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(L.T. at South Sea Islands on way to
Antarctica. Bc. given by Doug Edwards of CBS.)

GOOD EVENING:

The United States warned today it will take "appropriate measures" to insure the safety of its reconnaissance flights over Cuba if Fidel Castro carries out his threat to fire on them. In making the announcement, the State Department added that aerial surveillance of Cuba will continue until better international means of inspection are available. But, the Department said, all efforts to bring this about have so far been rejected by the Castro regime. The officials acknowledged that the Cuban situation could be heading for a new crisis if Castro is serious about his warning that U.S. planes will be shot down.

At the U.S. Guantanamo Naval Base, Rear-Admiral Edward O'Donnell said today any Cuban spy flights over the naval base would be "dealt with."

He did not elaborate on the statement, but the implication was clear that aerial interlopers would be shot down.

O'Donnell said none of the U.S. surveillance flights over Cuban missile sites was being carried out by planes based at Guantanamo. He implied they were carried out by aircraft based on carriers at sea.

O'Donnell said there had been no sign of Cuban air activity over Guantanamo in "months". There are marine jet fighters and propeller-driven aircraft based there, but the core of Guantanamo's air strength is based aboard aircraft carriers.

The Soviet Union today backed up Castro's demand for an end to U.S. surveillance flights over Cuba. U.S. Ambassador Arthur Dean and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Zorin clashed in the U.N. Political Committee on the subject of reconnaissance flights after the Cuban delegate had charged the United States with violating the U.N. Charter and flouting the sovereignty of a small nation.

CHINA

On the India-China fighting front, heavily outnumbered Indian troops today fought Red Chinese counter-attacks on the northeast sector in the undeclared border war. The New Delhi Defense Minister declares that at last reports, the Indians were holding their ground under heavy Chinese fire.

Der Alte, Konrad Adenauer, arrived home from Washington tonight with an unpleasantness ahead -- the worst government crisis he's faced in his thirteen years in office.

The Free Democrat Party, junior partner in Adenauer's coalition government, has joined the opposition Socialists in demanding that Defense Minister Franz-Josef Strauss be dismissed for his role in the scandal involving the news magazine Der Spiegel. The two parties are charging that Strauss mis-used military channels in obtaining the arrest in Spain of Der Spiegel editor, who, with four others, has been accused of treason and bribery of government officials. It would appear that Strauss will be forced to resign to save the Adenauer coalition government.

Another incident -- Berlin style. The American Army is protesting to the Soviet High Command in Germany against the abduction at gun-point by East German police of three American soldiers who wandered into East Germany by mistake. American Army headquarters denounces the arrest as totally

unwarranted and irresponsible. The three men were released on Tuesday after being questioned for hours.

NUCLEAR FORCE

The United States today pledged its support for an European nuclear force to be set up within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Under Secretary of State George W. Ball told the closing session of the NATO parliament of ministers in Paris that Washington would give serious consideration to a genuinely unilateral, European ballistic missile force.

PRESIDENT

President Kennedy will make a tour of key Air Force, space and nuclear centers in the Far West on December Seventh. The plans were announced today by the White House, which said the first stop will be the Offut Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska. From there, the President will fly to Los Alamos, New Mexico, to tour the Atomic Energy Commission's scientific laboratory. A third stop will be at Albuquerque, New Mexico, to visit two plants which are conducting secret defense work.

MISSISSIPPI

An all White grand jury in Lafayette County, Mississippi, today returned a report which blamed U.S. Chief Marshal James McShane and the Federal government for "inciting" the riots on the Mississippi University campus last September Thirtieth. The jury cited the federal government for what it called "illegal and agitating action" in the integration case involving the enrollment of Negro James Meredith at the University.

CONVICTS

More than one hundred convicts launched a hunger strike today at the Vandalia Illinois penal farm, and Warden Clayton King called for state police reinforcements.

There was no violence, King said, but he asked the state police as a safeguard.

At least fourteen state troopers were sent in answer to King's call. He said, "the prisoners have been complaining of poor food, and a few in the minority are agitating things."

SATURN

Chalk up the third straight test flight success for America's mighty Saturn rocket -- credited as another rung on the ladder to the Moon. The one hundred sixty-two foot monster, weighing five hundred fifty tons, soared into space from Cape Canaveral today, on a flight of four minutes and fifty-five seconds. Indications are the Saturn, which will carry American spacemen on the way to the Moon in a couple or three years, performed perfectly.

STAMPS

In less than four hours today, the government sold a misprint edition of Dag Hammarskjold stamps - three hundred and seventy-five thousand of them. Now, to many stamp collectors such a misprint is a rather lucrative windfall. So -- the Post Office Department, joy-killers, ordered the sale of one million deliberately misprinted stamps to stop what it considered to be the inordinate money-makers.

Today - a New Jersey man who has fifty of the four hundred original misprints, obtained a restraining order to stop that one million stamp flooding of the misprint market. The amateur stamp collector had visions of a half-million dollar profit from the original mistakes. This story, Dick, vicious circle variety, is still going round in circles.

FOOTBALL

Football is a great sport and a popular one, but the authorities at Guildford College in England decided today it would be just too much to have a team of boys play a team of girls.

A boy-girl football game actually had been scheduled at the school but the officials decided to call it off because they feared somebody might get hurt. But the captain of the boys' team - Michael Short - said he didn't think anyone would have been hurt, and his side expected to win, without getting rough. The boys figured they would have had a big advantage in the matter of weight. The average of their team was one hundred and eighty-two pounds -- while the girl's team averaged one hundred and four pounds. But - never underestimate the weight of a woman - even a one hundred four pounds one.

Good night - I'll be back Monday.