

Khrushchev Raises Price To Remove Cuban Jets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet Premier Khrushchev reportedly is trying through an exchange of letters with President Kennedy to raise his price for removal of Soviet jet bombers from Cuba.

His evident purpose is to get something out of the deal for Cuba's Communist prime minister, Fidel Castro.

KENNEDY, under the cover of secrecy which shrouds the correspondence, is understood to have rejected Khrushchev's proposed price although it is understood the President considers some elements of the bomber dispute and related problems negotiable.

Top U.S. officials say privately they hope for settlement of the bomber question in the next few days. But if agreement by Khrushchev to remove the two dozen or more IL28 medium jets is not forthcoming soon Kennedy will have to decide what if any further pressures he wants to apply.

FAILURE OF Khrushchev to get the planes out would be considered here as a violation of his agreement last month to remove

from Cuba all weapons the President considered offensive. That included the IL28s, which can carry nuclear bombs up to 750 miles.

Thus the U.S.-Soviet confrontation over Cuba is once more moving into a critical period. This is underscored by the fact that Soviet First Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan is said to be winding up his prolonged talks with Castro in Havana and is expected to fly from Havana to New York soon.

Mikoyan is assumed here to have failed in any assignment he had from Khrushchev to persuade Castro to accept U.N. inspectors to check on Soviet removal of its nuclear weapons from Cuba.

KENNEDY'S known view is that the working out of this problem is up to Khrushchev and that the United States has no direct concern with Castro's attitude.

The Miami News reported yesterday that the White House has received hard intelligence reports that as many as 30 nuclear-capable Soviet missiles had been left behind in Cuban caves and other



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... continues bartering

underground hiding places when the Russians pulled out their announced 42 rockets—which they said were all they had sent to the island.

White House sources said no such information has been received.

Indian Officer Expresses Determination of Troops

SE LA, Indian Northeastern Frontier (AP) — "We'll do it—even if we have to use the knife," a senior Indian officer said Monday.

He had been asked if the Indian army could hold this 13,756-ft. high mountain pass against the Communist Chinese, now dug in on the north side of the Towang River, six miles from here.

"I AM SORRY I cannot paint a rosy picture," said the officer. Declining the use of his name, he said Indian morale was high—and visiting correspondents found it so.

But superiority of numbers and of automatic weapons firepower still appears to be enjoyed by the Chinese.

The officer also referred to the problem of supplying ammunition to the troops in the towering Himalayan Mountains.

British and American automatic weapons have been airlifted to India in past weeks to try to match the Chinese' submachine guns.

THE INDIAN ARMY fell back on Se La in the fourth week of October under assault by three divisions of Chinese, outnumbering the Indians four to one. The invaders halted about 15

miles south of the India-Tibet frontier.

Since then, positions have more or less been stable, with the Chinese forces centered at the monastery town of Towang, and dug in on the Towang River.

INDIAN UNITS are dug in on a mountain, and Indian outposts extend into a steep, forested no man's land on the Chinese side.

Indian artillery on the mountain outranges the lighter guns and mortars used so far by the Chinese.

Indian artillerymen, in a demonstration for correspondents, fired nine rounds from 25-pounder guns over a mountain at likely targets in no man's land. A Chinese movement had been spotted in the target areas from time to time. The Chinese guns did not reply.

The situation has drawbacks. THE FOREST on Se La is so thick patrols can move almost unseen in daylight.

One Chinese patrol climbed all the way up the mountain a few days ago and fired a submachine gun burst into the bowl-shaped area at the top.

The Chinese did not hit anything, and fled before the Indians could reply. But the incident showed what could happen.

Labor Supports JFK Tax Cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — A conference of 170 industry, union and civic leaders has overwhelmingly endorsed President Kennedy's proposal for a quick and substantial tax reduction.

After two days of discussion, an expanded meeting of the President's Labor-Management Advisory Committee came up yesterday with a majority conclusion that the tax cut should be permanent and should emphasize lower personal income tax rates, with corporate rate reductions on a smaller scale.

The figures mentioned were

higher, in many cases, than the \$6 to \$8 billion in tax reduction which has been unofficially mentioned as under consideration.

Many participants, on both the management and labor sides, recommended figures of \$10 to \$15 billion as being appropriate for the desired stimulus to jobs, production, and business expansion.

But \$10 billion or somewhat less seemed to be the average.

All but a handful of participants felt that tax reduction in 1963 is the proper policy to spur the sluggishly rising rate of national output.

Court Order Leveled At Mississippi Officials

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The federal appeals court yesterday ordered the Justice Department to institute criminal contempt proceedings against Mississippi Gov. Ross R. Barnett and Lt. Gov. Paul B. Johnson Jr.

The order was issued here by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which earlier held Barnett and Johnson in civil contempt for their efforts to block the enrollment of Negro James H. Meredith at the University of Mississippi.

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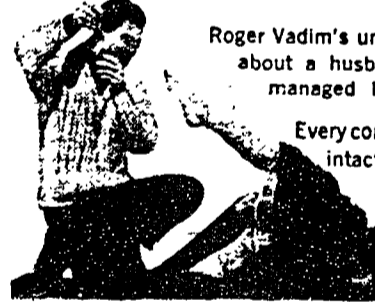


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