

L.T. - OLDS. THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1961

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At the U.N. late today, Guatemala made the charge that so-called volunteers are in Cuba, helping Castro - from Russia, Czechoslovakia and Red China.

This afternoon, Ambassador Alejos told the U.N. Political Committee that the Reds from overseas are already fighting in Castro's force. The Guatemala spokesman charging flatly that Cuba is occupied by foreign troops.

KENNEDY

The key sentence in President Kennedy's ^{brief, pungent} ~~address~~

^{speech} was this: - "Let the record show that our restraint is not inexhaustable." Meaning - that this country will

defend its essential rights and interests, no matter

what anyone says. In particular - no matter what

~~Khrushchev~~ Khrushchev says. ^{TR Let me repeat} ~~Here again says~~ President

^{He said: -} Kennedy's words: - "We do not intend to be lectured on

intervention, by those whose character was stamped for

all time on the bloody streets of Budapest."

The President's subject, as you all know - was

Cuba. Our chief executive, spelling out the American

~~Attitude~~ - to Castro's dictatorship. And to the anti-

^{that apparently has} Castro invasion - ~~that~~ failed.

What about the debacle in the swamps - ninety miles from Havana? President Kennedy repeated plainly - that there was no American participation in the rebel attempt. He also repeated - that we fully sympathize

with the freedom ~~fight~~ fighters. The small band who went on to the beach - to battle for ~~their~~ their country's independence. ~~Who~~ had to fight with rifles and grenades - against jets, tanks, and big guns from behind the Iron Curtain.

As for Castro, President Kennedy made it clear - that we will not abandon Cuba to him. That we will not accept another Hungary - a Red police state, in this hemisphere. Moreover, we expect the Freedom fighters to continue the struggle - and we wish them success.

Turning to the larger issue of world Communism, the ~~President~~ President warned - that the future will be hard and perilous for the free nations. Which means - *that the nations of* ~~that~~ this hemisphere must stand together, to meet the challenge of Red totalitarianism. As ~~President~~ President Kennedy put it - "the ~~the~~ evidence is clear, and the hour is late." Then he added - "there can be no middle

ground." No safe spot for the American states -
between freedom and dictatorship.

of his 13 min. speech
Toward the end, President Kennedy referred to -
his plan for Latin A[^]merica. He pointed out that the
free world might be defeated without war - unless we
strengthen our non-military defenses. A remark that
ties in with the Kennedy plan - to raise the standard
of living throughout Latin A[^]merica.

His conclusion - is that we have the ability to
win the struggle to which we are committed. And he
intends to see ^{to it} that we win - "regardless of the cost,
regardless of the peril."

That was the presidential message - to the
American Society of Newspaper Editors. As President
Kennedy ~~finished~~ finished, his audience burst into loud
applause - giving him a standing ovation.

REBELS

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President Kennedy met with the Cuban rebel
leaders before he ~~gave~~ ^{drafted} his address on Cuba. Doctor
Miro Cardona and his colleagues - describing the fate
of their invasion. Giving the President - a realistic
appraisal. Vowing - not to surrender. But - not
asking for direct American help.

CUBA

Tonight, Cubans on both sides - are having sober second thoughts. The rebels - not so downcast about yesterday's defeat. Promising - to fight on. Castro - exultant about his victory, ~~But~~ telling his followers - that the struggle is not over.

In other words - the outcome ^{not} ~~wasn't at all~~ decisive. The rebel command reveals that hundreds of men - not thousands - were involved in the landing. Their primary mission, to bring in supplies - for the guerrillas in the mountains. That mission - partially accomplished. Some supplies, getting through - although ~~they were~~ ^{there were} heavy losses when Castro's Migs came down on their strafing runs.

Moreover - many ^{made their way} ~~of the freedom fighters~~ burst through the Castro lines. ~~Joining~~ - the Guerrillas. Further landings - were reported today. With more to come - according to a rebel spokesman.

CASTRO

The Dictator of Cuba is answering his enemies - with a reign of terror. Castro - keeping his firing squads busy. The toll today - seven. Ironically, including a former Castro henchman - who drafted the law by which he was himself judicially murdered.

At the same time, Castro's heavily armed militia - has clamped down on the Cuban cities. Rounding up suspected anti-Castroites - hustling them off to jail. Tonight, Cuba is - a typical communist police state. The people, facing the mailed fist and the iron heel - of the dictator.

AID

There was bi partisan agreement on Capitel Hill today - with regard to the question of aid for Latin America. The House Appropriations Committee, putting a quick O K - on President Kennedy's request for five-hundred million dollars. That much - to launch a long scale program. The members of the Committee obviously had the Cuban crisis in mind - as they voted today. Deciding to give President Kennedy the authority he needs - to start raising the standard of living in Latin America.

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CONGRESS

There is plenty of Kennedy support - in Congress too. Most important - the Latin American Aid Bill.

The President's minimum wage bill today got an O K in the Senate.

Then there was the depressed area bill - moving through the Senate toward final approval. And the House passed the measure that would let men retire at sixty-two - and draw smaller Social Security benefits.

While these votes were being taken - President Kennedy was sending his new tax bill to Congress. A bill that for one thing would crack down on expense accounts.

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Today's medical bulletin from Christchurch -

FLIGHT

The longest mercy flight on record - so we hear today - was carried out because of - a stomach ache. That's the report of the New Zealand doctors who are treating the Soviet scientist we flew out of the Antarctic.

The mercy flight began - at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. Two Navy planes were ordered to fly to Antarctic Marie Byrd Land. Their mission, to pick up Leonid Kuperov - who was said to be suffering from an ulcer.

From Rhode Island to New Zealand - our pilots flew halfway around the world. Then, south to the Antarctic continent - to Byrd Station. Braving the South Polar winter - to carry the Soviet scientist out to New Zealand. Length of the flight - twelve thousand miles. Cost - a hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars.

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brings the story to an ironic conclusion. Kuperov and
doesn't have - an ulcer. Dick - he was suffering from
nothing worse - than an upset stomach.

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different states. Hubby McKinney to Knoxville,
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MARRIAGE

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