

Congress To Re-examine Cuban Threat, Strength

WASHINGTON (AP) — Calls for an investigation of just how much this country knows about what is going on in Cuba arose in both houses of Congress yesterday.

Members grew increasingly edgy over charges that the Soviet military threat in the island is more dangerous than the Kennedy administration admits.

Developments included:
● In the Senate, Asst. Democratic Leader Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota called a news conference to urge a public congressional inquiry at which the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, among others, would be questioned.

● In the House a brief but sharp debate broke out over Republican criticism of Kennedy administration policies. Rep. William E. Minshall, R-Ohio, proposed a joint congressional investigation into all federal intelligence agencies.

● Rep. Samuel S. Stratton, D-N.Y., accused Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, R-N.Y., of talking

through his hat when he said the Russians are maintaining missile bases in Cuba.

● Keating replied that "The situation in Cuba is extremely critical and is becoming more so every day."

Although Humphrey implied he believes President Kennedy favors public hearings on the controversy, the White House kept hands off.

Pierre Salinger, the President's press secretary, said that as far as he knows Kennedy has not expressed himself on the matter.

Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois supported Humphrey's call for public testimony. Dirksen told a news conference that an investigation he personally is conducting has produced information similar to that given in the House Monday by Rep. Donald C. Bruce, R-Ind.

BRUCE SAID friendly diplomats have indicated that Russians removed only about half of the

82 to 88 intermediate range missiles they had in Cuba. Dirksen said his figures varied somewhat but were substantially the same.

Beyond saying his information came to him in a Spanish language document from non-refugee sources, Dirksen declined to specify its origin.

Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., who presided over a closed investigation of the 1961 invasion failure, told the Senate the record of that hearing should be made public.

He said the transcript would show that about \$40 million was spent on plans for the invasion under the Eisenhower administration, and about \$5 million under Kennedy.

Mental Health Aid Plan Presented To Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy's unique and far-reaching proposals to offer a federal helping hand to the mentally ill and retarded went to Congress yesterday. They drew little comment.

The first special mental health message ever sent to Capital Hill by an American chief executive called for a sweeping program.

THE PRESIDENT said it would return all but a small proportion of the 600,000 hospitalized mentally ill to useful life and would cut drastically into the 126,000 new cases of mental retardation each year.

He called for unspecified federal

spending to help finance a broad network of community mental health centers — 24-hour operations, set for emergencies and aimed at diagnosis, prevention and treatment.

The President also offered a variety of new programs that would cost \$31.35 million the first year. They would provide more care, training and rehabilitation for the mentally ill and retarded; more pre-natal, maternity and child care aimed at reducing mental retardation, and more research centers to probe the causes.

"The time has come for a bold new approach," Kennedy said, to mobilize new medical, scientific and social tools and insights.

Tshombe Slips Out of Katanga; Some Think He Won't Return

ELISABETHVILLE, Katanga, (AP)—Moise Tshombe slipped out of Katanga last night, leaving some to believe he may never return to the maelstrom of Congo politics, informed sources said.

Informants said the Katanga president flew to northern Rhodesia for urgent medical treatment.

Sources close to the presidency said Tshombe's plane was warming up while he was telling newsmen that he would leave today to be treated for eye trouble.

A spokesman for the United Nations said the Katanga leader

had complete freedom of movement.

An informant indicated Tshombe meant to keep his departure secret as a security precaution.

The Congo central government Tuesday took over the Katangan surety—the internal security police that guarded Tshombe in his days of power.

Tshombe himself had sidestepped newsmen's questions about how long he would be away and his future plans, saying only: "the doctors will decide that."

His evasiveness touched off speculation that he might be going away for good.

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