

KHRUSHCHEV

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I wonder what Fidel Castro thinks of - Khrushchev's declaration on the Cuban crisis. The boss of the Kremlin, answering a telegram from - British philosopher, Lord Bertrand Russell, adopting a tone that is - well, moderate to say the least.

Khrushchev, using phrases like "no rash decisions" - and "the Soviet Union will not let itself be provoked." Adding - "we will do everything that depends on us, to prevent the launching of a war."

What - does that mean? It means that Khrushchev wants - a summit conference. The boss of the Kremlin, offering to sit down with President Kennedy - and discuss the question of Soviet activities in Cuba.

Do you feel relieved - by this Khrushchev declaration? ^{Everybody} So does ~~Washington~~ ^{or nearly everybody - including Washington.} ~~At least in~~ ~~Washington.~~ ~~in a cautious way.~~ The Kremlinologists have been ^{What would} ~~sitting for~~ Khrushchev ~~and say?~~ ^{say? something about the}

~~Blockade of Cuba. They waited to see if he would come~~
Would he be
~~extremely~~ breathing fire, rattling his rockets

threatening Berlin, or Turkey, or Iran, or maybe

Southeast Asia *today,*

So far ~~has~~ done - the opposite. Taking - a

moderate line. Talking - about negotiations. Mild -

for Khrushchev.

~~It is believed that Khrushchev spells out his~~
~~meaning - in his private letter to President Kennedy.~~
~~Details - not yet revealed.~~

CASTRO FOLLOW KHRUSHCHEV

As for Castro, the word must have been passed to him - from Moscow. The bearded Dictator, revealing in spite of himself - that he's not at all sure of Soviet support. Launching anti-American tirades - but no longer predicting ~~any~~ ^{any rain} of Soviet rockets on the United States. ~~in fact~~ ^{May be} there's a touch of a whine - in the petty tyrant's voice. Castro, apparently doubtful - what the future holds for him.

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Scrubbed - Keeping track of all Soviet vessels. We
even have a large photograph. Placed on the deck of
a freighter - for example.
Secrets The latest - the Defense Department says
that some Communist ships headed for Cuba, seemed to
have changed course.

BLOCKADE FOLLOW CASTRO

The ~~xxx~~ apparent hesitation on the Communist side
- is not affecting ^{the announced} ~~our~~ blockade of Cuba. Officials in
Washington, stating emphatically that ~~our~~ ^{of the Navy} ships will
stay where they are - as long as the Cuban crisis lasts.
Khrushchev's words - having no affect on that.

American ships are strung out in position -
ready to stop all vessels ^{carrying anything to} ~~bound for~~ Castro's islands.
American planes, scouting the Atlantic beyond the
Caribbean - keeping track of all Soviet vessels. ~~We~~
~~even have a cargo photograph~~ ^{of} Planes on the deck of
a freighter - for example.

~~Here's~~ The latest - the Defense Department says
that some Communist ships headed for Cuba, seem~~d~~ to
have changed course.

INVASION

With the blockade of Cuba already on - the talk
around Washington ^{naturally turns} ~~is turning~~ to the word "invasion."

~~The~~ ^{our} demand that the rocket bases be dismantled - ~~that is~~
rejected by the Russians and ^{by Castro,} ~~their Cuban puppets~~ - ~~and~~
~~no one~~ thinks that we ^{we} will ^{we} allow them - to remain?

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~~Wont~~ ~~Result~~ ~~we~~ ~~may~~ have to dismantle them ourselves?

~~If~~ ~~so~~ ~~will~~ ~~that~~ ~~mean~~
~~Probably~~ ~~beginning~~ ~~with~~ ~~bombing~~ runs across Cuba?

~~Will~~ ~~American~~ ~~airpower~~
~~But~~ ~~will~~ ~~planes~~ be able to finish the job? Has Castro

already got enough Soviet anti-aircraft guns - to put
a curtain of lead over ^{and around} the bases?

~~If~~ ~~so~~ ~~and~~ ~~you~~ ~~can't~~ ~~find~~ ~~a~~ ~~single~~ ~~denial~~ ~~of~~
~~this~~ ~~in~~ ~~Washington~~, ~~tonight~~ ^{Would the} ~~the~~ ~~only~~ ~~alternative~~
~~would~~ be a massive invasion by ~~the~~ American armed
forces?

~~Wonder~~ ~~what~~ ^{now} ~~thinks~~
~~unless~~ ~~Khrushchev~~, ~~really~~ ~~is~~ ~~having~~ ~~second~~
thoughts about his gamble in Cuba?

BASES FOLLOW INVASION

As for the bases, ^{they} ~~we~~ have ^{been} ~~them~~ pinpointed - on the map of Cuba. You ~~are~~ ^{have} probably seen those photographs - brought back by ^{American} ~~our~~ reconnaissance planes.

The center of the Soviet missile complex, Los Villas Province - in the middle of Cuba. Some twenty launching pads for ballistic missiles - either already up, or under construction ^{in an} ~~in this~~ area, completely cordoned off - to civilian traffic. Patrolled by more of Castro's militia, ^{Staffed by} ~~and many~~ Soviet technicians, - ~~than any other part of the island~~ So Los Villas appears to be a prime ^{target} ~~candidate~~ for a bombing attack - if ^{and when} ~~it becomes necessary~~.

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Also, to neutralize the Soviet brain in Cuba - ~~we'll have to take care of~~ ^{What about that} skyscraper in suburban Havana. ^{said to be} ~~It's~~ a building entirely occupied by ~~the Russians~~ foreigners - the place from which Russian orders are handed down.

ALERT

American soldiers and sailors are on the alert tonight - with emphasis on Omaha, Nebraska, and Key West, Florida. In Omaha, the Strategic Air Command - recalled all personnel to duty. No more leaves for the men of the big bombers - until ^{there is no more} ~~the~~ Cuban crisis is settled.

In Key West, troops are pouring in - armed with everything from radar to rocket launchers. The baseball stadium, commandeered - for a bivouac. Residents of the area, asked to stay off ~~the~~ highways - because of ~~the~~ troop convoys headed for Key West.

LATIN AMERICA

~~One encouraging thing about this crisis - the~~
What about the rest of
~~full support that we are getting from the nations of~~
Latin America? ~~And not just - moral support.~~

Argentina has offered to send its own ships - to
participate in the blockade ~~of Cuba~~. Smaller nations
like Costa Rica and Honduras - ~~which don't have battle~~
~~fleets~~ *are* offering to let *the U.S.* ~~our~~ navy use their port
facilities. And so on - through the members of the
Organization of American States. ~~The nations that~~
~~feel threatened by Soviet missiles in Cuba - helping~~
~~us to do something about them.~~

The only break in the solid front - if it really
is *that* - ~~a break~~ - President Goulart of Brazil, *is* asking for
mediation.

INDIA

The Indian ^{city} ~~town~~ of Tezpur, ^{at the foot of} ~~high up in the~~
^{the Assam} ~~northern~~ mountains, near Tibet - looks like a war
center tonight. ~~Which, indeed - it is.~~

~~Traffic both ways.~~ Medical trucks, coming in
with casualties ⁱⁿ "an unending stream," we ^{hear,} ~~are told,~~
Army trucks, roaring north ^{with} ~~carrying~~ reinforcements
~~for the eastern Himalayan front near Bhutan~~
~~to the battle field.~~

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~~A shifting battle field~~ - as Indian outposts
continue to fall to the Chinese Reds. Mao ^{'s} ~~Tse-tung's~~
men, still able to mass their firepower - at the
critical points. The Indians, ~~fighting back~~ but
~~forced to give~~ ^{ing} ground.

Peking's offer to pull back if the Indians do -
termed "obviously absurd" in New Delhi. Said a
spokesman for Prime Minister Nehru - "this is the offer
of the thief who steals your watch, and then proposes
to settle the dispute by giving you back your watch
chain."

MEASLES

It may seem anti-climax to talk about measles - while there's a crisis only ninety miles from Florida. Still, the parents in the audience will be happy to know about - a break through in the war against the disease that kills many youngsters every year. The breakthrough announced at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington - and the Harvard School of Public Health.

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Two teams of scientists - have ^{at last} isolated the malignant virus; ^{and now hope} ~~Next step~~ to find a cure for German Measles.)

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HONG KONG

From Hong Kong, word of secret operations - in an older crisis than Cuba. Two rafts were blown ashore - on the British Crown Colony. Almost fifty men aboard - dressed in Red Chinese uniforms. But they admit to being - Nationalist Chinese. Agents of Chiang Kai Shek - attempting to carry out a mission on the mainland. *Arriving at* ~~Detoured into~~ Hong Kong *- blown their* ~~that swept their rafts far to the south.~~ by high winds.

A This episode, reminding us *er* that there's still shooting in the Formosa Strait.