

WHITE HOUSE

Tues. Oct. 23rd 1962

~~I don't have to explain why~~ special security
measures ~~are enforced~~ ^{in force} - at the White House.

Precautions against - any ~~Communist~~ attempt on the
life of the President. At the East gate of the White
House tonight - a trailer is parked, full of electronic
equipment. All packages going into the executive
mansion - are ~~being~~ X-rayed. ~~All~~ women's handbags -
opened and searched. ~~All~~ visitors, ^{even} the least bit
suspicious ^{given} ~~hauled for~~ a thorough questioning by the
Secret Service.

~~Meanwhile,~~ ^{today was} The President ~~is~~ tightening up
executive control - in view of ^{the} ~~this~~ ^{Cuba} crisis. Mr.
Kennedy, establishing, a committee of the National
Security Council - to meet with him everyday until
further notice.

~~Also the Presidential announcement
that the blockade is an advisory office!~~

U.N.

PS
~~for~~ for a run down on ^{other} developments

today,

~~at Cuba~~ - At the U.N., the President of the Security Council for October - attacked America, even before the agenda was decided. The President being - the Soviet delegate to the U.N. Zorin, launching into a bitter tirade - against the United States. Terming the blockade - "a violation of international law, and a cover for American aggression against Cuba."

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Adlai Stevenson interrupted - on a point of order. The American delegate, asking whether Zorin was making a speech - on the Cuban issue; ~~or~~ addressing himself - to the order of business.

Zorin answered - that he was concerned with the agenda. But, he kept up - the anti-American abuse. Causing one Western delegate to observe - "the Russians are already overplaying their hand, and, they don't hold a very good hand."

Ambassador
When Adlai Stevenson took the floor - he

explained our position on Cuba. Justified our intention - to get rid of the offensive bases. And said emphatically - that we will not be blackmailed by Soviet threats.

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O.A.S.

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There ~~is~~ much satisfaction in Washington -
because of the solid support ~~we are getting~~ from the
Organization of American States. The O.A.S., approving,
a tough American resolution - calling for the use of
armed force, if necessary, to stop the offensive
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SOVIETS

While America blockades Cuba, the question arises - "where might the Soviets attempt a blockade in retaliation."

One answer is obvious - Berlin. The beleaguered city was blockaded once before - in nineteen forty-eight. True, the Allied airlift - beat the Soviet blockade. But Khrushchev might be tempted - to try again. That's why ^{the U.S.} ~~our~~ ^{there} garrison is standing by - in combat readiness, ~~And why the~~ Nato forces are set to move - if the Russians do.

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Other candidates for a Soviet counterthrust - Turkey and Iran. Turkey, because historically the Russians have always wanted - control of the Dardenelles. Iran, because it leads to - the Middle East, the Persian Gulf, and Pakistan.

Our ~~armed services~~ ^{people - and our allies} are keeping an eye on Turkey and Iran - as well as on the other places where Khrushchev might try to make trouble for us.

REACTION

~~It goes without saying that our government is~~ ^{Washington}
~~keeping a close watch on~~ World reaction to our

blockade of Cuba. [?] This country, still anxious to
conciliate international opinion - even though ^{Pres. Kennedy} we are
^{has made} ~~making~~ it clear that ^{Amer. forces} we will defend ^{the Western Hemisphere} America, no matter
what anybody thinks. The diplomatic groundwork - was
meticulously laid during the past few days. And
Secretary Rusk is in almost constant contact - with
the Ambassadors accredited to Washington.

~~So - what about the image of America abroad?~~

~~We can ignore - the Communist bloc. We knew that~~

~~of course~~
Khrushchev would send a stiff note, - ~~to the White~~

~~House. The boss of the Kremlin, rattling~~ ^{He did, also} his rockets

- and talking ~~about~~ ^{also} Soviet retaliation. The

satellite puppets ~~dutifully~~ ^{would} echoing their boss in

the Kremlin. ~~Approving an alert - by the armies of~~

~~the Warsaw Pact.~~

~~But how about~~
~~The real question concerns~~ the free world?
~~and~~ On this side of the Iron Curtain - the reaction
is overwhelmingly favorable.

The West Germans were the first to come out ^{today} ~~in~~
support of - the American blockade of Cuba. A
spokesman for Chancellor Adenauer, noting - that the
vigorous American response to Soviet provocation,
might make Khrushchev more cautious in Berlin.
London feels - much the same way. Prime Minister
McMillan, ^a ~~understandably~~ disturbed by - Khrushchev's
hypocrisy. The Soviet leader, deliberately lying -
when he said that no offensive weapons were being
installed in Cuba. Said one British ~~diplomat~~ diplomat
today - "after all, we came to the end of the road
with Hitler, when we found that his word was worth
nothing."

~~Perhaps~~ Australia ^{by} ~~has the same memory.~~ ^{They remember.} At any

~~rate - the Aussies are with us. As are~~ ^{Also} Japan and
the Philippines. In Rome - an ^{unusual} ~~interesting~~ spectacle.

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A crowd of students, demonstrating - in front of the
American Embassy. Shouting - pro-American slogans.

^{How about}
~~then there is~~ the most sensitive area of all -
Latin America? Most governments, strongly in favor of
- the blockade of Cuba. Dean Rusk, easily getting that
vote he asked for - from the organization of American
states.

~~On balance, the world reaction - looks good in
Washington.~~

INDIA

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Meanwhile Peking ^{was} ~~is~~ giving Southeast Asia the jitters - with today's order to the Red Chinese troops in the Himalayas. Peking's order - "ignore national boundaries as you advance!" Which leaves border states like Burma, Bhutan and Nepal - in ~~deadly~~ fear of invasion.

India - already invaded. ^{with} The Reds, dropping the controversy about the true frontier - between Tibet and the sub-continent of Hindustan. No Red quibbling about the McMahon Line - or the geographical extent of the Tibetan plateau.

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Mao Tse-tung's men ^{seem} ~~are~~ bent on only one thing - victory over the Indian Army. The fighting ^{is reported} ~~is~~ fiercer ~~than~~ tonight. The Chinese invaders, colliding with stronger Indian forces - the deeper they penetrate into India. Now Dick,

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HAM

One casualty of the Cuban crisis - ham operator Bob Kelenen of Clifton, New Jersey. Bob has been picking up messages from Guantanamo - by tuning in the right radio wave on his set. Then, passing on the messages - to families of ~~our~~ servicemen at the big naval base on Cuba.

Tonight, Bob can't pick up a thing - except static. The Guantanamo frequency - jammed. Castro may not be able to handle - the U.S. Armed forces at the naval base. But the bearded dictator ^{at least} ~~sure~~ has stymied ^{an} ~~the~~ ham operator, in Clifton, New Jersey.