

# Cubans Are Building Arsenal To Back Rebs

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. officials pictured Cuba today as building up a huge arsenal of Soviet bloc military weapons to arm revolutionary movements throughout the Caribbean area.

The State Department announced Friday night that according to the best available information the government of Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro has already imported 28,000 tons of arms from the Soviet bloc, including tanks, guns and eight MIG jet fighters. The department said shipments also included about 6,000 tons of assorted ammunition in addition to almost 46 million rounds of rifle, machinegun and artillery ammunition previously obtained by Castro from non-Communist sources.

Privately officials put their fears in blunter terms. The Communist powers, they said, are clearly using Cuba as a base for accumulating arms with which to supply revolutionary movements whenever there is an opportunity to stir up serious trouble.

President Eisenhower has deployed U.S. warships to patrol the Caribbean coast of Central America, acting at the request of Guatemala and Nicaragua. Those countries crushed small forces of revolutionary invaders earlier this week and alleged Cuban support for the operations.

Neighboring Costa Rica said Friday night documents had been found on a Nicaraguan opposition leader linking the Nicaraguan revolt with Castro and international communism.

According to the department's figures, Castro has received a total of 93,000 automatic rifles, including 45,000 from Communist Czechoslovakia; 10,000 submachineguns; a variety of heavier weapons and 10 Soviet helicopters.

The State Department said Castro now has the largest army in Latin America. His militia was put at 200,000 persons and officials estimated that his regular army totals 40,000.

The Soviet Union and Red China are cooperating in the supply of arms to Castro, the State Department said, because they "apparently desire to contribute to Caribbean tensions by burdening the Cuban economy with excessive arms purchases and by supporting the aggressive policies of the Cuban prime minister."

Washington officials expressed the hope that disclosure of the Cuban arms information, evidently obtained from intelligence sources, would alert other nations throughout the hemisphere to the dangers of serious Communist-directed trouble making by Castro which are foreseen here.

President Miguel Ydigoras of Guatemala declared that he favored a Korea type police action against Cuba by the Organization of American States.

In Havana, Castro newspapers screamed that the U.S. warships off the coast of Central America could open the way for an attack on Cuba. Radio Moscow said Eisenhower's move was "fraught with the danger of a military conflict." Red China's Premier Chou En-lai declared continued support for Castro, saying the United States was threatening Cuba by force of arms.

At the United Nations, Cuba registered a formal protest against Eisenhower's dispatch of naval units to protect Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Washington diplomats expected appeals from the two Central American countries for OAS action under an inter-American security treaty. A two-thirds vote of the OAS would be necessary to find Cuba guilty of aggression and thus clear the way for economic and political sanctions against Castro.



"Just hold it up a minute, dear, and pretend you're the dining room window!"

## Clerks Elect Yamhill Official

PORTLAND (AP) — Jack Beeler, Yamhill County, has been elected president of the Oregon County Clerks and Recorders Association. The Oregon Association of County Treasurers has named Elva Townsend, Jefferson County, president.

The two associations elected officers Friday, when they ended their annual meetings, held in conjunction with the Association of Oregon Counties.

The clerks also named Marie Hoskinson, Sherman County, vice president; Robert Schumacher, Clackamas County, secretary, and Roger Thomson, Washington County, treasurer.

## Ullman Abroad

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., was among six U.S. congressmen who arrived Friday on a tour of naval installations in Peru and Chile. All hold reserve commissions in the U.S. Navy.

They were accompanied by 32 assistants and seven escort officers. The group will go Sunday to Santiago, Chile.

# 1.5 Billion Ton Nuclear Capacity Seen For Planes, Subs

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. ballistic missile launching planes and submarines will be able to fire about a billion and a half tons of nuclear fury from world-roaming, mobile bases if present building and projected programs are carried out.

This fantastic tonnage would be aside from the massive destruction potential of intercontinental ballistic missiles fired from fixed bases in the United States, intermediate range missiles based abroad, and the tonnage of multimegaton bombs dropped from planes.

The Navy now is well along in the first phase of its program for building an eventual fleet of about 45 Polaris submarines. The first such submarine, with 16 missiles

ready, is at sea. Each missile has an energy yield equivalent to slightly over 600,000 tons of conventional TNT explosive; the yield is expected to be increased later to about a million tons—one megaton—per missile. By comparison, the first atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima was of 20,000-ton size.

The Air Force is pushing its program for a mobile missile launching system called the Skybolt.

These rockets are designed to have a range of about 1,100 miles when launched from B52 bombers, with each bomber carrying two missiles.

Air Force experts estimated Saturday that if only half of the B52 bomber force of 670 aircraft is equipped for Skybolt missiles, the volume of firepower will be about that of the 720-megaton total for the 45 Polaris submarines.

The trade magazine Aviation Week estimates that development of an originally estimated total cost of the Skybolt eventually will of \$138 million.

## Portland Port Use Increasing

PORTLAND (AP) — Raymond M. Kell, chairman of Portland's Commission of Public Docks, today said 110 more cargo vessels were berthed in Portland in the first 10 months of this year than in the same period of last year.

He said the rise in ship activity brought with it a 14 per cent increase in total tonnage handled at the commission's three terminals.

In the first 10 months of this year 875 ocean-going ships have loaded or discharged cargo compared to 765 in the same 10 months a year ago.

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## Wonder Drugs May Beat Timber Ills

By JOHN KAMPS  
Associated Press Special Service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wonder drugs, like those used for human ailments, show great promise for treatment of a disease which has killed billions of dollars worth of timber.

Forest Service officials report antibiotics have been used successfully against blister rust, the deadly fungus which has spread through millions of white pine trees in this country.

Experiments with the drugs were described last week by Homer J. Hartman of Missoula, Mont., at a meeting of the American Foresters Society.

Tests in Idaho and Montana have been so successful that Hartman predicted antibiotics will save millions of trees.

This would save billions of dollars. A large tree contains hundreds of board feet of lumber. Good white pine sells at retail lumber yards for between \$400 and \$500 per 1,000 board feet.

The drugs had an advantage over some used on humans, Hartman said: They have no harmful side effects. No harmful effects were found after 10 million white pine trees in Idaho and Montana were treated.

Antibiotics are sprayed on the trees from the ground and from the air. They attack and stop the spread of rust-colored cancer-like growths which ring and kill the trees.

Conrad Wessala, at Forest Service headquarters here, said experiments and research indicate blister rust can be arrested and

untold quantities of timber will be saved.

Without control, he said, the nation could lose 75 per cent of its white pine trees. There are white pine forests in the Pacific Northwest, in the Central Lake states and along the Appalachian range.

Spraying by plane has proved effective and will be cheaper than ground application, Wessala said.

Three blister rust specialists collaborated on an optimistic article printed by the Journal of Forestry. They are Virgil D. Moss and Henry J. Viche, both of the Forest

Service, and William Klomprens of the Upjohn Drug Co., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Nearly 2 million acres of western white pine must be given protection from blister rust to maintain an annual cut of about 300 million board feet in the next 80 years, the article said.

"The antibiotic treatment is the first feasible large-scale method developed for saving western white pines infested with blister rust," the trio said.

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