

Soviet Ships Land in Havana

HAVANA (AP) — Two Soviet freighters, apparently lightly loaded, sailed into port yesterday amid speculation all Soviet vessels in Cuban waters are under orders to assemble in Havana, possibly to form a convoy.

The two freighters arrived yesterday morning as a Cuban navy corvette patrolled about a mile offshore. They were believed to have come from other Cuban ports. One was identified as the Gratsk.

There was no word here on Soviet vessels headed in toward Cuba from abroad and into the area where they would be stopped under President Kennedy's quarantine orders.

IN CARACAS, Venezuelan Foreign Minister Marcos Falcon Brinceno said at least one Soviet ship was about 20 hours away from the U.S. Naval quarantine forces.

In Houston, Tex., Rep. Albert Thomas, D-Tex., told a Lions club meeting that 35 or 40 Russian cargo ships are en route to Cuba from Soviet ports.

Thomas said the United States "knew when the ships left ports on the Black Sea, in Poland and in Latvia."

He said, without elaboration that "big stuff" was aboard the ships.

PRIME MINISTER Fidel Castro has mobilized Cuban armed forces and placed them on the alert. But in Havana, aside from some concentrations of troops, the city's life continued normally. Pep rallies were held in several areas.

All air traffic has been canceled by order of military authorities.

Yet, there were no signs of nervousness among Cubans over the U.S. decision to stop and search Cuba-bound ships for offensive type military weapons.

FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, the United States has been trying to persuade all countries not to permit their merchant fleets to carry arms and strategic goods to Cuba.

The U.S. campaign already has brought a decline in the numbers

of vessels sailing into Cuba, even with routine supplies. West German freighters have all but ceased to come here. Three Japanese lines have stopped.

DIPLOMATIC and commercial circles here estimate that the present needs of Cuba require 800 round trips by freighters of more than 6,000 tons displacement each year.

The Russians cannot spare vessels of their own and have relied on foreign charters.

The U.S. quarantine on arms could scare off many of these foreign charters.

Responsible sources said that 254 ships berthed at Cuban docks between July 1 and Sept. 30.

OAS Backs U.S. Blockade of Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Latin-American republics overwhelmingly approved yesterday the U.S. arms blockade of Cuba, demanded removal of offensive military bases in that island and endorsed the use of force if needed to end the danger.

The almost solid backing for the U.S. effort to force removal of Soviet missiles and bombers from Cuba came on a 19-0 vote adopting a resolution introduced in the Organization of American States by U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

Only Uruguay's representative, of the 20 nations involved, abstained. He said communications difficulties had held up final instructions from his government. Uruguay was granted permission to cast its vote later.

THE UNITED STATES is deeply grateful for the support shown here today for the inter-American system," Rusk said. The OAS council, he added, had made "an enormous contribution to the strength of the free world and the prospects of world peace."

Castro Protests American Blockade

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Prime Minister Fidel Castro today called President Kennedy a pirate and declared his proclamation of a blockade against Cuba violates international law.

"No country is able to blockade ships without violating international principles," said Castro in a televised speech to his nation.

"This is an act which very soon

will have repercussions in all the nations. It is a violation against the sovereign rights of our country and of all the peoples."

He said the rights of other nations would be violated by halting their vessels for search on the high seas.

He spoke before a small audience which appeared to be composed largely of uniformed militiamen or soldiers.

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