# Soviet Forces in Cuba Termed Serious Matter

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy said yesterday the presence of Soviet military forces in Cuba is a matter of serious concern "which is being discussed with the Soviet government."

The President said he did not know what more the administration could do to get across to the country its contention that the evidence shows all offensive weapons have been withdrawn from Cuba.

**HOWEVER**, if it should turn out—contrary to what Soviet Premier Khrushchev has said—that some missiles are hidden in Cuba then "much greater risks" would be raised than existed during the Cuban crisis last October, Kennedy continued.

At the same time the President appealed to the nation to "deal with facts." The issues involved in the Cuban situation are issues of war and peace, he declared, and in dealing with such grave matters "we should keep our heads."

**THE FIRST QUESTION** at the presidential news conference was whether Kennedy believed the Cuban military threat has increased, decreased or remained stationary since the removal of Soviet offensive weapons.

Kennedy noted that there has been a reduction of about 4,500 military personnel since the removal of weapons. And he said that of course a different type of threat exists now than at the time of the crisis.

There still is a substantial body of technicians and equipment in the island, he said.

During his press conference, the President also said:

- Cuba would not agree to on-site inspection unless there was also inspection of the United States, which this country would not agree to. There has been no on-site inspection and, "I do not expect to get any."
- Any threat to continued photographic inspection of Cuban bases will be dealt with when it arises, whether it be a protest by Cuba or anything else.
- A reduction of Soviet forces in Cuba "is a continuing matter which is being discussed, obviously, with the Soviet government." Kennedy said he expects to have clear information on the prospects for future withdrawal "as the days go on," but there is no firm information now.
- The Soviet forces in Cuba are not large enough for any invasion. The big danger to Latin America is the very dangerous situation in some of the countries themselves. Kennedy said we should devote our attention to meeting the threats posed by poverty, illiteracy and other problems in Latin America.

Kennedy also suggested that the Soviet forces might possibly be in Cuba to help keep Fidel Castro in power.

# Adenauer Asks OK For French Pact

BONN, Germany (AP) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer sought Parliament's support yesterday for his new treaty with France by promising it could be used to help get Britain into the European Common Market.

**THE CHANCELLOR** told the Bundestag—Parliament—that at their last meeting in Paris on Jan. 23 President Charles de Gaulle "promised me that the first subject of joint consultation after the treaty goes into effect will be British entry into the European Economic Communtiy."

Adenauer and other party speakers strove to allay fears that the treaty will drive a wedge between Bonn and Washington, and threaten unity of the Western world. De Gaulle wants to see a Europe independent of U.S. leadership.

"The Federal Republic not only recognizes the claim to leadership of the United States in this Atlantic alliance of equal partners, it has repeatedly called on the United States to take up this role of leadership," declared Heinrich von Bretano, former foreign minister who is floor leader for Adenauer's Christian Democrats.

**HE SPOKE** after Erich Ollenhauer, leader of the Socialist opposition, declared: "Our relations with the United States must be as close and unambiguous as possible."

Ollenhauer's views were echoed by Erich Mende, head of the small Free Democratic party whose votes keep Adenauer in power. The Christian Democrats lack a majority.

"The United States alone is our guarantee of freedom and law in Europe," Mende said.

The chancellor disclosed the heretofore secret agreement with De Gaulle on Britain in an obvious attempt to enhance the chances of speedy passage for the treaty, which calls for closer ties between West Germany and France.

Adenauer would like to get ratification before the summer recess.

## New Polaris Called Success

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla (AP) —A new breed of Polaris missile designed to bring all land areas of the world within range of rocket-firing nuclear submarines scored its first test flight success yesterday after six failures.

The advanced Polaris, the third generation A3 model, roared off a land launching pad and raced 1,840 miles down the Atlantic tracking range. Eventually the missile will have a reach of 2,875 miles.

**THE NAVY** reported the launching was highly successful. A spokesman said the flight demonstrated the soundness of the A3, which features many revolutionary rocket systems.

"When the A3 is operational in about 18 months," he said, "no target in the world will be immune from the fleet of Polaris submarines. The subs can strike deeper inland or stand a greater distance off an enemy shore, giving them thousands more miles of sea in which to hide, compounding an enemy's search problem."

About 95 per cent of all land on the globe can be reached by the earlier operational A1 and A2 Polarises, which have maximum range of 1,375 and 1,725 miles, respectively.

Great Britain is to receive A3 missiles for the five to seven submarines that nation will build as a result of the U.S.-British agreement to swap Polaris for the air-launched Skybolt missile.

## Barnett's Hearing To Begin Today

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals opens a hearing today on criminal contempt charges against Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett and Lt. Gov. Paul B. Johnson Jr.

Neither has said whether he will appear at the hearing — another outgrowth of Mississippi's battle last fall to keep Negroes out of the University of Mississippi.

Their attorneys seek dismissal of the charges on a variety of grounds—that the appeals court doesn't have jurisdiction, that the charge was improperly prepared and that Barnett and Johnson acted as state officials, not as individuals, and complied with state law when they tried to block Negro James H. Meredith.


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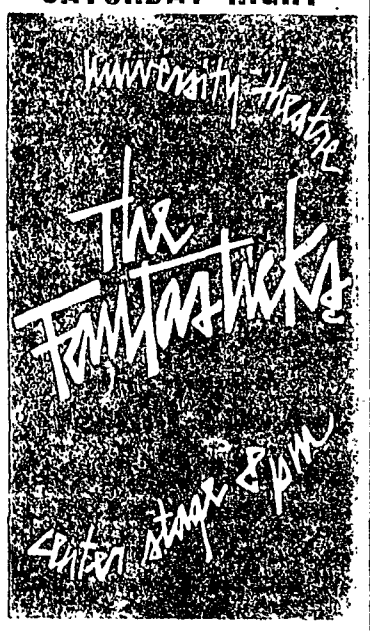


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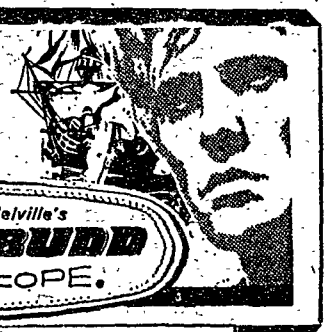

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