring in Place
The U.S. blockade ring around Cuba was firmly in place today and there were no signs this would be changed. President Kennedy replied to UN Secretary General Thant's proposal that he lift the blockade temporarily to allow for negotiations over the crisis.

The reply was not immediately made public. But U.S. officials were said to feel that lifting the quarantine would be folly as long as there was no guarantee that Russia will stop its arms shipments.

Macmillan Raps Missile Build-Up

London - (UPI) - Prime Minister Harold Macmillan told the House of Commons today the Russian missile build-up in Cuba was "a deliberate adventure designed to test the ability and determination of the United States."

To cheers of "hear, hear" from Conservative and Labor benches alike, the prime minister declared: "There must be no break or wavering amongst the Allies. That perhaps, is the main purpose of the Russian initiative."

A review of the Cuban crisis was the first order of business when Parliament reassembled to close out the session after a summer recess. The new session will convene next Tuesday.

Macmillan reviewed the facts of the U.S. arms blockade and told the House of Commons of the events leading up to it. Foreign Secretary Lord Home gave a similar fill-in to the House of Lords.

Civil Defense Mobilized In Face of Cuban Crisis

John Steinbeck Awarded Nobel Literature Prize

Stockholm - (UPI) - California-born John Steinbeck, whose novel "The Grapes of Wrath" ranks as one of the classics of 20th century American fiction, today was awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize for literature.

Steinbeck, who rose to fame in the 1930s with novels and short stories that reflected the "common people" and the depressed economic conditions of the age, thus became the sixth American to receive the Nobel award.

The other five were William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway, Sinclair Lewis, Pearl Buck, and playwright Eugene O'Neill.

Steinbeck was born on Feb. 27, 1902 in Salinas, Calif., a section that provided the background for many of his novels and stories.

'Make Up Your Own'
Once, when asked to furnish biographic information, Steinbeck said: "Please feel free to make up your own facts about me as you need them. I can't remember how much of me really happened and how much I invented. . . . biography by its very nature must be half-fiction."

The Swedish Academy of Letters, in naming Steinbeck the recipient of the award, praised the American novelist for "his at one and the same time realistic and imaginative writings, distinguished as they are by a sympathetic humor and social perception."

Steinbeck's first three books sold only a few thousand copies and he languished in obscurity until the publication of "Tortilla Flat" in 1935.

"Tortilla Flat," the story of Mexican and other foreign laborers in California, was a prelude to his classic study of another group of laborers

in "The Grapes of Wrath" which was published.

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Sixth American Winner

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Sales of Food, Survival Supplies Shoot Upward

Recruiting Stations Report Enlistments

By United Press International
Governors and mayors throughout the country today spurred mobilization of America's civil defense in the face of the mounting Cuban crisis.

Sales of food and survival supplies shot up in scattered areas from Florida to California. Several big city recruiting stations reported increased enlistments, and queries about draft status flooded others.

New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller called a meeting of the National Governor's Committee on Civil Defense for Saturday at the Pentagon in Washington.

Concern Echoed
Rockefeller said he wanted "to be sure that the states take every step necessary to be in maximum readiness."

His concern was echoed across the nation.

All congressmen will be brought up to date on the crisis in five regional meetings scheduled today and Friday at New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Ga., Fort Worth, Tex., and San Francisco. The meetings were called by the State Department.

At least six governors temporarily interrupted their political campaigns because of the crisis, including Gov. Edmund G. Brown of California, who planned to spend the week end in Washington.

Los Angeles city and civil defense officials sought to prevent another run on canned goods and bottled water, reported Wednesday. The heavy buying followed a suggestion by the city civil defense director, Joseph M. Quinn, that residents buy a two-week supply of food.

Normal Precaution
Acting Los Angeles Mayor Harold Henry called the suggestion a "normal precaution" and "nothing new." He said, "there is no cause for alarm" regarding food supplies in the city.

In many cases, civil defense authorities planned to reveal immediately the location of buildings designated as emergency fallout shelters for hundreds of thousands of people. The drive to stock them with emergency rations got under way.

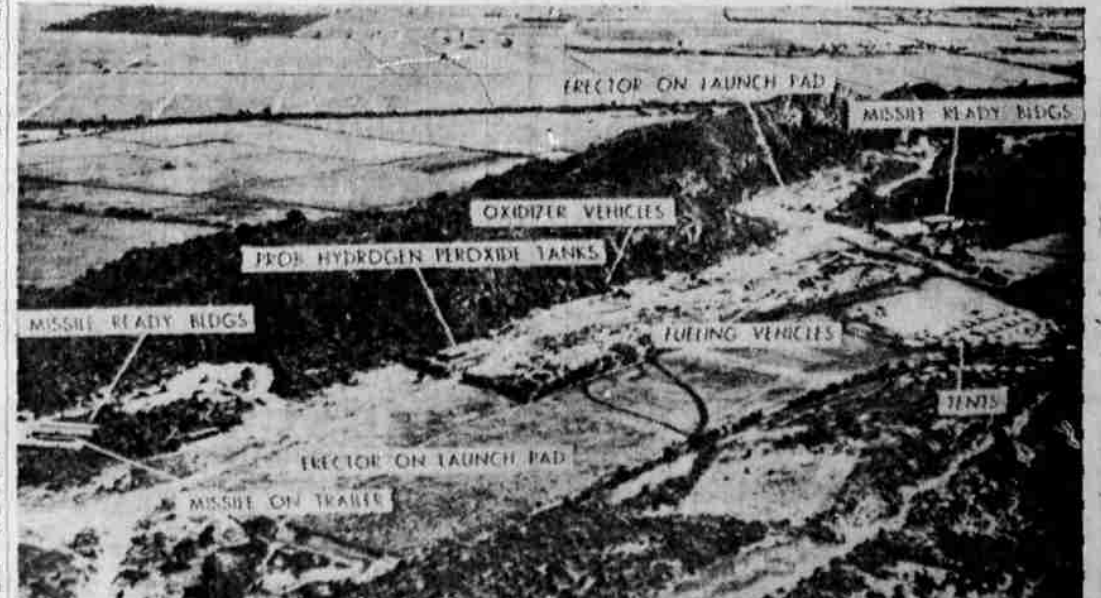
In Utah, state agencies, departments and civil defense units were on a standby alert.

Trailer House Blast Hurts Portland Man

Portland - (UPI) - George Kosch, 65, Portland suffered serious burns this morning when his trailer house was nearly demolished by an explosion.

Kosch was reported in serious condition at Providence hospital.

An operator of the Cherry Grove Trailer Court just east of Portland said an explosion ripped through the trailer. Cause of the blast and subsequent fire was not immediately known.



AERIAL PHOTO - This is one of a series of aerial reconnaissance photos released by the Pentagon in Washington. It shows a medium range ballistic missile base in Cuba, with the various installations as labeled. (UPI)

NEWS BRIEFS

RUSSIA BLAMED FOR RADIATION BELT
Washington - (UPI) - Official sources indicated today that a high altitude nuclear explosion triggered by Russia early Monday created a new artificial radiation belt around the earth.

RUSSIANS STAGE DEMONSTRATION
Moscow - (UPI) - Demonstrators protesting President Kennedy's Cuban blockade gathered outside the U.S. Embassy for the second straight day today, chanting "hands off Cuba" and picketing the building with placards.